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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2021

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Date: December 9, 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, December 16, 2021 at 5:30 PM**, dial information is listed below.

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NO PHYSICAL LOCATION FOR MEETING**

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MEETING AGENDA

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1.	Public Comments – Members of the public may comment as to items within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Agency that are not on the Agenda at this time. Members of the public wishing to comment on items covered in this Agenda may do so at the time each item is considered. (Comments may, at the discretion of the Committee Chair, be limited to three minutes for each speaker.)	
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Posted on December 9, 2021



To: Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency; Public Outreach & Legislation Committee
From: Van Scoyoc Associates (VSA); Geoff Bowman, Pete Evich, and Ashley Strobel
Date: December 6, 2021
Subject: December 2021 Report

Bipartisan Infrastructure Framework Signed into Law

On November 15th, President Biden signed into law the \$550 billion bipartisan infrastructure framework, the “Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act,” (IIJA) which is now being called the “Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.” On November 5th, progressive Democrats in the House agreed to vote to pass the bipartisan infrastructure framework on condition that moderate Democrats would agree to vote to pass the \$1.75 trillion social economic package, the “Build Back Better Act” by the end of the week of November 15th. Provisions of importance to SCV Water include:

- \$17 billion for the Corps of Engineers, including \$11.6 billion in construction funds.
- \$55 billion for the water programs at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), including multi-year grant funding to address emerging contaminants like PFAS and reauthorization and increases in the Clean Water Act State Revolving Loan Fund and Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund.
- \$8.3 billion for the Bureau of Reclamation.

House Passes the Build Back Better Act

On November 19th, the House passed the roughly \$1.7 trillion social spending package, the “Build Back Better Act” (BBB) by a vote of 220-213. The vote was scheduled to be held on Thursday evening after the House received the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) score of the legislation but was delayed until Friday morning after Rep. Kevin McCarthy (R-CA) gave a nine-hour speech criticizing provisions in the bill. The bill now heads to the Senate where Senators Joe Manchin (D-WV) and Kyrsten Sinema (D-AZ) are at the center of the negotiations as the chamber works through amending the legislation before holding a vote. Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) stated that he hopes the Senate can pass the bill and send it back to the House by Christmas.

Continuing Resolution Stop Gap Funding Measure

Congress passed a stopgap funding measure on December 2nd, narrowly averting a partial government shutdown. The continuing resolution will extend current government funding levels until February 18th, giving the House and Senate 11 weeks to reach agreements on the FY2022 appropriations bills. If Congress is unable to resolve differences early next year and

enact a FY2022 omnibus spending package, a full, one-year CR is a possible outcome. Like IJA, these bills will also contain funds for the Bureau of Reclamation, the EPA, and the Corps of Engineers.

Support Letter from EPA Administrator on Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Provisions

On December 2nd, EPA Administrator Michael Regan sent a letter to governors in the Pacific Southwest states outlining the funding opportunities for EPA programs that will be coming available through IJA. He noted that EPA will be allocating \$609,441,000 million to the State of California for the Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) programs. He also stated that the Assistant Administrator of the Office of Water, Radhika Fox, will soon issue national program guidance to State agencies on instruction on the use of the funding.

House Transportation Committee Chairman Announces Retirement

On December 1st, Representative Peter DeFazio (D-OR), Chairman of the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee announced he will be retiring from Congress after his term expires at the end of 2022. DeFazio has served in the House of Representatives since 1987 and is the 19th House Democrat to announce plans to not run for re-election in the 2022 election. With DeFazio's retirement announcement, the future of Democrats' transportation and infrastructure agenda will be shaped by a new voice in the next Congress. Rep. Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-D.C.) is the first lawmaker to announce her candidacy to succeed DeFazio.

The House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee (T&I) has jurisdiction over the Army Corps of Engineers and all of EPA's clean water programs. SCV Water works with T&I Committee staff and its members on Water Resources Development Act legislation and EPA loan (SRFs) and grant program measures of importance to SCV Water.

Senate GOP bill seeks to make Trump water rule permanent

On November 30th, Republicans on the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee unveiled legislation that would make permanent parts of a Trump-era rule that limited the influence of States and tribes over regulating water pollution. Sen. Shelley Moore Capito of West Virginia, the Committee's top Republican, led all of her colleagues on the panel, which oversees EPA, in introducing "*The Section 401 Certification Act.*"

The measure would codify a Trump administration rule from EPA which limits the authority of States and tribes under Clean Water Act Section 401 to certify that federally approved projects like pipelines and water quality permits need to comply with local water quality standards. The Trump-era rule prevented States and tribes from considering factors that are not directly related to water quality — such as climate change.

Capito in a statement said Congress did not intend the Clean Water Act to be used for "political motives" by States opposed to specific transmission, agricultural or pipeline projects, or road construction. The bill would also require States to take final action on Section 401 certification within a year of receiving a request.

EPA Advisory Board to Review PFAS Chemicals

On November 16th, the EPA sent its Science Advisory Board drafts of scientific documents to review health effects of two Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS), PFOA and PFOS. The two chemicals have been linked to drinking water contamination across the U.S. EPA Administrator Michael Regan stated that after the advisory board reviews the documents the EPA will use the information to develop and revise health advisories for PFOA and PFOS and eventually establish regulations for the chemicals.

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-VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL-

December 6, 2021

Michael D. Belote

MEMORANDUM

Dennis K. Albiani

TO: Steve Cole, Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency

Faith Lane Borges

FROM: Dennis K. Albiani, Anthony Molina, California Advocates (CalAd)

Cliff Costa

SUBJECT: December Report

Anthony Molina

As the year concludes and the holidays are approaching, there are several moving pieces taking place that will reshape the California Legislature for years to come. For starters, the California State Capitol will be going through renovations over the next three years. A new “swing space” has been built a block away from the Capitol Building that will house the Governor, elected officials, staff, and other key operators. Elected officials and their staff are slowly moving into their new offices for the start of the legislative session, which convenes on January 3rd.

Furthermore, the California Redistricting Commission is continuing its work to complete the new Congressional and State Legislative maps. The court-ordered deadline for the new maps to be finalized is December 27th. Once the maps are solidified, we will be able to provide a more in-depth analysis of the changes that occurred and the impacts they will have on current legislators.

Two legislators have resigned since our last meeting, and more are expected as we move into the coming year. Asm Ed Chau who represents San Gabriel Valley was appointed Judge and therefore resigned. Asm Jim Frazier resigned to pursue other opportunities. This is in addition to the open seat of Asm David Chu who was appointed the SF City Attorney.

Finally, with the new legislative session right around the corner, preparation is taking place for the anticipated two-year bill policy committee hearings, informational hearings, and the anticipated Governor’s Budget which must be out by January 10th. As we continue to gather information of importance to SCVWA we will share it in a timely manner.

Two-year Bills Legislative Tracking

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. This bill will only become operative if an appropriation in the annual Budget Act or another statute occurs.

Status: Assembly Floor, Inactive File

Position: Oppose Unless Amended

SB 223 (Dodd) Discontinuation of residential water service.

The bill would require the State Water Resources Control Board (Board) to provide technical assistance to very small community water systems. The bill would require the Board to establish a bridge loan program to assist very small community water systems that may suffer revenue loss or delayed collection while complying. 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 with this chapter by July 1, 2022.

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee – “Held” on the Suspense File. Two-year bill.

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: Two-year bill

Position: Support

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.

Status: Assembly Floor, Inactive File

Position: Support

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 the 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: Two-year bill

Position: Oppose

AB 979 (Frazier) Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta: projects: sea-level rise analysis report.

This bill requires an entity undertaking a project in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta to complete a report analyzing the impact of current sea-level rise projections on the project.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee – “Held” on the Suspense File. Two-year bill.

Position: Oppose

AB 1434 Urban water use objectives: indoor residential water use.

This bill lowers the indoor residential water use standard from 55 gallons per capita daily (gpcd) to 48 gpcd beginning January 1, 2023, from 52.5 gpcd to 44 gpcd beginning January 1, 2025, and from 50 gpcd to 40 gpcd beginning January 1, 2030.

Status: Two-Year bill

Position: Oppose

Utilities

AB 1161 (E. Garcia) Electricity: eligible renewable energy and zero-carbon resources: state agencies: procurement.

This bill would enact the Clean Economy and Clean Jobs Stimulus Act of 2021 and would require the Department of Water Resources to procure newly developed eligible renewable energy resources or zero-carbon resources and energy storage in an amount that satisfies 100 percent of the electricity procured to serve all state agencies by December 31, 2030.

Status: Two-year bill

Position: Oppose

Bonds

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 wildfire prevention, safe drinking water, drought preparation, and flood protection program.

Status: Senate Floor – Inactive File

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 Rules Committee

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

Budget Fiscal Outlook for 2022/23

The independent Legislative Analyst's Office released a report on the State's fiscal outlook for 2022/23. Despite the ongoing global pandemic and its disparate health and economic impacts on Californians, revenues are growing at historical rates. As a result, the LAO estimates the state will have a \$31 billion surplus (resources in excess of current law commitments) to allocate in 2022-23. And because the State is forbidden from spending more tax dollars per Californian than it did in 1978, once adjusted for inflation, it only has a few options for handling the cash windfall: slashing taxes; issuing tax rebates; funneling it to schools and community colleges; or earmarking it for specific purposes, such as infrastructure. You can read the full LAO Outlook Report [HERE](#).

Regulatory

- **Department of Water Resources "2022 Initial State Water Project Allocation"**

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) announced its initial State Water Project (SWP) allocation for 2022 along with several steps to manage the state's water supply in anticipation of a third dry year with reservoirs at or near historic lows. Given the unprecedented drought conditions, the SWP's initial allocation for December 1st will focus on the health and safety needs for 2022 of the 29 water agencies that contract to receive SWP supplies. DWR has advised these water agencies to expect an initial allocation that prioritizes health and safety water needs and that the SWP will not be planning water deliveries through its typical allocation process until the state has a clearer picture of the hydrologic and reservoir conditions going into the spring. DWR is focused on prioritizing water supply in four categories: water for health and safety needs and Delta salinity control; water for endangered species; water to reserve in storage; and water for additional supply allocations if the hydrology allows.

- **California Redistricting Commission Releases Draft Redistricting Maps**

The California Redistricting Commission released the preliminary maps outlining what California's congressional and legislative districts could look like for the next 10 years, starting with the 2022 elections. The maps are open for public comment. There will be at least four meetings before finalizing the districts by a December 27th court-ordered deadline. The preliminary maps can be found [HERE](#).

- The Governor made the following appointments:

- **Alice Busching Reynolds of Sacramento has been appointed as President of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC).** Reynolds has been a Senior Advisor to the Governor for Energy since 2019. She served as Senior Advisor for Climate, the Environment and Energy in the Office of Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. from 2017 to January 2019, Deputy Secretary for Law Enforcement and General Counsel at the

California Environmental Protection Agency from 2011 to 2017, and Deputy Attorney General at the California Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General from 2002 to 2011.

- **Margaret Mohr of Cameron Park has been appointed Deputy Director of Communications at the California Department of Water Resources.** Mohr has been Communications Director at VELOZ since 2020. She was Deputy General Manager of Business Development at the California Exposition and State Fair from 2017 to 2020, Chief Marketing Officer at e.Republic from 2010 to 2016 and Vice President of Marketing and Promotion at ABC10, Gannett Broadcasting from 2000 to 2010. Mohr was Director of Marketing and Promotions at KVUE24, Gannett Broadcasting from 1995 to 2000.
- **Saul Gomez, of Sacramento, has been appointed Undersecretary at the California Natural Resources Agency.** Gomez has been Deputy Executive Director at the California Public Utilities Commission since 2019. He was Program Officer at the Resources Legacy Fund from 2018 to 2019, Deputy Cabinet Secretary in the Office of Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. from 2016 to 2018, Deputy Secretary for Energy and Special Assistant for Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resources at the California Natural Resources Agency from 2014 to 2016 and Executive Director for the California Alternative Energy and Advanced Transportation Financing Authority from 2013 to 2014.
- **Kristin Stauffacher, of Sacramento, has been appointed Deputy Executive Director of the California Public Utilities Commission.** Stauffacher has been Appointments Advisor in the Office of the Governor since 2014. She was Deputy Secretary for Legislation at the California Environmental Protection Agency from 2011 to 2014, Legislative Director in the Office of California State Senator Joe Simitian from 2008 to 2011 and Legislative Director in the Office of California State Senator Michael Machado from 2000 to 2008. Stauffacher was a Consultant to the California State Assembly Committee on Water, Parks and Wildlife from 1997 to 2000 and a Scientific Aid at the California Department of Fish and Game from 1996 to 1997. Stauffacher was a Water Resources Assistant for the County of Lake in 1996.

California Advocates, Inc. Activity Report

- CalAd met with the State Water Resources Control Board Legislative Director, Ana Melendez, to discuss budget programs process and timelines for new programs (E.g., Drinking Water/Wastewater Infrastructure, PFAS Support, Groundwater Cleanup).
- CalAd created the 2021/22 Budget Programs & Contacts funding document to share with SCVWA to explore grant funding opportunities through various agencies (E.g., Department of Water Resources, State Water Resources Control Board, California Air Resources Board).
- CalAd reviewed Natural Working Lands Climate Smart Strategy for impact and opportunities for SCVWA.
- CalAd is researching the nexus of the federal infrastructure bill and current funding available in California to assess and properly align SCVWA for funding opportunities.
- CalAd met with staff and prepared discussion document on process of revising policy platform and position review.

Key Dates and Deadlines

January

Jan. 1 – Statutes take effect.

Jan. 3 – Legislative Session Reconvenes. Policy Committees Begin for two-year fiscal bills.

Jan. 10 – Budget must be submitted by Governor.

Jan. 14 – Last day for policy committees to hear and report to fiscal committees' two-year fiscal bills.

Jan. 17 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Observed.

Jan. 21 – Last day for any committee to hear and report to the floor bills introduced in that house in the odd-numbered year. Last day to submit bill requests to the Office of Legislative Counsel.

Jan. 31 – House of Origin Deadline for two-year bills.

February

Feb. 18 – Last day for bills to be introduced

Feb. 21 Presidents' Day Observed.

March

None

April

Apr. 1 – Cesar Chavez Day observed.

Apr. 7 – Spring Recess begins upon adjournment.

Apr. 18 – Legislature reconvenes from Spring Recess.

Apr. 29 – Last day for policy committees to hear and report to fiscal committees' fiscal bills introduced in their house.

May

May 6 – Last day for policy committees to hear and report to the floor nonfiscal bills introduced in their house.

May 13 – Last day for policy committees to meet prior to May 31.

May 20 – Last day for fiscal committees to hear and report to the floor bills introduced in their house. The last day for fiscal committees to meet prior to May 31.

May 23-27 – Floor session only. No committee may meet for any purpose except for Rules Committee, bills referred pursuant to Assembly Rule 77.2, and Conference Committees.

May 27 – Last day for each house to pass bills introduced in that house.

May 30 – Memorial Day.

May 31 – Committee meetings may resume.

MEMORANDUM

TO: STEVE COLE, SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY

FROM: HUNT BRALY

RE: November 2021 Report

DATE: 12-6-2021

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

1. Continued to monitor Groundwater Management Committee. Attended Virtual GSA Board Meeting on November 23 discussing draft GSP.
2. Continued to review with staff and City/County\rental/utility assistance programs established by state and federal funding for residents of the City of Santa Clarita and additional funding for LA County.

RECURRING ACTIVITIES/MEETING ATTENDANCE:

3. Safe, Clean Water Program (Measure W direct link: <https://safecleanwaterla.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/SCR-SOEP-FINAL-approved-11.10.21opt.pdf>) Watershed Area Steering Committee Santa Clara River Meeting attended virtual meeting on November 10. The Committee approved the final Strategic Outreach and Engagement Plan. In addition, the Committee heard presentations on the Pico Canyon Park Stormwater Improvements Project, The Jake Kuredjian Park Stormwater Improvements Project and the Regional Pathogen Reduction Study. Concern was raised by several members on the amount of water which was being reclaimed and how the funding for the ultimate construction would be obtained. Additional information will be provided by County staff at the January meeting since the December meeting was cancelled.
4. Attended City Council Meeting on November 9.

This was a short agenda all items on the Consent calendar.

The main focus on public comments was opposition to the Council going to electoral districts. This item was on the Council's Closed Session agenda along with the recent lawsuit from the Sand Canyon Country Club.

The Consent Agenda included approval of the EIR Proposal for the Wiley Canyon Environmental Impact Report. This project is on 31 acres adjacent to Interstate 5 and has been known as the Mule Ranch. The proposal is for a 4 story senior living project, ground floor commercial and 379 apartment units. It is expected to take 14 months to prepare the Draft EIR.

Attended City Council Meeting on November 23.

This was also a short agenda with all items but two on the consent calendar. There was a lengthy presentation by SCE regarding its Accelerated Grid Hardening Plans for the SCV. In the Consent Calendar, The City approved \$1,097,645 for the Via Princessa Park Master Plan. The funding is from the Measure W Municipal Program funding.

The first action item was the approval of a letter to the County of Los Angeles expressing interest in the City having the County transfer Hart Park to the City. If the County responds that they are willing to consider the transfer, negotiations will then proceed.

The second action item was the approval of the City entering into a Workforce Housing JPA and agreement for the existing Skycrest Apartments. The property would be acquired through a JPA created by CMFA and the City would execute a Public Benefit Agreement. This housing would convert, upon vacancies by existing tenants, to rents at 80%, 100% and 120% API (1/3 each). The new tenants would have priority for residents who work in Santa Clarita, have graduated from a Santa Clarita school, first responders, teachers and medical professionals. The purchase and operation of this program is based on the fact that property taxes are no longer paid on the project. At the earliest of 15 years, or when the bonds mature at 30 years, the City will own the asset. There was one public speaker opposed. The council supported the project 4-0 (Councilmember McLean absent). This is a new program which has been adopted in approximately 27 communities since it was authorized in 2019. Mayor Pro Tem Weste stated that this was similar to Redevelopment and how it was funded by taking property taxes away from other agencies.

5. Participate partially in Virtual Public Outreach and Legislation Committee on November 18..
6. Monitored and reviewed Agency Board Agendas.
7. Reviewed weekly emails regarding articles of interest from Agency.



COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM

DATE: Dec. 16, 2021
TO: Public Outreach and Legislation Committee
FROM: Steve Cole
Assistant General Manager *SC*
SUBJECT: Outreach Year in Review

SUMMARY

The Communications Team will offer a brief presentation, highlighting the main campaigns and outreach efforts of the past year, as well as a preview of what's ahead for the near future.

Items will include:

- Drought
- Garden Classes
- Education Program
- Agency Planning Efforts
- PFAS
- Engagement Statistics (social media, website, etc)
- Digital ad overview
- COVID-19
- Internal Communications

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

None

RECOMMENDATION

Item provided for information only.

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LEGISLATION TRACKING

Letters of Support/Opposition

ITEM NO.

4.1

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 to Congressman 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. 6/1/21 - Ordered to inactive file.
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	9/23/21 Chaptered
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	9/22/21 Chaptered
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. 5/20/21: Referred to Committee on Rules
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. 6/1/21 - ordered to Inactive File
3/24/2021	SB 559 (Hurtado)	State Water Resiliency Act of 2021 (including repairs to SWP due to subsidence)	Support	Signed on to coalition letter from The State Water Contractors (SWC)	2.0	Updated letter sent 5/26/21. 9/8/21 - now a two-year bill. Moved to Assembly Inactive File.
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 - would allow Design Build and Construction Manager/General Contractor processes which could accelerate project delivery (i.e., SWP facilities)	Support	Signed on to coalition letter from The State Water Contractors (SWC)	9.0	9/23/21 Chaptered

Date	Bill/Initiative	Title	Stand	Notes	Leg. Policy*	Status
4/12/2021	Valley Industry Association (VIA) SCV Helping Hand	Establish funding opportunities for local small businesses to provide financial aid for debt payments	Support	Sent our own letter to Congressman Mike Garcia	9.0	Letter sent 4/13/21
4/22/2021	AB 979 (Frazier)	Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta: Sea Level Rise Analysis Report	Oppose	Signed on to coalition letter from The State Water Contractors (SWC)	10.0	Letter sent 4/22/21. 5/20/21
5/12/2021	Forest Health Program Grant Application FY 2020-21/2021-22 Funding Opportunity	Santa Clara River Water Arundo Removal and Fire Resilience Program	Support	Sent our own letter to Ca. Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CALFIRE)	10.0	Letter sent 5/13/21
5/26/2021	Drought Relief and Water Infrastructure Investments for Inclusion in State Budget	Support for critical funding for drought relief and water infrastructure projects	Support	Signed on to coalition letter from The State Water Contractors (SWC)	9.0	Letter sent 5/26/21
6/30/2021	SB 222 (Dodd)	Water Rate Assistance Program	Oppose Unless Amended	Sent our own letter to Assembly Member Chris Holden	9.0	Letter sent 6/30/21. 9/3/21 - moved to ASM inactive file.
7/14/2021	AB 148 (Committee on Budget, Chair Ting)	Public Resources	On Watch	California Water and Wastewater Arrearage Payment Program (CWWAPP) at the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB)	9.0	Summary from Ca. Municipal Utilities Association
8/19/2021	Coalition PFAS Funding	Public Resources	On Watch	Support the inclusion of at least \$250 million for PFAS treatment in the drought and water resilience package in the state budget	9.0	Letter sent 8/20/21

* Reference to applicable section of Legislative Policy Guidelines

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enrolled: Whenever a bill passes both houses of the Legislature, it is ordered enrolled. In enrollment, the bill is again proofread for accuracy and then delivered to the

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reading: bill is either on First, Second, or Third Reading until it is passed by both Houses.

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**SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY
GRANT / FUNDING EFFORTS SUMMARY**

**ITEM NO.
4.2**

Grant	Start Date	End Date	# of SCVWA Projects within Grant	SCV Water Project Name	SCVWA PROJECTS ONLY				% Grant Share Billed on Funder Approved Invoices*	Cost of Application
					Total Project Costs	Grant Funding	Required Funding Match (Non-State/Federal Share)	Other Non-State/Federal Share		
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	92%	\$37,700
DWR Prop 1 Sustainable Groundwater Planning (includes Prop 1 SGWP & Prop 68 SGP grants)	12/5/2018	12/31/2022	3	a. Grant Administration b. Planning Activities c. Monitoring	\$ 2,047,434	\$ 1,307,265	\$ 740,169		75%	Prop 1 - \$24,778 Prop 68 - \$29,822
Community Power Resiliency Allocation - Special Districts Program - CalOES subaward	3/12/2021	3/31/2022	1	Generator Replacement at Earl Schmidt Filtration Plant	\$ 249,854	\$ 249,854	\$ -		100% allocated funds received	\$0 - No charge from Consultant
DWR Prop 1 Round 1 IRWM Implementation	9/24/2020	3/21/2026	2	1. Grant Administration 2. Recycle Water Phase 2C	\$ 9,200,450	\$ 3,216,800	\$ 489,205	\$ 1,154,445	0%	\$99,192 Cost share between project proponents on a pro-rata basis
CalOES-FEMA Public Assistance Program FEMA-4482-DR-CA (Project 1)	7/30/2020		1	COVID-19 Assistance (PPE & Sanitation Supplies)		\$ 34,380	\$ -		100%	\$0
American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 through CA DDW-CA Water and Wastewater Arrearage Payment Program	Immediate	1/31/2022	1	Arrearage Payment Program (customer bills arrearage payment forgiveness)	\$ 671,520	\$ 671,520	\$ -	\$ -	N/A	\$0

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

SUBMITTED APPLICATIONS UNDER CONSIDERATION - PENDING									
Grant	Start Date	End Date	# of SCVWA Projects within Grant	SCV Project Name	Total Project Cost	Requested Grant Funding	Required Funding Match (Non-State/Federal Share)	Other Non-State/ Federal Share (Funding Match)	Cost of Application
CalOES-FEMA Public Assistance Program FEMA-4482-DR-CA (Project 2)	N/A	N/A	1	COVID-19 Assistance (Sanitation of Agency Facilities)		\$ 43,700	\$ -		\$0
BOR WaterSmart Drought Resiliency Projects	7/1/2022	6/30/2025	1	Rosedale Phase 2 Wells Project* <i>*Total project cost does not include cost to purchase well sites or easements.</i>	\$ 4,200,000	\$ 1,458,987	\$ 1,458,987		not available
BOR WaterSmart Water and Energy Efficiency Grant	7/1/2022	6/30/2025	1	Automated Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Project (SCV Water Phase 1)	\$ 9,361,443	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000		not available
ACWA-JPIA	3/1/2022	6/30/2022	1	Emergency Preparedness (Communications Equipment)		\$ 10,000			\$0
CA State Water Resources Control Board	4/8/2021	3/31/2024	1	LARC Ranch Water Pipeline Project	\$ 4,811,991	\$ 3,931,991	\$ 880,000		\$0

APPLICATIONS IN PROCESS - TO BE SUBMITTED									
Grant	Start Date	End Date	# of SCVWA Projects within Grant	SCV Project Name	Total Project Cost	Requested Grant/Loan Funding	Required Funding Match (Non-State/Federal Share)	Other Non-State/ Federal Share (Funding Match)	Cost of Application
CA DWR Urban and Multibenefit Drought Relief Grant Program	TBD	3/31/2026	1	Saugus Wells 3 & 4 (Replacement Wells) Well Equipment and Site Improvement Project	\$ 8,300,000	\$ 2,500,000	\$ -	\$ -	not available
CA DWR Urban and Multibenefit Drought Relief Grant Program	TBD	3/31/2026	1	Santa Clara and Honby Wells PFAS Groundwater Treatment Improvement Project	\$ 11,750,000	\$ 4,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	< \$15,000
CA State Water Resources Control Board Grant <i>Incentive Grant Funding re LARC Ranch DAC Project</i>	TBD	TBD	1+	PFAS Remediateion Projects	TBD	\$ 1,100,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$0
CA Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Loan <i>0% Interest Incentive Loan re LARC Ranch DAC Project</i>	TBD	TBD	1+	PFAS Remediateion Projects	TBD	\$ 10,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$0

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			FEB 2021	JUN 2022
Bureau of Reclamation - Title XVI Feasibility Study	Submitted Feasibility Study required to qualify for federal WIIN Act funding for Phases 2A and 2C Recycled Water Projects.			JAN 2021	NOV 2021

CLOSED / COMPLETED GRANTS										
Grant	Start Date	End Date	# of SCVWA Projects within Grant	SCV Water Project Name	SCVWA PROJECTS ONLY				% Grant Share Billed on Funder Approved Invoices*	Cost of Application
					Total Project Costs	Grant Funding	Required Funding Match (Non-State/Federal Share)	Other Non-State/Federal Share		
DWR Prop 84 Round 2 Implementation <i>(Complete - DWR official notification of closed grant received on 5/11/2021)</i>	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	\$84,175
DWR Prop 84 2014 Drought Grant <i>(Complete - DWR official notification of closed grant received on 5/11/2021)</i>	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	\$80,000

UNSUCCESSFUL APPLICATIONS									
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)	Cost of Application
DWR Prop 84 IRWM Round 3 Grant	N/A	N/A	2	1. Grant Administraton 2. CLWA Res & Comm Turf Removal 3. Santa Clara River Trunk Sewer Line Project Phase II (NCWD?) 4. Valencia WRP Advanced Water Treatment Facilities	\$ 40,565,007	\$ 16,229,000	\$ 24,427,007		\$110,000 Cost Share between Project Proponents on a pro -rata basis
WaterSMART Water and Energy Efficiency Grants BOR-DO-21-F001	N/A	N/A	1	Automated Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Project (SCV Water Phase 1)	\$ 3,475,860	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 2,475,860	\$50,000 Included in FY20/21 Blanket Agreement with ESS including grant application prep, research and planning for required documentation
WaterSMART Drought Response Program BOR-DO-20-F002	N/A	N/A	1	Saugus Wells 3 & 4 Equipment and Site Improvement Project	\$ 3,744,829	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 744,829	

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SPONSORSHIP TRACKING FY JULY 2021 - JUNE 2022

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Agency Name	Event	Date	Location	Reg. Fee	Committed	Paid	Sponsorship	Previous Amount
CSDA	2021 Annual Conference	Aug 30 - Sep 2, 2021	Monterey, CA	\$675				2000
Urban Water Institute (UWI)	2021 Fall Conference	Sept 8 -9, 2021	Costa Mesa, CA	\$290-\$375		\$1,500	Silver Sponsor: Company logo listed in all promotional materials; logo on cover of program; logo projected on presentation screens; logo during Welcome Reception; logo displayed in registration area; 4 conference registrations	
Santa Clarita Valley Economic Development & College of the Canyons (SCVEDC)	2021 Economic Outlook Spring and Fall Event	Mar 26, 2021 and Sept 17, 2021	Hybrid event; in person for sponsors only	FREE		\$1,100	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	
AWA	Annual Member & Elected Officials Reception	Sept 30, 2021	Ronald Reagan Presidential Library	Free to members		\$500	Representative Sponsor: Acknowledgement on invitation & program, Agency name on signage	500
Santa Clarita Environmental Education Consortium (SCEEC)	Green STEM	Oct 9, 2021	College of the Canyons (VIRTUAL)	N/A		\$2,000	Provides high school and college students with exposure to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) concepts, but with sustainability as a key focus. Water Technology program at COC is one of the featured programs.	2000
AWA	29th Annual Water Symposium	Oct 21, 2021	VIRTUAL	\$55		\$500	Listing on printed materials; Company name of screen display; one comp. ticket (Non-Refundable)	500
ACWA	2021 Fall Conference	Nov 30 - Dec 3, 2021	Pasadena - In Person and Virtual			\$2,000	Wed afternoon ice cream break: Custom signage in front of the ice cream station and at the entrance of the Exhibit Hall	2500
SCV Chamber	State of the County Luncheon	Dec 9, 2021 (rescheduled)	Magic Mountain	\$75		\$1,500	Bronze Sponsor: 4 VIP theatre seating, 4 sponsor dinner reception, 4 park entry, social media recognition in all marketing	



**PUBLIC OUTREACH AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
AGENDA PLANNING CALENDAR FY 2021-2022**

**ITEM NO.
4.4**

July 15, 2021 Committee – VIRTUAL MEETING

1. Legislative Consultant Reports
2. Recommendation to Serve on the ACWA Legislative Committee
3. Equitable and Inclusive Engagement
4. Communications Manager Activities:
 - Legislative Tracking
 - Grant Status Report
 - Sponsorship Tracking FY 2021/22
 - Committee Planning Calendar FY 2021/22

August 19, 2021 Committee – VIRTUAL MEETING

1. Legislative Consultant Reports
2. Communications Manager Activities:
 - Social Media Report from Consultant Tripepi Smith
 - Legislative Tracking
 - Grant Status Report
 - Sponsorship Tracking FY 2021/22
 - Committee Planning Calendar FY 2021/22

September 16, 2021 Committee – VIRTUAL MEETING

1. Legislative Consultant Reports
2. Discussion on Community Event Participation
3. Equitable and Inclusive Engagement
4. Communications Manager Activities:
 - Legislative Tracking
 - Grant Status Report
 - Sponsorship Tracking FY 2021/22
 - Committee Planning Calendar FY 2021/22

October 21, 2021 Committee – VIRTUAL MEETING

1. Legislative Consultant Reports
2. Review of Outreach on Rent and Utility Relief Program
3. Communications Manager Activities:
 - Legislative Tracking
 - Grant Status Report
 - Sponsorship Tracking FY 2021/22
 - Committee Planning Calendar FY 2021/22

November 18, 2021 Committee – VIRTUAL MEETING

1. Legislative Consultant Reports
2. Update on Communication and Engagement Gap Analysis Efforts
3. Communications Manager Activities:
 - Social Media Report from Consultant Tripepi Smith
 - Legislative Tracking
 - Grant Status Report
 - Sponsorship Tracking FY 2021/22
 - Committee Planning Calendar FY 2021/22

December 16, 2021 Committee – VIRTUAL MEETING

1. Legislative Consultant Reports
2. Outreach Year in Review
3. Communications Manager Activities:
 - Legislative Tracking
 - Grant Status Report
 - Sponsorship Tracking FY 2021/22
 - Committee Planning Calendar FY 2021/22

January 20, 2022 Committee

1. Legislative Consultant Reports
2. Discussion of Legislative Platform
3. Communications Manager Activities:
 - Legislative Tracking
 - Grant Status Report
 - Sponsorship Tracking FY 2021/22
 - Committee Planning Calendar FY 2021/22

February 17, 2022 Committee

1. Legislative Consultant Reports
2. Status Update on Communication and Engagement Gap Analysis Efforts
3. Communications Manager Activities:
 - Social Media Report from Consultant Tripepi Smith
 - Legislative Tracking
 - Grant Status Report
 - Sponsorship Tracking FY 2021/22
 - Committee Planning Calendar FY 2021/22

March 17, 2022 Committee

1. Legislative Consultant Reports
2. Discussion of Water 101 Ambassador Program
3. Communications Manager Activities:
 - Legislative Tracking
 - Grant Status Report
 - Sponsorship Tracking FY 2021/22
 - Committee Planning Calendar FY 2021/22

April 21, 2022 Committee

1. Legislative Consultant Reports
2. Discussion of Legislative Workshop
3. Communications Manager Activities:
 - Legislative Tracking
 - Grant Status Report
 - Sponsorship Tracking FY 2021/22
 - Committee Planning Calendar FY 2021/22

May 19, 2022 Committee

1. Legislative Consultant Reports
2. Communications Manager Activities:
 - Social Media Report from Consultant Tripepi Smith
 - Legislative Tracking
 - Grant Status Report
 - Sponsorship Tracking FY 2021/22
 - Committee Planning Calendar FY 2021/22