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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING
AGENDA

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2022 - 6:00 PM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that West Valley Water District has called a meeting of the External Affairs Committee to meet in the Administrative Conference Room, 855 W. Base Line Road, Rialto, CA 92376.

On March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom declared a State of Emergency resulting from the threat of COVID-19. On September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed Assembly Bill No. 361 into law. Assembly Bill No. 361 amends Government Code section 54953(e) by adding provisions for remote teleconferencing participation in meetings by members of a legislative body, without the requirements of Government Code section 54953(b)(3), subject to the existence of certain conditions. The West Valley Water District adopted a resolution determining, by majority vote, that, as a result of the declared State of Emergency, the District is adopting the State protocol which allows meetings in person and/or via teleconference. Accordingly, it has been determined that all Board and Workshop meetings of the West Valley Water District will be held pursuant to Assembly Bill No. 361, the Brown Act and will be conducted via teleconference and in person. Members of the public may listen and provide public comment via telephone by calling the following number and access code: Dial: (888) 475-4499, Access Code: 840-293-7790 or you may join the meeting using Zoom by clicking this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8402937790>. Public comment may also be submitted via email to administration@wvwd.org. If you require additional assistance, please contact administration@wvwd.org.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Director, Angela Garcia, (Chair)
Director, Channing Hawkins

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The public may address the Board on matters within its jurisdiction. Speakers are requested to keep their comments to no more than three (3) minutes. However, the Board of Directors is prohibited by State Law to take action on items not included on the printed agenda.

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. General Updates to the External Affairs Committee.
2. Social Media Report. **Pg. 3.**
3. October Legislative Report. **Pg. 12.**
4. Legislative Principles 2022. **Pg. 25.**
5. Upcoming Events

WVWD Upcoming Community Events

- Saturday, November 5, 2022, Oliver P. Roemer Community Tour (WVWD will be hosting), 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Oliver P. Roemer Water Filtration Facility

IV. ADJOURN

DECLARATION OF POSTING:

I declare under penalty of perjury, that I am employed by the West Valley Water District and posted the External Affairs Committee Agenda at the District Offices on October 20, 2022.



Nancy Albitre, Acting Board Secretary



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
STAFF REPORT**

DATE: October 24, 2022
TO: External Affairs Committee
FROM: Van Jew, Acting General Manager
SUBJECT: SOCIAL MEDIA REPORT

BACKGROUND:

The social media report (**Exhibit A**) provides updates on West Valley Water District's (WVWD) social media profile activity on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and Twitter. Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) including the reach, impressions and engagement of posts are condensed into one report to untangle audience insight, allowing staff to understand works for successful customer engagement.

DISCUSSION:

This month's KPI's show an increase across all platforms. This is most notably due to the uptick in posts created and submitted celebrating WVWD staff in honor of Water Professionals Appreciation Week.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and file.

Respectfully Submitted,

Van Jew

Van Jew, Acting General Manager

VJ/sp

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Exhibit A - Sept. - Oct. 2022 - Social Media Report



SOCIAL MEDIA REPORT

September - October 2022

Facebook

Main KPI's



No. of Followers

1,048

+6

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Reach

1,223



Engagement

1,199



No. of Posts

40 posts

Top Post



Post Impressions

202 Impressions

Post Engagement

143 interactions

Instagram

Main KPI's



No. of Followers
1,033
 +13



Reach
791
 +19.1%



Engagement
 102
 +70%



No. of Posts
28 posts
23 stories
7 videos

Top Post



Post Impressions

224 impressions

Post Engagement

24 interactions

LinkedIn

Main KPI's



No. of Followers

176

15 new followers



Reach/Impressions

4,097

+448.7%



Engagement

665



No. of Posts

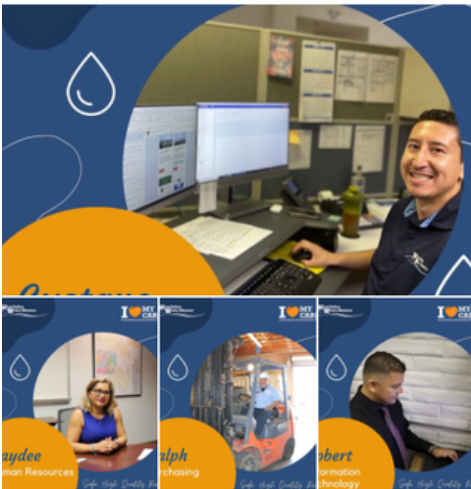
23 posts

Top Post

West Valley Water District
176 Followers

On Day 1 of #waterprofessionalsappreciationweek we highlight team members from Finance, Human Resources, Information Technology, and Purchasing.

Although you rarely see these team members in public, they are critical to our operations at #WVWD. Their hard work every day ensures that our operations are run efficiently and financially responsibly.



Socorro Pantaleon and 8 others

Post Impressions

341 impressions

Post Engagement

128 interactions

Twitter

Main KPI's



No. of Followers
392
+4



Reach/Impressions
2,025
+200.9%

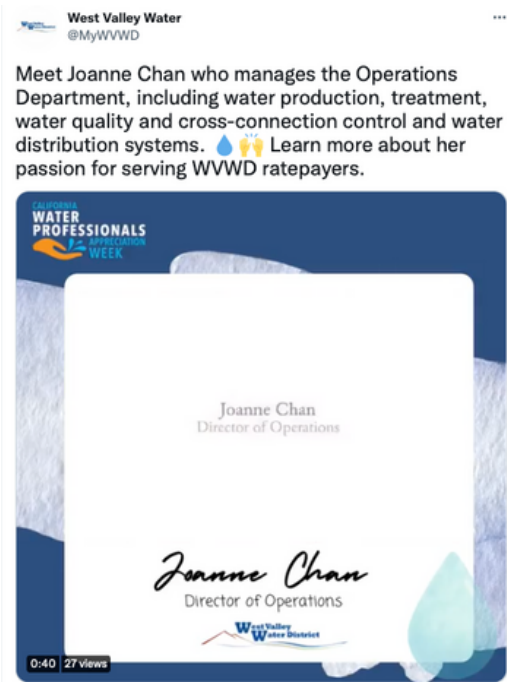


Engagement
153



No. of Posts
67 posts

Top Post



Post impressions

167 impressions

Post Engagement

4 interactions

Insights

Please note: Moving forward the social media report analytics will be based on the previous 30 days rather than the full calendar month. This is to ensure that we do not miss reporting due to the change in dates for the external affairs committee.

- This month we increased the amount of posting across all social media platforms to celebrate Water Professionals Appreciation Week and Customer Service Week.
 - The campaign was a multi-prong approach including in-person activities for customers who visited the district, media release and social media postings.
 - Hashtags utilized: WaterProfessionalsAppreciationWeek #ThankWaterPros #careersinwater #WorkForWater #CAWaterWeek
 - We also launched a soft kickoff of our "Water Savings Starts With You" campaign by raffling off at-home conservation boxes to customers.
- The increase in posts increased our post impressions, reach and engagement across all social media platforms, most notably LinkedIn.

Insights

- Analytics were also increased due to the amount of engagement we had due to these post and because of local water agencies that liked, shared or interacted with them, including CWEA, ACWA Irvine Ranch Water District and more!
- We hope to use the success of these campaigns to continue distributing our message to encourage our customers to save water.



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
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STAFF REPORT**

DATE: October 24, 2022
TO: External Affairs Committee
FROM: Van Jew, Acting General Manager
SUBJECT: OCTOBER LEGISLATIVE REPORT

BACKGROUND:

The Legislative Report provides an updated on the 2021-2022 legislative sessions, new related to water and drought conditions. As legislation develops, staff will provide updates and recommendations to the External Affairs Committee.

DISCUSSION:

A copy of the status of the 2022 Legislative Bills and relevant news monitored by staff is provided as Exhibit A.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and File.

Respectfully Submitted,

Van Jew

Van Jew, Acting General Manager

VJ/sp

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Exhibit A - October 2022 Legislative Report

MONTHLY LEGISLATIVE REPORT

OCTOBER 2022





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2022 LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

- November 8 - Election Day
- November 30 - Adjournment at midnight

DECEMBER

- December 5 - 12 p.m. convening of the 2023-24 Regular Session

FINAL STATUS OF KEY WATER BILLS FOR 2021-'22 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Bill	Author	Status	Details
<p>AB 2142 Turf Rebate Tax Exemption</p>	<p>Assembly Member Jesse Gabriel (D-Encino)</p>	<p>Signed</p>	<p>Exempts turf rebates from California taxable income for tax years 2022 through 2026. ACWA co-sponsored this bill with the California Water Efficiency Partnership and WaterNow Alliance. It passed the Legislature without having received a single “no” vote. This new law will help water agencies further incentivize for customers to replace lawns with water-wise landscaping during the drought.</p>
<p>SB 1157 Indoor Water Use Efficiency Standards</p>	<p>Senator Bob Hertzberg (D-Van Nuys)</p>	<p>Signed</p>	<p>Codifies more stringent indoor residential water standards. Standards would be lowered in stages until Jan. 1, 2030, when the final standard will be reduced to 42 gallons per capita daily. ACWA maintained an oppose-unless amended position and did secure amendments, including a requirement that the Department of Water Resources complete a new study to assess and quantify the economic benefits of the proposed 2030 standard.</p>
<p>SB 222 Low-Income Water Rate Assistance</p>	<p>Senator Bill Dodd (D-Napa)</p>	<p>Vetoed</p>	<p>Vetoed Would have created a low-income Water Rate Assistance Program for drinking water and wastewater services. ACWA supports creating a low-income rate assistance program - if designed in a reasonable, efficient and effective manner. ACWA secured numerous amendments but maintained an oppose-unless-amended position in part because the bill still proposed an inefficient and unclear enrollment process that would have wasted program funding, once identified, on program administration.</p>

FINAL STATUS OF KEY WATER BILLS FOR 2021-'22 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Bill	Author	Status	Details
SB 1205 Water Rights	Senator Ben Allen (D-Santa Monica)	Signed	Establishes a uniform methodology for calculating water available for appropriation. ACWA supported the bill after successfully obtaining amendments to specify that the regulations would not apply to current water right holders and that the development of regulations would not delay pending water right applications.
AB 2201 Groundwater Extraction Permits	Assembly Member Steve Bennett (D- Ventura)	Stopped in Assembly with no vote	Would have substantively changed how applications for certain new or expanded groundwater wells in medium- or high-priority groundwater basins were reviewed and approved. ACWA maintained an oppose-unless amended position on the bill, which would have potentially required a California Environmental Quality Act analysis for each well application and possibly created legal liability for groundwater sustainability agencies.
AB 2149 Federal Funding Requirements	Senator Isaac Bryan (D-Los Angeles)	Died in Senate Appropriations Committee	Would have established a mandate that 40% of funding received by the state under the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act be allocated to projects that provide direct benefits to disadvantaged communities. The bill proposed a mandate, even though the Biden Administration had established a goal – the federal Justice40 Initiative – in an Executive Order. ACWA advocated extensively in opposition to AB 2419, seeking amendments to make the bill a goal only that mirrors the federal Justice40 Initiative.

FINAL STATUS OF KEY WATER BILLS FOR 2021-'22 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Bill	Author	Status	Details
<p>AB 1931 Lead Service Lines</p>	<p>Assembly Member Luz Rivas (D-San Fernando Valley)</p>	<p>Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee</p>	<p>Would have set forth extensive new requirements related to lead service line replacements at the same time that the Biden Administration in strengthening recent changes to the federal Lead and Copper Rule. ACWA opposed the bill initially because the proposal was overly burdensome and could have resulted in conflicting, or at least duplicative, federal and state requirements. After significant amendments were made, ACWA moved to an oppose-unless-amended position because additional amendments were needed to achieve an appropriate scope for the program.</p>

DWR Releases Urban Water Use Efficiency Recommendations

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) recently released a set of recommendations that it claims would improve long-term water use efficiency as California adapts to a hotter, drier future driven by climate change. The recommendations were submitted Sept. 29 to the State Water Resources Control Board for approval and were a requirement under SB 606 and AB 1668 (2018), which were enacted in support of “Making Water Conservation a California Way of Life.”

The bills established a new framework for long-term improvements in drought planning and directed DWR to conduct necessary studies and investigations and make recommendations to the State Water Board on the following topics:

1. Standards for outdoor residential water use
2. Standards for outdoor irrigation of landscape areas with dedicated irrigation meters
3. Performance measures for commercial, industrial, and institutional (CII) water use
4. Appropriate variances for unique uses that affect urban retail water use
5. Guidelines and methodologies for the State Water Board to adopt

The State Water Board will evaluate DWR’s recommendations through a formal rulemaking process to adopt water use objectives for urban retail suppliers, which will include additional analysis, engagement, and opportunity for public comment. The water use objectives are expected go into effect by Jan. 1, 2024.

New Water Year Begins Amid Preparations for Continued Drought

Conserving water has become a way of life in California, especially as projections forecast warmer, drier conditions. The State's new water year has begun and with it comes fresh concerns about a fourth year of extreme drought for the state. California's water year runs from October 1 to September 30 and is the official 12-month timeframe used by water managers to compile and compare hydrologic records.

Water Year 2022 featured continued extreme drought with historically dry months and a record-shattering heatwave. Now, the focus shifts to the months ahead with state officials preparing for a fourth dry year. Over the past 12 months, California saw extreme swings between record-breaking storms and dry conditions driven by our changing climate. In October 2021, parts of Northern California experienced the highest single-day rain totals ever, followed by a dry November and then a record snowfall in parts of the Sierra in December. Conditions took a turn again with the driest January, February, and March in over 100 years.

Despite some rain recorded in parts of California in September, uncertainty remains about what the new water year may bring. Long-range forecasting suggests warmer and drier than average conditions to persist.

Water Year 2022 ended with statewide precipitation at 76 percent of average. Statewide reservoir storage is 69 percent of average for this time of year. Lake Oroville, the State Water Project's largest reservoir, sits at 64 percent of average for this time of year.

The current drought from 2020 to 2022 is now the driest three-year period on record, breaking the old record set by the previous drought from 2013 to 2015. This extended, extreme drought is having an impact on all Californians, especially the State's most vulnerable communities. California is aggressively addressing the urgent need for financial and technical support for water resilience projects across California. To date, DWR has provided over \$480 million in grant funding through its Small Community and Urban and Multi-benefit Drought Relief programs. This summer, the Legislature approved hundreds of millions in additional funding and programs to support these communities.

DWR Takes Actions to Support State's Future Water Supply Strategy

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) announced new steps that, if approved, could save enough water to supply 4.7 million Californians annually while making conservation more affordable through financial assistance and tax exemptions. The actions improve long-term water conservation and reduce wasteful outdoor water use as California adapts to a hotter, drier future driven by climate change.

The new actions will build on California's ongoing long-term efforts to make water conservation a way of life while advancing water efficiency efforts outlined in California's Water Supply Strategy: Adapting to a Hotter, Drier Future. The plan, released by Governor Newsom this summer, sets a target of securing 500,000 acre-feet of additional water per year through increased efficiency and conservation. DWR will be implementing and supporting actions that include:

Outdoor Water Use Recommendations

- To help prepare for a hotter and drier future, DWR has submitted outdoor water use efficiency recommendations to the State Water Resources Control Board. With outdoor water use accounting for 50 percent of urban resident water use on average, the recommendations outline standards that would provide urban retail water suppliers with a framework to support more efficient outdoor residential water use. The framework will also include standards for the irrigation of large commercial, industrial, and institutional (CII) landscapes in their service areas.
- DWR's outdoor water use recommendations combined with indoor residential water use recommendations submitted in November 2021 would result in expected long-term water savings of 450,000 acre-feet per year starting in 2030 - enough water to supply about 1.6 million homes or about 4.7 million residents for both indoor and outdoor annual needs. The recommendations would also result in near-term savings of 100,000 acre-feet a year starting in 2023. DWR's recommendations will be evaluated by the State Water Resources Control Board through a formal rulemaking process, which will include additional analysis, engagement, and opportunity for public comment.

Indoor Water Use Legislation Signed

- California also recently took additional steps to increase indoor water use savings with Governor Newsom's signing of Senate Bill 1157 (Hertzberg), which adopts recommendations made by DWR and the State Water Board last year to reduce indoor water use targets to 47 gallons per day by 2025 and 42 gallons by 2030. By adjusting indoor water use standards to reflect the joint recommendation of DWR and the State Water Board, the legislation will help increase water conservation and water use efficiency, ensuring a more water-resilient future for California.

Financial Assistance for Turf Transition and Conservation

- DWR has developed a set of funding programs that will help build resiliency in all communities including underrepresented communities and Tribes. The funding programs include financial assistance for projects that strengthen resilience in urban communities, turf transition for residential and commercial landscapes and water conservation programs for urban water suppliers. DWR's programs will help to clear some of the hurdles that underserved communities face with direct install programs and support for local water agencies, while also helping build resiliency with equity in mind. DWR plans to release these grant programs in October. These new programs will build on the momentum created by the millions of dollars in grant funding that has been distributed by DWR in 2022.

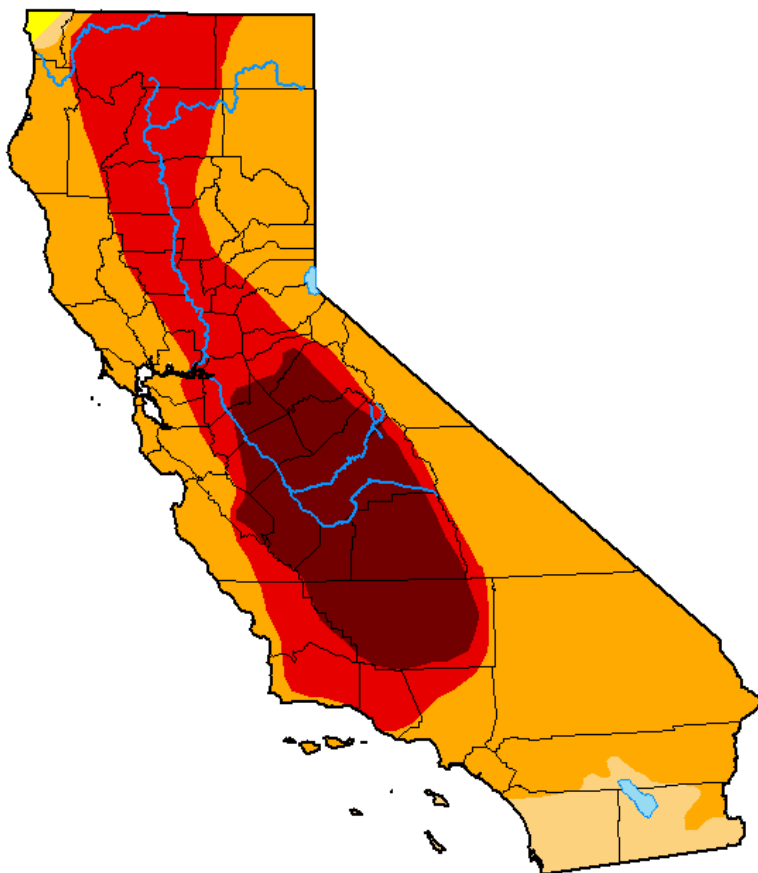
Turf Tax Exemption

- For those making smart water decisions to replace their lawns now and in the future, Governor Newsom signed Assembly Bill 2142 (Gabriel), which will exempt from state income tax calculations any grant, rebate or additional financial assistance awarded from a state or local agency for turf transition. The law will provide the exemption through tax year 2027.

STATE DROUGHT CONDITIONS

U.S. Drought Monitor California

October 11, 2022
(Released Thursday, Oct. 13, 2022)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	0.00	100.00	99.77	93.99	40.91	16.57
Last Week <i>10-04-2022</i>	0.00	100.00	99.77	94.02	40.91	16.57
3 Months Ago <i>07-12-2022</i>	0.00	100.00	99.80	97.48	59.81	12.74
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-04-2022</i>	0.00	100.00	99.30	67.62	16.60	0.84
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2022</i>	0.00	100.00	99.76	94.01	40.91	16.57
One Year Ago <i>10-12-2021</i>	0.00	100.00	100.00	93.93	87.18	45.66

Intensity:

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
STAFF REPORT**

DATE: October 24, 2022
TO: External Affairs Committee
FROM: Van Jew, Acting General Manager
SUBJECT: LEGISLATIVE PRINCIPLES 2022

BACKGROUND:

West Valley Water District (WVWD) is committed to working with stakeholders and representatives in Sacramento and Washington, D.C. to effectively communicate legislative priorities and support our mission to provide ratepayers with safe, high quality and reliable water service at a reasonable rate. The policy's purpose is to guide District officials and staff in considering legislative or regulatory proposals that are likely to impact the District.

The purpose of identifying Legislative principles is to provide clear direction to District staff regarding monitoring and acting upon bills during state and federal legislative sessions. Adherence to the Legislative Principles will ensure that legislative request and responses will be administered consistently with “one voice”.

DISCUSSION:

To be effective and engaged these guiding principles will allow staff in coordination with our State and Federal Lobbyist to in a timely and effectively manner respond to legislative alerts from ACWA, CSDA and other advocacy groups to be a voice in the water industry. The overall strategy for the 2023 legislative session is to ensure and enhance WVWD’s operations and efficiency through the support or opposition of relevant legislation or policy initiatives.

When considering legislative or regulatory proposals, the District may support or oppose based on the adopted policy principles. In cases where a legislative proposal, policy, or regulatory action is not a priority for the District but may affect the water industry, the District may choose to choose to take a “watch” position. There are also situations when the District may choose to take a position on a bill only if amendments are made.

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the External Affairs Committee and the Board of Directors, if needed, for further action.

Attached as **Exhibit A** are the proposed Legislative Principles.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Forward a recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve the Legislative Principles.

Respectfully Submitted,

Van Jew

Van Jew, Acting General Manager

VJ/sp

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Exhibit A - Legislative Principles 2022 (External Affairs Committee)

West Valley Water District

Legislative Principles

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Participate in meetings with legislators, agency representatives and other stakeholders.
- Testify on behalf of WVWD, as needed.
- Review and advise on adopting a legislative platform for the incoming legislative year.
- Refrain from taking policy positions on behalf of WVWD, unless adopted by the full Board. Directors can take positions as private citizens of the community.

GENERAL MANAGER AND GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS STAFF

- Maintain a list of proposed legislation that may affect WVWD and ratepayers. Monitor bills and work with associations such as, but not limited to: Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA), California Special Districts Association (CSDA), American Water Works Association (AWWA), and other organizations.
- Submit letters and give direction to lobbyist to help advocate for or against issues.
- Make further recommendations and or seek further direction from the external affairs committee, if a bill does not fall under the scope of the legislative principles or is a politically controversial issue.
- Participate in meetings with lobbyist and other stakeholders.
- Establish relationships with stakeholders, legislators, staff and others on behalf of WVWD's advocacy efforts.

LOBBYIST

- Provide regular reports to staff and members of the external affairs committee on appropriate bills.
- Advise staff on state and federal legislation, relevant budget impacts, funding opportunities, and issues that directly or indirectly impact WVWD in a timely manner.
- As necessary, attend hearings and provide testimony on behalf of WVWD, as directed by staff.
- Maintain relationships with legislators, stakeholders and staff on behalf of WVWD.
- Maintain regular meetings with WVWD.

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WORKFORCE



- SUPPORT LEGISLATION THAT CREATES WORKFORCE AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES IN THE WATER INDUSTRY.
- SUPPORT LEGISLATION THAT ADDRESSES ECONOMIC EQUITY ACROSS THE WATER/WASTEWATER INDUSTRY AND ENCOURAGES MORE PROTECTED CLASS INCLUSION.
- SUPPORT REGIONAL EFFORTS/PROGRAMS THAT STRENGTHEN THE WATER INDUSTRY AND ITS WORKFORCE.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT



- SUPPORT LEGISLATION THAT IS BENEFICIAL TO SPECIAL DISTRICTS.
- SUPPORT LOCAL GOVERNANCE AND TRANSPARENCY.
- SUPPORT LEGISLATION THAT EXPANDS OPTION FOR LOCAL SUPPLY DEVELOPMENT.
- OPPOSE A "PUBLIC GOODS CHARGE" OR "WATER TAX" ON PUBLIC WATER AGENCIES OR THEIR RATEPAYERS.
- OPPOSE MEASURES THAT MAY IMPEDE THE DISTRICT'S ABILITY TO MAINTAIN DAY-TO-DAY OPERATIONS.

WATER SUPPLY RELIABILITY



- SUPPORT MEASURES TO EXPAND SURFACE AND GROUNDWATER SUPPLY.
- SUPPORT LEGISLATION THAT SUPPORTS WATER RELIABILITY FOR THE REGION AND TO THE WATER SUPPLIES OF WEST VALLEY WATER DISTRICT.
- SUPPORT FUNDING, RESOURCES AND PROJECTS THAT PROMOTE SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCY.
- SUPPORT INVESTMENT IN LOCAL WATER SUPPLIES TO REDUCE RELIANCE ON THE DELTA.

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WATER QUALITY



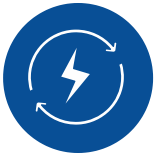
- SUPPORT MEASURES THAT PROMOTE INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGIES.
- SUPPORT MEASURES THAT PROMOTE ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP.
- SUPPORT SOUND SCIENCE & TRANSPARENT REGULATORY PROCESSES IN ESTABLISHING DRINKING WATER STANDARDS.

FINANCE



- PROTECT LOCAL REVENUE SOURCES AND RESERVE FUNDS.
- MAINTAIN LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONTROL OVER THE RATE-SETTING PROCESS.
- SUPPORT FUNDING FOR COST-EFFECTIVE WATER USE EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION MEASURES.

WATER ENERGY NEXUS



- SUPPORT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR INVESTMENT IN BACKUP ENERGY STORAGE AND OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS TO PREPARE PUBLIC AGENCIES TO ADDRESS PUBLIC SAFETY POWER SHUTOFF EVENTS.
- SUPPORT PREPARATION FOR BROADER DEPLOYMENT OF ZERO-EMISSION FLEET VEHICLES AND SUPPORT EFFORTS TO MANAGE ENERGY USE.
- SUPPORT EXPANDED DEFINITIONS OF RENEWABLE RESOURCES.

ACCESS TO SAFE AFFORDABLE DRINKING WATER



- SUPPORT SENSIBLE, LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS TO ASSIST DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES WITH INCREASED ACCESS TO SAFE, AFFORDABLE DRINKING WATER.
- OPPOSE MEASURES THAT IMPOSE FEES ON DRINKING WATER THAT WOULD INCREASE COST.

WATER USE - EFFICIENCY



- SUPPORT LEGISLATION THAT ENCOURAGES ATTAINABLE WATER EFFICIENCY STANDARDS & BEST PRACTICES.
- SUPPORT FUNDING FOR COST-EFFECTIVE WATER USE EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION MEASURES.

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