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THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 2021

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Date: April 8, 2021

To: **Public Outreach and Legislation Committee**
Jerry Gladbach, Chair
Kathye Armitage
B.J. Atkins
R.J. Kelly
Lynne Plambeck

From: Steve Cole, Assistant General Manager *SC*

The **Public Outreach and Legislation Committee** is scheduled to meet via teleconference on **Thursday, April 15, 2021 at 5:30 PM**, dial information is listed below.

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Posted on April 8, 2021



To: Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency; Public Outreach & Legislation Committee
From: Van Scoyoc Associates (VSA); Geoff Bowman, Pete Evich, and Ashley Strobel
Date: April 2, 2021
Subject: April 2021 Report

COVID-19 Relief Package

President Joe Biden signed the "American Rescue Plan Act," the \$1.9 trillion COVID-19 response package into law on March 12th. Highlights of the package include:

- \$362 billion to State and local governments, U.S. territories and tribal governments to help respond to the coronavirus pandemic.
- \$219.8 billion for a "State Fiscal Recovery Fund" that provides direct aid to the 50 states and the District of Columbia as well as U.S. Territories and Tribal governments (including \$195.3 billion to be divided between the States and D.C.), and \$130.2 billion for a "Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund" that provides direct aid to metropolitan areas and municipalities and counties within each State.
- \$10 billion capital projects fund to finance infrastructure improvements in States, in particular rural broadband, and a \$2 billion fund to support local and tribal communities that share revenues from activities on federal lands.
- \$48.3 billion for testing to contain the virus and mitigate its effects, hire staff for contact tracing, provide PPE for frontline workers, and take other steps to combat the virus.
- \$4.5 billion for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) to help families afford home heating and cooling costs, and \$500 million for grants to states and Native American tribes to reduce arrearages of and rates charged to low-income households. The \$500 million combined with the \$638 million that was enacted as part of H.R. 133 (December COVID bill) would bring the funding for the program to \$1.138 billion.
- \$9.96 billion toward a Homeowner Assistance Fund. The homeowner assistance fund will provide direct assistance to struggling homeowners through a State formula grant administered by the Department of Treasury. There are several eligible uses of the funds for these homeowners, including payment assistance for utilities.

“Build Back Better” Infrastructure Proposal

President Biden rolled out his “Build Back Better” infrastructure package on March 31st in Pittsburgh. The package is split into four parts and would provide funding over eight years. The \$2.25 trillion package includes \$620 billion for transportation, \$580 billion for improving American manufacturing and pertinent to SCV Water, \$111 billion is included for water infrastructure, specifically:

- \$45 billion for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund to remove and replace lead pipes and lead service lines;
- \$56 billion in grants and loans for clean water infrastructure; and,
- \$10 billion for PFAS remediation in drinking water

While this is a serious proposal from the White House, Congress will still have to take action to provide funds for the Build Back Better initiative. Additional details were provided to SCV Water on March 31st, 2021.

LIFT Act

The House Energy & Commerce Committee Democrats introduced the “Leading Infrastructure for Tomorrow’s” (LIFT) America Act, H.R. 1848, which allocates more than \$312 billion in clean energy, energy efficiency, drinking water, broadband, and health care infrastructure. This will be another major Congressional component of the Biden Administration’s “Build Back Better” initiative. The LIFT Act includes \$51.6 billion for drinking water programs, \$69.9 billion for clean energy and energy efficiency programs; \$41.8 billion for electric vehicle infrastructure, clean ports, and smart communities; and \$2.7 billion for EPA's Brownfields Program. Specific to the drinking water provisions, the bill provides funding authorizations for:

- **PFAS INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM**
\$500 million for each of the fiscal years 2022 through 2026
- **DRINKING WATER SRF REAUTHORIZATION**
\$4.14 billion fiscal year 2022
\$4.8 billion fiscal year 2023
\$5.5 billion for each of fiscal years 2024 through 2026
- **DRINKING WATER SYSTEM RESILIENCE FUNDING**
Public Water System Resilience and Sustainability (AWIA Section 2013)
\$50 million in funding for drinking water system resilience from fiscal year 2022-2026
- **LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT**
\$4.5 billion for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2026

House Appropriations Earmark Update

The House Appropriations Committee has begun the process of designating specific accounts eligible for earmarking (officially called “Community Project Funding”) and has initiated the process of providing information to the Members. On Tuesday, March 30th, the House Energy & Water Subcommittee provided House members guidance as to which Army Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation accounts are eligible. Authorized Corps projects would be eligible for earmark consideration under the guidance, including the Continuing Authorities Program pertinent to the work being pursued by SCV Water as it relates to Arundo removal. The House Energy and Water Subcommittee deadline for community project funding requests from House Member offices will be in late May to allow Members time to respond to President Biden’s FY 2022 budget request. SCV Water submitted multiple programmatic funding requests to Congressman Mike Garcia’s office prior to their internal deadlines. While the Senate has yet to issue specific guidelines on earmarks in the FY 2022 Appropriations process, a bipartisan agreement is expected to be reached very soon.

SCV Water is currently identifying projects to discuss with Congressman Garcia and Senators Feinstein and Padilla as part of the FY2022 House and Senate appropriations cycle.

House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Water Legislation Introduced

House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman Peter DeFazio (D-OR) and Representative Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA) on March 16th introduced H.R. 1915, the “Water Quality Protection and Job Creation Act of 2021,” legislation that would help address challenges in the nation’s wastewater sector. The legislation would authorize \$50 billion to upgrade wastewater infrastructure and would allocate \$40 billion of the authorization funding to the Clean Water SRF over five years. The legislation would also authorize \$1 billion in grants over five years for the alternative water source program originally authorized under section 220 of the Clean Water Act, \$1 billion for water agencies to implement treatment standards for PFAS, as well as \$2 billion for the sewer overflow and stormwater reuse grant program. This legislation, like H.R. 1848, the LIFT Act, will likely be incorporated as major components of a larger infrastructure package that Congress will soon be advancing.

Senate Drinking Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Legislation

On March 24th the Senate Environment and Public Works (EPW) Committee unanimously approved legislation to reauthorize drinking and wastewater infrastructure financing programs at the Environmental Protection Agency. The bipartisan legislation, S. 914, the “Drinking Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Act of 2021,” or DWWIA, includes \$35 billion for various water program authorizations. Included in the bill are reauthorizations of EPA’s Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund and the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund, as well as loan financing and assistance for communities for a range of water infrastructure projects. DWWIA would reauthorize the drinking water SRF at \$2.4 billion in fiscal 2022, gradually increasing that amount to \$3.25 billion in fiscal years 2025 and 2026 for a total of \$14.7 billion. In addition, it would increase the minimum percentage of those funds that must go to disadvantaged communities from 6% to 12%. The clean water SRF would be reauthorized at the same funding levels between fiscal years 2022 and 2026 as the drinking water SRF. The legislation also would

reauthorize the WIFIA program through 2026 at the current funding level of \$50 million annually. Other programs of interest included in S. 914 are a \$25 million per year authorization of the alternative water source program under section 220 of the Clean Water Act, a five-year, \$280 million authorization for the Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Reuse program; and the establishment of a Water Reuse Interagency Working group, among other key provisions.

EPA FY2021 Funding Release

On March 22nd, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced that it is releasing its FY2021 funding for the State Revolving Funds (SRFs) to assist the nation's water infrastructure projects. EPA announced the availability of \$2.7 billion for the SRFs which includes \$1.1 billion for the Drinking Water SRF, and \$1.6 billion for the Clean Water SRF. The funding also includes a new \$12 million technical assistance grant program to assist wastewater utilities in smaller rural and tribal communities.

Water Affordability, Transparency, Equity and Reliability (WATER) Act

On February 26th, Representatives Brenda Lawrence (D-MI) and Ro Khanna (D-CA) reintroduced the "Water Affordability, Transparency, Equity and Reliability (WATER) Act" (H.R. 1352). Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-VT) is expected to introduce a Senate companion measure. H.R. 1352 would create a \$35 billion annual trust fund for water infrastructure upgrades which the lawmakers stated is critical for rising costs that low-income communities are struggling with for safe drinking water and wastewater. More than 500 advocacy and faith-based organizations, labor and environmental justice groups have endorsed the legislation.

Cabinet Confirmations

The Senate confirmed Representative Debra Haaland (D-NM), by a vote of 51-40 on March 15th to be the Secretary of the Interior Department. She is the nation's first Native American Cabinet Secretary. Some Senate Republicans opposed the nomination due to Haaland's opposition to energy exploration on public lands and support for the Green New Deal.

The Senate confirmed Michael Regan on March 10th as the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) by a vote of 66-34. The former secretary of North Carolina's Department of Environmental Quality, Regan is expected to quickly take action, including drafting new regulations to limit methane emissions from oil, and greenhouse gas emissions from motor vehicles.

Senator Feinstein's STREAM Act

Senator Dianne Feinstein's office released a draft version of the "Support To Rehydrate the Environment, Agriculture and Municipalities Act" (STREAM) Act to stakeholder groups on Monday, March 29th. Absent this legislation, when the WIIN Act Bureau of Reclamation authorities expire in December 2021, Congress would likely be required to authorize all water recycling, desalination, and non-federal storage projects individually. The draft also would eliminate the WIIN Act provision which requires the annual Appropriations bills to approve funding awards to specific Title XVI, desalination projects, and certain storage projects.

Highlights of the draft legislation include:

- \$750 million for groundwater and surface storage projects and conveyance
- \$250 million for water recycling projects (Title XVI)
- \$250 million in environmental funding, including \$150 million for competitive grants for habitat restoration
- \$100 million in desalination funding
- \$100 million for drinking water assistance to disadvantaged communities
- \$50 million for natural water retention and release projects
- \$150 million for RIFIA loans (30-year Treasury rate) for water supply projects which would make available \$8 billion to \$12 billion in lending authority

In distributing the discussion draft, Senator Feinstein's office also included "alternative" Title XVI authorization language. This alternative Title XVI language, which was developed by WaterReuse and others, would integrate both the Title XVI Legacy (Congressionally authorized) and Title XVI competitive grant programs. This approach would address the problem of variable funding demands for the Legacy project funding which has led to multiple years of Congress overfunding this aspect of the Title XVI program.

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April 2, 2021

MEMORANDUM

TO: Steve Cole, Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency

FROM: Dennis K. Albiani, Anthony Molina, California Advocates, Inc.

SUBJECT: April Report

Following Spring Recess, the legislature returned to Sacramento and is operating at full speed. The Senate and the Assembly are both knee deep policy hearings as the next major legislative policy deadline for bills to be acted upon is April 30th. The month of April will heavily focus on policy hearings before shifting focus to the fiscal committee hearings in May.

Simultaneously, the Legislature is also gearing up for the “regular budget action” to begin on the 2021-2022 state budget. To date, there is no agenda to resume budget sub-committee hearings, however, once this does take place, legislators and stakeholders will be working to add priority items into budget tailer bills. There are several outstanding issues that remain open and need to be acted upon in the budget, which includes wildfires, cap-and-trade, and habitat restoration.

And lastly, there has been no shortage of political news coming from Sacramento, as the Governor recently nominated Assemblymember Rob Bonta to be California’s next Attorney General, Assemblymember Sydney Kamlager is now a state Senator after winning a Special Election, and of course, proponents are currently waiting for the verifications of signatures to see if the “recall” of Governor Newsom will take place. Stay tuned!

Bonds

We are actively engaged in both the Senate and Assembly bond conversations on behalf of SCVWA. We are participating in ACWA bond working groups and testifying in policy committees. We are currently working with the SCVWA to put together a multi-million dollar request for the Santa Clara River Watershed and the Santa Clara River Conservancy to advance multi-benefit river projects that protect and restore riparian habitats, address invasive plants, improve climate resilience, enhance natural drainages, protect and restore watersheds, improve water supply and quality, improve instream flow, and provide public access. We are currently organizing with key stakeholders and meeting with elected officials for SCVWA to bring them up to speed on the proposal.

SB 45 (Portantino) Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2022.

This bill would enact the Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2022, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$5,510,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance projects for a wildfire prevention, safe drinking water, drought preparation, and flood protection program.

Status: Senate Governance & Finance Committee – April 8th

Position: Support

AB 1500 (E. Garcia) Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparation, Flood Protection, Extreme Heat Mitigation, and Workforce Development Bond Act of 2022.

This bill would enact the Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparation, Flood Protection, Extreme Heat Mitigation, and Workforce Development Bond Act of 2022, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$6,700,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance projects for safe drinking water, wildfire prevention, drought preparation, flood protection, extreme heat mitigation, and workforce development programs.

Status: Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee – April 8th

Position: Working with ACWA Support Amendments, Sant Clara River Amends

State Water Contractors – Subsidence Funding

As a representative of State Water Contractors Agency members, CalAd has been asked to be lead advocates on SB 559 (Hurtado). We have been actively engaging with several legislators, staffs, and key consultants on the legislation, including those who represent the SCVWA. Also, as an alternative funding mechanism, we are also including this topic in the ACWA bond group conversations.

SB 559 (Hurtado) Department of Water Resources: water conveyance systems: Canal Conveyance Capacity Restoration Fund.

This bill establishes the Canal Conveyance Capacity Restoration Fund in the State Treasury to be administered by the Department of Water Resources. Funds are to be expended in support of subsidence repair costs, including environmental planning, permitting, design, and construction and necessary road and bridge upgrades required to accommodate capacity improvements. The bill directs funds to restore the capacity of 4 specified water conveyance systems, with 2 of those 4 expenditures being in the form of a grant to the Friant Water Authority and to the San Luis and Delta-Mendota Water Authority.

Water

SB 222 (Dodd) Water Affordability Assistance Program.

This bill would establish the Water Affordability Assistance Fund in the State Treasury to help provide water affordability assistance, for both drinking water and wastewater services, to low-income ratepayers and ratepayers experiencing economic hardship in California.

Status: Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications – April 12th

Position: Watch

SB 223 (Dodd) Discontinuation of residential water service.

The bill would require the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to provide technical assistance to very small community water systems. The bill would require the State Board to establish a bridge loan program to assist very small community water systems that may suffer revenue loss or delayed collection while complying with this chapter. To the extent funding is available, partial loan forgiveness would be made available to systems that offer debt forgiveness to low-income residents with past due accounts. This bill would also require an urban water supplier and an urban and community water system to update policies to comply this chapter by July 1, 2022.

Status: Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications – April 12th

Position: Watch

SB 230 (Portantino) State Water Resources Control Board: Constituents of Emerging Concern

This bill would require the State Water Resources Control Board to establish, maintain, and direct an ongoing, dedicated program called the Constituents of Emerging Concern Program to assess the state of information and recommend areas for further study on the occurrence of constituents of emerging concern (CEC) in drinking water sources and treated drinking water. The bill would require the state board to convene the Science Advisory Panel to review and provide recommendations to the state board on CEC for further action.

Status: Senate Appropriations – TBD

Position: Support

SB 323 (Caballero) Local government: water or sewer service: legal actions.

This bill would authorize a local agency or interested person to bring a validation action in a superior court to determine the validity of a fee or charge for water and sewer service. The proposal would require an interested party bring an action within 120 days after the local agency adopts the fee or charge.

Status: Senate Judiciary – TBD

Position: Support

SB 626 (Dodd) Construction Manager/General Contractor Procurement Method: Department of Water Resources.

This bill would give Department of Water Resources the ability to use Design Build and Construction Manager/General Contractor (CM/GC) procurement processes for construction contracts. This authority would accelerate project delivery and allow DWR to advance critical public safety, infrastructure, and habitat restoration projects in a more expeditious and efficient manner.

Status: Senate Natural Resources and Water – April 15th

Position: Support, if amended.

AB 377 (Rivas) Water quality: impaired waters.

This bill would require all California surface waters to be fishable, swimmable, and drinkable by January 1, 2050. The bill would prohibit the state board and regional boards from authorizing an NPDES discharge, waste discharge requirement, or waiver of a waste discharge requirement that causes or contributes to an exceedance of a water quality standard, or from authorizing a best management practice permit term to authorize a discharge that causes or contributes to an exceedance of a water quality standard in receiving waters. The bill would prohibit, on or after January 1, 2030, a regional water quality control plan from including a schedule for implementation for achieving a water quality standard that was adopted as of January 1, 2021, and would prohibit a regional water quality control plan from including a schedule for implementation of a water quality standard that is adopted after January 1, 2021.

Status: Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee – April 21st

Position: Oppose

Utilities

SB 52 (Dodd) State of emergency: local emergency: sudden and severe energy shortage: planned power outage.

This bill would expand the definition of “sudden and severe energy shortage” to include a “deenergization event,” defined as a planned power outage, as specified, and would make a deenergization event one of those conditions constituting a state of emergency and a local emergency.

Status: Senate Floor

Position: Watch

Local Government

AB 339 (Lee) State and local government: open meetings.

This bill would require all meetings, including gatherings using teleconference technology, to include an opportunity for all persons to attend via a call-in option or an internet-based service option that provides closed captioning services and requires both a call-in and an internet-based service option to be provided to the public. The bill would require all meetings to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on proposed legislation, as provided, and requires translation services to be provided for the 10 most-spoken languages, other than English, in California, and would require those persons commenting in a language other than English to have double the amount of time as those giving a comment in English, if time restrictions on public comment are utilized, except as specified. The bill would require instructions on how to attend the meeting to be posted at the time notice of the meeting is publicized.

Status: Introduced, pending referral.

Position: Watch

AB 703 (Rubio) Open meetings: local agencies: teleconferences.

This bill will eliminate the previously existing concept of “teleconference locations”; will revise existing law to ensure minimum standards for public participation; and will revise notice requirements to allow for greater public participation in teleconference meetings of local agencies. The bill does not require teleconferencing but modernizes existing law to ensure greater public participation in meetings of the legislative bodies of local agencies which choose to utilize teleconferencing.

Status: Assembly Local Government - TBD

Position: Watch

Budget

Below is a list of budget items that remain active in the 2021- 2022 state budget negotiations. We are actively monitoring and engaging in positive dialogue on the topics below. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sustainable Groundwater

\$60 million one-time General Fund (\$30 million in 2020-21 and \$30 million in 2021-22) for grants to support local planning and implementation of Groundwater Sustainability Plans across critically over-drafted basins. **(Held Open)**

Protecting California’s Rivers, Streams and Watersheds Program (Voluntary Agreements)

\$125 million in Prop 68 Funds for habitat restoration projects along the Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers. **(Held Open)**

Safe and Affordable Drinking Water

\$130 million includes funding necessary to maintain full implementation of the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Program. **(Held Open)**

Regulatory

- The Department of Water Resources released, “California’s Groundwater” (Bulletin 118), the State’s official publication on the occurrence and nature of groundwater in California. The publication defines the groundwater basin boundaries and summarizes groundwater information for each of the State’s 10 hydrologic regions. California’s Groundwater features current knowledge of groundwater resources including information on the location, characteristics, use, management status, and conditions of the State’s groundwater. The publication also presents findings and recommendations that support the future management and protection of groundwater. The “California’s Groundwater” (Bulletin 118) can be found [HERE](#).
- The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) announced an adjustment to its initial State Water Project (SWP) allocation for the 2021 water year. The department now expects to deliver 5 percent of requested supplies this year, down from the initial allocation of 10 percent announced in December. Initial allocations are based on conservative assumptions regarding hydrology and factors such as reservoir storage. Allocations are reviewed monthly and may change based on snowpack and runoff information. They are typically finalized by May. Ongoing drought conditions require the coordination of federal, state, and local agencies. The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, which operates the Central Valley Project, is also adjust its initial CVP water supply allocation accordingly. The State Water Resources Control Board mailed early warning notices to approximately 40,000 water right holders urging them to plan for potential shortages by reducing water use and adopting practical conservation measures.
- The Governor made the following appointments:
 - **E. Joaquin Esquivel, 38, of Sacramento, has been reappointed to the State Water Resources Control Board, where he has served since 2017 and serves as Chair.** Esquivel was Assistant Secretary for Federal Water Policy at the California Natural Resources Agency from 2015 to 2017. He served in the Office of U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer from 2007 to 2015 as a Research Assistant, Legislative Aide and Legislative Assistant for Native American, water and agriculture issues and as Director of Information and Technology. Esquivel was a Center Youth Manager at Gay Associated Youth from 2002 to 2004.
 - **Alexandre Makler, 53, of Berkeley, has been reappointed to the California Water Commission, where he has served since 2020.** Makler has been Senior Vice President, West Region at Calpine Corporation since 2014, where he has held multiple positions since 1999, including Vice President of Strategic Origination and Development and Vice President/Assistant General Counsel. He was an Associate at Pillsbury Winthrop from 1998 to 1999 and at Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle from 1995 to 1998.
 - **Jose Solorio, 50, of Santa Ana, has been appointed to the California Water Commission.** Solorio has been a Government Affairs Officer at Moulton Niguel Water District since 2018. He was a Santa Ana City Council Member from 2016 to 2020 and from 2000 to 2006, Senior Policy Advisor at Nossaman LLP from 2014 to 2017 and a

California State Assemblymember for the 69th District from 2006 to 2012. Solorio was a Marketing Program Administrator and Government Relations Representative at the Orange County Transportation Authority from 1998 to 2006.

- Speaker Rendon made the following appointment:
 - **Veronica Padilla-Campos to the South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) Governing Board.** Padilla-Campos has served as Executive Director of Pacoima Beautiful since 2013, a nonprofit dedicated to advancing environmental justice in the San Fernando Valley. Previously, she was co-executive director for ICON CDC, and served on the North Valley Area Planning Commission for the City of Los Angeles.

California Advocates, Inc. Activity Report

- Participated in daily briefings for COVID-19 and pass along pertinent information to SCVWA staff.
- Participated in ACWA MMLG meetings.
- Participated in the State Water Contractors Agency (SWCA) member meetings on priority legislation.
- Participated in SWCA meetings and calls on budget funding for canal subsidence issues including budget opportunities and bond discussions.
- CalAd has been asked to be the lead advocates on SB 559 (Hurtado) regarding subsidence repair costs, including environmental planning, permitting, design, and construction and necessary road and bridge upgrades required to accommodate capacity improvements. CalAd has been setting up meetings with the appropriate legislators.
- Participated in the Southern California Water Coalition meetings.
- Participated in ACWA's Bond Working Group meeting/discussion on both SB 45 (Portantino) and AB 1500 (E. Garcia).
- Drafted a support letter on behalf of SCVW to SB 323 (Caballero) "Local government: water or sewer service: legal actions," for the Senate Governance and Finance Committee.
- Testified in the Senate Governance and Finance Committee in "support" of SB 323 (Caballero) on behalf of the SCVWA.
- Met with SCVWA legislative representatives, Senator Scott Wilk, and Suzette Martinez-Valladares, to discuss agency priorities, which included, a discussion SB 559 (Hurtado), natural resources and water and budget items (VAs), and the bond proposal ask that SCVWA is currently organizing.
- Met with the Senate Natural Resources and Water, Chief Consultant, Dennis O'Connor to discussed key water issues on behalf of SCVWA.
- Participated in the AB 377 (Rivas) on "Water quality: impaired waters," opposition coalition meeting and advocacy efforts.
- Participated in the organization meeting led by Steve Cole to coordinate the SCVWA \$40 million bond request on the Santa Clara River Conservancy.

Important Dates and Deadlines for 2021

April

- Apr. 5 – Legislature reconvenes from Spring Recess.
- Apr. 30 – Last day for policy committees to meet and report to fiscal committees' fiscal bills introduced in their house.

May

- May 7 – Last day for policy committees to meet and report to the floor non-fiscal bills introduced in their house.
- May 14 – Last day for policy committees to meet prior to June 7.
- May 21 – Last day for fiscal committees to meet and report to the floor bills introduced in their house. Last day for fiscal committees to meet and report to the floor bills introduced in their house.
- May 31 – Memorial Day

June

- Jun. 1-4 – Floor session only. No committee may meet for any purpose except Rules Committee, bills referred pursuant to A.R. 77.2, and Conference Committees.
- Jun. 4 – Last day for each house to pass bills introduced in that house.
- Jun. 7 – Committee meetings may resume.
- Jun. 15 – Budget Bill must be passed by midnight.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: STEVE COLE, SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY

FROM: HUNT BRALY

RE: March 2021 Report

DATE: 4-5-2021

I have provided a synopsis of activities performed on behalf of the Agency in March.

1. Continued to work with staff regarding PFAS Contamination issue.
2. Continued to participate in efforts with Federal Advocates potential federal legislation and funding opportunities.
3. Continued to work with staff on Groundwater Management Committee. Attended Virtual GSA Stakeholder Advisory Committee on March 24 and Board Meeting on March 25.
4. Attend Virtual meeting on Urban Water Management Plan.
5. Worked with staff and City/County on new rental/utility assistance programs established by new state and federal funding totaling \$1.3 million for residents of the City of Santa Clarita.

RECURRING ACTIVITIES/MEETING ATTENDANCE:

6. Safe, Clean Water Program (Measure W) Watershed Area Steering Committee Santa Clara River Meeting was held on March 4. Tree People the selected area coordinator continues to wait for its contract with the County to be approved. Information was provided by staff on how to access information from the website. In addition, further discussions of 2 submitted programs, one for Via Princessa and a Scientific Study of regional pathogens. There was also renewed concerns from the Acton Town Council on various issues, including discharges from RVs parked on lots.
7. Attended Virtual City Council Meeting on March 9.

The key issues at the meeting were:

There were special presentations by Holly Schroeder from the SCV EDC and a presentation about the benefits of ultra violet light and its health benefits which could include fighting the pandemic.

The Council considered and approved a slight increase in the Consolidated Fire District Development Fee. There were no public comments, and it was approved 5 to 0.

The other key discussion issue was the Special Directives issued by new District Attorney George Gascon and consideration of a vote of no confidence. There were a couple of public comments, including Jonathan Hatami who is an Assistant DA and City residence. After a lot of discussion from the Council and the motion of no confidence was approved 5 to 0.

Attended Virtual City Council Meeting on March 23.

The key issues at the meeting were:

There was significant public participation from members of the Carpenters Union regarding wanting the City to require new projects, such as Henry Mayo Hospital, and other projects to implement labor standards and community work force agreements.

The City Manager made a presentation on the City's next strategic plan, Santa Clarita 2025. The City utilized public meetings and various surveys. Contains 7 quality of life themes. The full plan can be found on the City's web site.

There was also a comment on 11 oak trees which were mitigation on Newhall Avenue which apparently have been removed and stating that existing oak trees should be required to be implemented into a project. It only makes a project better and more elegant to have an oak tree in it. City Manager indicated they were looking into the issue on the 11 oaks.

The Council considered the Sierra West Assisted Living project on Sierra Highway near Eternal Valley and Needham Ranch. There was some discussion on the removal of 5 oak trees including 1 heritage oak and encroachments on 9 other oak trees including 2 heritage oaks and concern from some councilmembers of the architecture although it had gone through the City's consultant and review process. After discussion the project was approved 5 to 0.

The Council also considered the MetroWalk project adjacent to the Vista Canyon Project. This was a General Plan Amendment to change the land use from commercial to residential. This project provided for 498 units which include 179 Market Rate apartments, 129 Senior Market Rate apartments, 150 Town Homes for sale. In addition, the project provides for 50 affordable senior apartments. The City used a streamlined environmental process due to recent state legislation prioritizing projects near transit stations. There was significant public support for the project. It was approved 5 to 0 with the Council supporting the argument it was more complimentary to the Vista Canyon Project and the new Metro Station.


Finally, the Council considered the details of the Rental Assistance Program for low and moderate income (50% AMI and 80% AMI) residents funded by the December Federal stimulus bill. This approximately \$6.3 million grant, which the City has already received, would have applications open on April 1 and close on April 30. Rental Assistance will go directly to landlords for up to four months. The additional 6.8 million in State funding for this program (from SB 91) is being handled by the State and the City was in the process of finalizing a MOU with the City for residents to access these funds through the States application form. The focus for this funding is rental assistance where landlords refuse to cooperate and utility assistance. The Federal funds must have 65% expended by September 30, 2021 and 100% by December 31, 2021. As approved the City funds would not be initially available for utility relief, but the City was working with the State to have that application also allow for utility assistance. This was approved 5 to 0.

8. Participate in Virtual Public Outreach and Legislation Committee on March 18.
9. Monitored and reviewed Agency Board Agendas.
10. Reviewed weekly emails regarding articles of interest from Agency.

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COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 15, 2021
TO: Public Outreach and Legislation Committee
FROM: Steve Cole
Assistant General Manager 
SUBJECT: Discussion of Water Affordability Assistance Programs

SUMMARY

Per a request from the Public Outreach Committee, this item is brought forward at our March 2021 meeting to facilitate understanding and discussion of water affordability assistance program (also called ratepayer assistance or lifeline assistance).

Following the March meeting discussion, the Outreach staff reviewed programs that have been implemented at several southern California water districts, along with state and federal programs and pending legislation.

DISCUSSION

This legislative session, Senator Bill Dodd has introduced SB 222, Low Income Water Rate Assistance Fund. This measure will set up the Water Affordability Assistance Fund in the State Treasury and authorize the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB, or Board), in consultation with an Advisory Board to establish guidelines and criteria for the program.

SB 222 authorizes use of monies deposited in the Fund including:

- Direct water bill assistance
- Water bill credits to renters
- Water crisis assistance
- Water efficiency measures for low-income households
- Short-term assistance to public water systems

More information can be found here:

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220SB222

SCV Water currently does not offer rate assistance programs for its customers. In a review of other water agencies, we found that most do not. Before the reorganization to SCV Water, Valencia Water Company (and investor-owned utility) had the LIRA (low-income rate assistance) program, which offered a 50 percent reduced service fee. This program was funded using rates as allowed by a private company. Approximately 2,200 customers participated in this program.

For agencies that do have rate assistance programs funding, it is often for a limited term and provided by:

- The county the agency resides in
- Local nonprofits
- The water agency (using non-ratepayer funds from rental income or surplus land sales)
- California Department of Housing and Community Development's CA COVID-19 Rent Relief program.

At this time Los Angeles County does not provide rate assistance for water bills and we have not identified any nonprofits in the region providing assistance.

Customer Care receives on average 10-20 inquires regarding rate assistance monthly, which is likely lower than it might be if SCV Water was not waiving late fees and shutoffs due to the pandemic. A very limited number of customers have opted for the Agency's payment plan.

According to state and county poverty guidelines, 8.4 percent (17,058) of Santa Clarita Valley (SCV) residents live below the poverty line, which is less than the state's poverty level of 11.8 percent.

SCV's median income is higher than the State of California and the U.S.:

MEDIAN INCOMES		
SCV	State of CA	U.S.
\$80,000	\$75,235	\$62,843

Many programs have eligibility beginning at 80% of the area's median income, which would be \$64,000. Some prioritize those at 50% median income, or \$40,000 for our area.

Local and State Renter's Assistance

On April 1, the City of Santa Clarita launched a rent assistance program, and were working to add utilities as eligible as well. The state has also launched the COVID-10 Rent Relief program, funded by federal assistance. At the time this memo was prepared, there was uncertainty over the program redundancies, but staff is preparing communication with our customers via social media and email.

From the website www.HousingIsKey.gov:

*If one or more individuals in your household **meet all of the following**, you are eligible to apply:*

- 1. Have qualified for unemployment benefits or experienced a reduction in household income, incurred significant costs, or experienced other financial hardship due to COVID-19; and*
- 2. Demonstrate a risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability, which may include:*
 - o a past-due utility or rent notice or eviction notice;*
 - o unsafe or unhealthy living conditions; or*
 - o any other evidence of such risk, as determined by the program*
- 3. Have a household income that is not more than 80% of the Area Median Income*

Accounts Receivable – Past Due

Staff reviewed accounts receivable reports to compare past due accounts from pre-COVID-19 and current numbers.

June 2019 Accounts Receivable recorded \$152,440 past due. In February 2021, \$733,074 was reported past due. The difference is \$580,634 in arrears. Monthly past due amounts fluctuate regularly, and this difference, in part, is a reflection of the COVID-19 pandemic and the policy that suspended penalties and shutoffs. It is important to note that this is not an equal comparison, as SCV Water changed its policy in February 2020, regarding the timing and amount of penalties and shutoffs.

BACKGROUND:

While the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic has brought this issue into sharp focus, it has been discussed for several years. When Senator Dodd was in the Assembly, he carried AB 401 that directed the SWRCB to review the issue and provide a report. Below is a link to AB 401 and the report.

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/conservation_portal/assistance/docs/2019/draft_report_ab401.pdf

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

None at this current time.

RECOMMENDATION

This item is provided for informational purposes.

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LEGISLATION TRACKING

Letters of Support/Opposition

ITEM NO.

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Date	Bill/Initiative	Title	Stand	Notes	Leg. Policy*	Status
2/19/2021	House-version of the \$1.9 trillion COVID-19 Relief Package	State and local government emergency assistance provisions	Support	Sent our own letter House Representative Mike Garcia	12.0	Letter sent 2/19/21
3/4/2021	SB 45 (Portantino)	Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2022	Support If Amended	Signed on to coalition letter from The State Water Contractors (SWC) Date of Hearing: Mar 16, 21 Senate Natural Resources & Water Committee	7.0	Letter sent 3/5/21
3/4/2021	SB 369 (Pan)	Yolo Bypass Cache Slough Partnership Multibenefit Program	Support	Signed on to coalition letter from The State Water Contractors (SWC)	2.0	Letter sent
3/22/2021	SB 323 (Caballero)	Water and Sewer Service: Legal Actions	Support	Sent our own letter Senate Committee on Governance and Finance Chair, Mike McGuire	9.0	Letter sent
3/24/2021	AB 1500 (E. Garcia and Mullin)	Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2022	Support If Amended	Signed on to coalition letter from The State Water Contractors (SWC)	7.0	Letter sent
3/24/2021	SB 45 (Portantino)	Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2022	Support If Amended	Signed on to coalition letter from The State Water Contractors (SWC) Date of Hearing: Apr 8, 21 Senate Natural Resources & Water Committee	7.0	Letter sent 3/24/21
3/24/2021	SB 559 (Hurtado)	State Water Resiliency Act of 2021	Support	Signed on to coalition letter from The State Water Contractors (SWC)	2.0	Letter sent
3/24/2021	AB 1161 (E. Garcia)	Eligible Renewable Energy and Zero-Carbon Resources	Oppose	Signed on to coalition letter from The State Water Contractors (SWC)	3.0	Letter sent 3/30/21
3/30/2021	SB 626 (Dodd)	Construction Manager/General Contractor Procurement Method	Support If Amended	Signed on to coalition letter from The State Water Contractors (SWC)	9.0	Letter sent

* Reference to applicable section of Legislative Policy Guidelines

Updated: Apr 5, 21

 Represents changes since last distribution.

SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY GRANT SUMMARY									ITEM NO. 5.2
Grant	Start Date	End Date	# of SCVWA Projects within Grant	SCV Water Project Name	Total Project Cost	Grant Funding	Required Funding Match (Non-State/Federal Share)	Other Non-State/Federal Share	% Grant Share Billed on Funder Approved Invoices*
DWR Prop 84 Round 1 Implementation	4/10/2012	3/31/2022	4	1. Grant Administration 2. SCV Water Use Efficiency Plan 3. Santa Clara River Sewer Truck Line Relocation 4. Recycle Water Project Phases 2B & 2D	\$ 14,057,107	\$ 6,264,551	\$ 4,110,280	\$ 7,792,556	71%
DWR Prop 84 Round 2 Implementation	6/17/2014	12/31/2020	4	1. Grant Administration 2. CLWA SCV WUE Program 3. SCWD WUE Programs 4. Foothill Feeder Connection	\$ 7,804,002	\$ 4,003,399	\$ 3,800,603		99.79% FINAL
DWR Prop 84 2014 Drought Grant	7/20/2015	12/31/2020	3	1. Grant Administration 2. RRB/CLWA Banking Program 3. CLWA/SWSD Extraction & Conveyance	\$ 15,616,780	\$ 11,535,067	\$ 4,081,713		99.68% FINAL
DWR Prop 1 Sustainable Groundwater Planning	12/5/2018	12/31/2022	2	a. Grant Administration b. Planning Activities	\$ 2,047,434	\$ 1,307,265	\$ 740,169		52%
Community Power Resiliency Allocation - Special Districts Program - CalOES subaward	3/12/2021	11/30/2021	1	Generator Replacement at Earl Schmidt Filtration Plan	\$ 249,854	\$ 249,854	\$ -		0%
DWR Prop 1 Round 1 IRWM Implementation <i>(Draft Grant Agreement Est. April 2021)</i>	N/A	N/A	2	1. Grant Administration 2. Recycle Water Phase 2C	\$ 9,124,450	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 4,880,005	\$ 1,154,445	0%

*Based on Funder approved invoices. Receipt of payment may be delayed in Funder's normal course of business.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION / FUNDING APPLICATION PREPARATION			
Document / Program	Explanation	Start Date	Est. Completion
Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP)	An approved LHMP is an eligibility requirement for funding under FEMA and/or other federal grants opportunities.	FEB 2021	JAN 2022
Drinking Water State Revolving Funds (DWSRF) Application	Very low interest, long term loan program for funding capital improvement projects related to safe drinking water. The Agency is pursuing DWSRF loan funding for future phases of PFAS remediation projects.	FEB 2021	JUN 2021
Crosswalk for Recycled Water	Collect, analyze and review existing Agency documentation (and determine additional documentation needs) to meet application requirements of federal WIIN Act funding for Phases 2A and 2C Recycled Water Projects.	JAN 2021	Ongoing
Grant and DWSRF Funding (LARC Ranch Project)	Resulting from SCV Water's installation of the LARC Ranch Pipeline (serving a Disadvantaged Community), the Agency gained eligibility to apply for a \$1M grant and a \$10M DWSRF 0% interest loan for an eligible incentive project(s) of our choosing. Selection of the incentive project(s) is in process.	Est. for Application APR 2021	TBD

APPLICATIONS UNDER CONSIDERATION - NONE PENDING								
Grant	Start Date	End Date	# of SCVWA Projects within Grant	SCV Project Name	Total Project Cost	Grant Funding	Required Funding Match (Non-State/Federal Share)	Other Non-State/Federal Share (Funding Match)

Last Update: 4/1/2021



SPONSORSHIP TRACKING FY JULY 2020 - JULY 2021

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Updated: Apr 5, 2021

Agency Name	Event	Event Date	Event Location	Reg. Fee	Committed	Paid	Sponsorship
ACWA	2020 Summer Conference	May 5-8, 2020 (RESCHEDULED: July 28-31, 2020)	VIRTUAL	\$350		\$2,500	(ACWA transitioning to new virtual sponsorship options: added another \$500 and sponsored Thursday closing keynote E. Joaquin Esquivel, Chair, SWRCB & Director Karla Nemeth, CA DWR) Wed: Ice Cream Break \$2000
Urban Water Institute (UWI)	Informative Discussion with Felicia Marcus & Pat Mulroy	Aug 19, 2020	VIRTUAL			\$500	Listed on the UWI website, Zoom call and invitation as a sponsor, Name recognition on the call, A small ad in the monthly UWI newsletter, one participate can attend on all future Zoom Calls until end of 2020 at no charge
Santa Clarita Valley Economic Development & College of the Canyons (SCVEDC)	2020 Economic Outlook	Mar 12, 2020 (RESCHEDULED: Sept 17, 2020)	VIRTUAL	FREE		\$1,100	(VIRTUAL SPONSORSHIP: Q & A style article with me highlighting you or your company that will be posted on our blog and promoted on our social channels and via our eblasts, a full page ad with company recognition in the Santa Clarita Valley Business Journal, continued promotion of your company's sponsorship through our social media channels & on our website) Bronze: 2 reserved complimentary tickets to event at a sponsor table; Business card size color ad in Forecast program book; Company promotion through electronic and social media event marketing; Company logo in event presentation
SCV Chamber	State of the County Luncheon	May 15, 2020 (RESCHEDULED Aug 5, 2020; RESCHEDULED 2021)		\$75		\$1,500	Bronze Sponsor: 4 complimentary tickets, social media recognition, sponsor recognition in all marketing. Credit carried forward to 2021
CSDA	2020 Annual Conference	Aug 24-27, 20 (CANCELED)	Palm Desert	\$675			Sponsorship of Morning Coffee Station & 2/3rd page ad in the 50th Anniversary commemorative program - initial cost \$2,000
AWA	Annual Member & Elected Officials Reception	Sept 17, 20 (CANCELLED)	Ronald Reagan Presidential Library	Free to members			Representative Sponsor: Listing on invitation & event program, agency name on signage
SCV Chamber	Legislative Leaders Forum	TBD	Hyatt Valencia	N/A	\$1,000		Gold Sponsor: 6 reserved seats, logo placement on all event marketing materials, recognition in media and press
Urban Water Institute (UWI)	Informative Discussion with Jeff Kightlinger	Oct 21, 2020	VIRTUAL	\$25		\$500	Listed on the UWI website, Zoom call and invitation as a sponsor, Name recognition on the call, A small ad in the monthly UWI newsletter
AWA	25 Yrs. of Water Leadership Award Recipients	Oct 22, 2020	VIRTUAL	Free to members		\$500	Agency name on the program invitation, show it to attendees during the event, and place on AWA's website
Santa Clarita Environmental Education Consortium (SCEEC)	Green STEM	Nov 2020	College of the Canyons (VIRTUAL)	N/A		\$2,000	The event provides high school and college students with exposure to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) concepts, but with sustainability as a key focus. The Water Technology program at COC is one of the featured programs. (Decreasing from previous Family of Water sponsorship of \$5000)
ACWA	2020 Fall Conference	Dec 2-3, 2020	VIRTUAL			\$2,500	Sponsoring Wednesday Opening Keynote, with recognition as a sponsor during the keynote; logo and link to website during the presentation located in the sponsors box

Agency Name	Event	Event Date	Event Location	Reg. Fee	Committed	Paid	Sponsorship
Maven's Notebook	2021 Weekly E-blast	2021				\$5,000	Gold Sponsors: organizations receive a one-year subscription to Maven's Weekly Water Blast; one-year to California Water Library; recognized with large logo linked to organization's website. Renews annually
Valley Industry Assn (VIA)	Monthly Luncheon Event	Jan - Dec 2021	VIRTUAL			1,500.00	Gold Sponsor: Prepaid lunches for one year (one seat) 12 months participation in VIA pop banner program; recognition as a luncheon sponsor at each luncheon form stage & logo; luncheon presentation package inserts opportunity for 12 months
Urban Water Institute (UWI)	2021 Spring Conference	Feb 17-18, 2021	VIRTUAL			1,500.00	Gold Sponsor: Company logo listed in all promotional materials; logo on program; logo displayed during reception; priority position on conference landing page - includes brief company bio, link to website, contact info, video; small ad in UWI monthly newsletter; 2 conference registrations
ACWA	DC Virtual Conference	Feb 24, 2021	VIRTUAL			1,500.00	Virtual Menu: Company logo is placed as a rotating pop-up box that is visible on any page.
Santa Clarita Valley Economic Development Corporation (SCVEDC)	2021 Economic Outlook Spring & Fall Event	Mar 26 and Sept 17	VIRTUAL			1,100.00	Bronze Sponsor: 2 complimentary tickets to the spring virtual event, and 2 in-person* tickets plus 2 virtual tickets to the fall event. Business card size color ad in fall Economic Outlook Book. Company promotion through electronic and social media event marketing Company logo in event presentations
San Joaquin Valley Water (SJV)	Nonprofit news site https://sjvwater.org/news/	March - August 2021				300.00	SJV Water will include a banner at the right hand side of their home page and news pages alerting the public to a company's good work or upcoming event for a limited time and for a fee based on web traffic defined as monthly page views.
ACWA	2021 Spring Virtual Conference	May 12-13, 2021	VIRTUAL			1,500.00	Virtual Agenda Sponsorship: Company logo is placed on the conference agenda
			Committed		\$1,000		
			Paid			\$23,500	
			Subtotal			\$24,500	
			FY20/21 Budget			\$20,000	
			Bal Remaining			-\$4,500	



**PUBLIC OUTREACH AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
AGENDA PLANNING CALENDAR FY 2020-2021**

**ITEM NO.
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July 16, 2020 Committee – VIRTUAL MEETING

1. Legislative Consultant Reports
2. Public Information Officer Activities:
 - Monthly Outreach Matrix
 - Legislative Tracking
 - Sponsorship Tracking FY 2019/20 and FY 2020/21
 - Public Outreach Event Calendar 2020
 - Committee Planning Calendar 2020

August 20, 2020 Committee – VIRTUAL MEETING

1. Legislative Consultant Reports
2. Public Information Officer Activities:
 - Quarterly Social Media Report from Consultant Tripepi Smith
 - Monthly Outreach Matrix
 - Legislative Tracking
 - Grant Status Report
 - Sponsorship Tracking FY 2020/21
 - Public Outreach Event Calendar 2020
 - Committee Planning Calendar 2020
3. Recommend Authorizing the General Manager to Apply for Grant Funding Under the Federal Bureau of Reclamation WaterSmart Water Energy Efficiency Grant Program (WEEG) for an Automated Metering Infrastructure Project
4. Discussion of the RFP for New Website Design and Development
5. General Update on Virtual Outreach Efforts

September 1, 2020 – Board

1. Recommend Authorizing the General Manager to Apply for Grant Funding Under the Federal Bureau of Reclamation WaterSmart Water Energy Efficiency Grant Program (WEEG) for an Automated Metering Infrastructure Project
2. Approve RFP for New Website Design and Development

September 17, 2020 Committee – VIRTUAL MEETING

1. Legislative Consultant Reports
2. Public Information Officer Activities:
 - Monthly Outreach Matrix
 - Legislative Tracking
 - Grant Status Report
 - Sponsorship Tracking FY 2020/21
 - Public Outreach Event Calendar 2020
 - Committee Planning Calendar 2020
3. Overview of Outreach Efforts

October 15, 2020 Committee – VIRTUAL MEETING

1. Legislative Consultant Reports
2. Public Information Officer Activities:
 - Monthly Outreach Matrix
 - Legislative Tracking
 - Grant Status Report
 - Sponsorship Tracking FY 2020/21
 - Public Outreach Event Calendar 2020

- Committee Planning Calendar FY 2020/21

November 19, 2020 Committee – VIRTUAL MEETING

1. Legislative Consultant Reports
2. Recommend Authorizing the General Manager to Enter into an Agreement with Kennedy/Jenks Consultants to Provide Grant Administration Services for the Proposition 1 Integrated Regional Water Management Implementation Grant
3. Public Information Officer Activities:
 - Quarterly Social Media Report from Consultant Tripepi Smith
 - Monthly Outreach Matrix
 - Legislative Tracking
 - Grant Status Report
 - Sponsorship Tracking FY 2020/21
 - Public Outreach Event Calendar 2020
 - Committee Planning Calendar FY 2020/21

December 1, 2020 - Board Meeting

1. Recommend Authorizing the General Manager to Enter into an Agreement with Kennedy/Jenks Consultants to Provide Grant Administration Services for the Proposition 1 Integrated Regional Water Management Implementation Grant

December 17, 2020 Committee – CANCELLED

1. Legislative Consultant Reports
2. Public Information Officer Activities:
 - Monthly Outreach Matrix
 - Legislative Tracking
 - Grant Status Report
 - Sponsorship Tracking FY 2020/21
 - Committee Planning Calendar FY 2020/21

January 21, 2021 Committee – VIRTUAL MEETING

1. Legislative Consultant Reports
2. Review of Agency’s Legislative Platform
3. Discussion of Consolidated Communications Efforts
4. Communications Manager Activities:
 - Monthly Outreach Matrix
 - Legislative Tracking
 - Grant Status Report
 - Sponsorship Tracking FY 2020/21
 - Committee Planning Calendar FY 2020/21

February 2, 2021 - Board Meeting

1. Approve Adoption of the Agency's 2021 Legislative Platform

February 18, 2021 Committee – VIRTUAL MEETING

1. Legislative Consultant Reports
2. Discussion of Water Affordability Assistance Programs
3. Discussion of Agency Resources for Plant Selection and Landscaping
4. Communications Manager Activities:
 - Quarterly Social Media Report from Consultant Tripepi Smith
 - Legislative Tracking
 - Grant Status Report
 - Sponsorship Tracking FY 2020/21
 - Committee Planning Calendar FY 2020/21

March 18, 2021 Committee – VIRTUAL MEETING

1. Legislative Consultant Reports
2. Communications Manager Activities:
 - Legislative Tracking
 - Grant Status Report
 - Sponsorship Tracking FY 2020/21
 - Committee Planning Calendar FY 2020/21

April 15, 2021 Committee – VIRTUAL MEETING

1. Legislative Consultant Reports
2. Discussion of Water Affordability Assistance Programs
3. Presentation on Public Outreach and Legislation Budget FY 2021/22
4. Communications Manager Activities:
 - Legislative Tracking
 - Grant Status Report
 - Sponsorship Tracking FY 2020/21
 - Committee Planning Calendar FY 2020/21

May 20, 2021 Committee – VIRTUAL MEETING

1. Legislative Consultant Reports
2. Communications Manager Activities:
 - Quarterly Social Media Report from Consultant Tripepi Smith
 - Legislative Tracking
 - Grant Status Report
 - Sponsorship Tracking FY 2020/21
 - Committee Planning Calendar FY 2020/21

June 17, 2021 Committee – VIRTUAL MEETING

1. Legislative Consultant Reports
2. Communications Manager Activities:
 - Legislative Tracking
 - Grant Status Report
 - Sponsorship Tracking FY 2020/21
 - Committee Planning Calendar FY 2020/21