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“To deliver value to our customers and the communities we serve by providing safe, reliable, economical and environmentally sustainable water, wastewater and recycled water services.”

Vision of Eastern Municipal Water District

“To provide essential services to our community at a level that exceeds the performance of any other public or private entity.”

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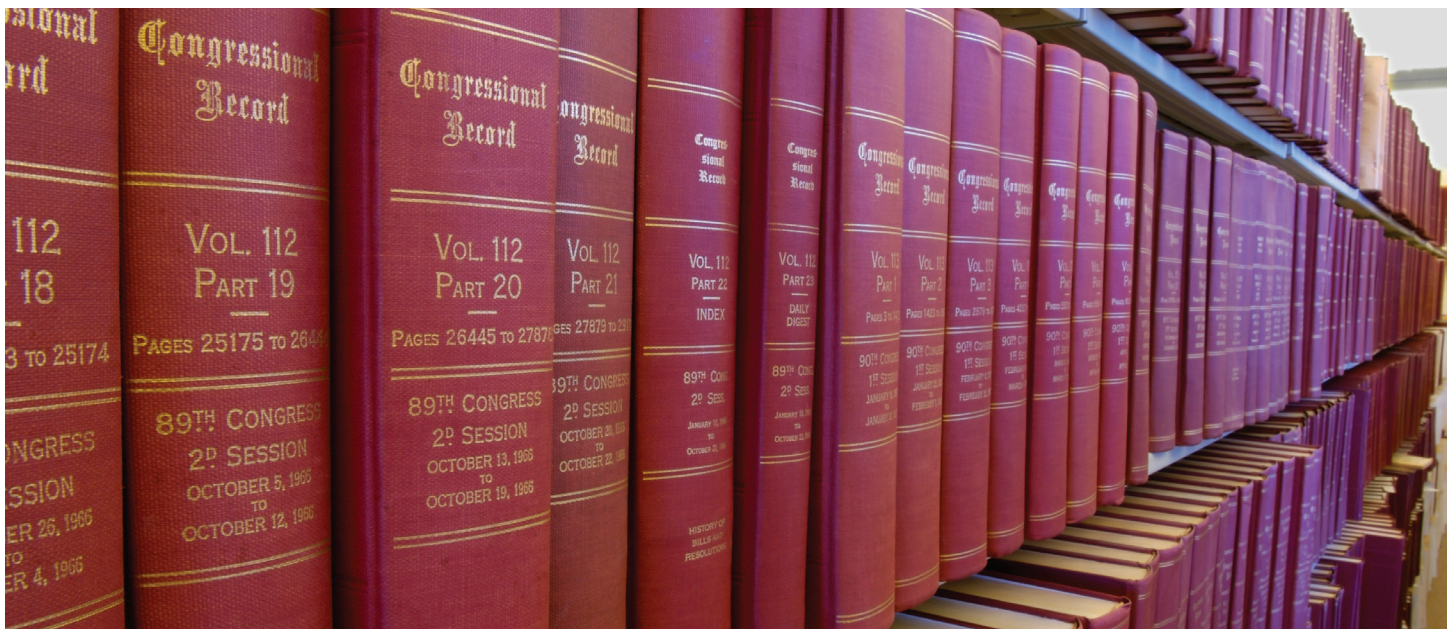
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FEDERAL PROGRAM





Federal Overview

Highlights from the First Year of the 114th Congress

Eastern Municipal Water District conducts an aggressive and proactive Federal Affairs Program. In 2015, the Association of California Water Agencies recognized EMWD for having the premier Federal Affairs program in California.

In addition to EMWD's individual engagement on federal issues, we collaborate and leverage partnerships with several other associations and entities to make a difference in the federal arena. This year alone EMWD engaged on dozens of federal issues in partnership with the National Water Resources Association, the Western Coalition of Arid States, the Western Urban Water Coalition, the Interstate Water Supply Alliance, the Association of California Water Agencies, the WaterReuse Association, and the California Association of Sanitation Agencies.

Current Status of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 Appropriations Bills and the Two-Year Budget Deal

Similar to previous years, Congress was once again unable to complete its work on the FY 2016 appropriations bills before the end of the fiscal year, which was September 30, 2015. As a result, Congress passed a Continuing Resolution to keep the federal government funded at its current levels through December 11, 2015.

In October 2015, Congress passed a two-year budget agreement. The budget deal will lift the spending caps for FY 2016 (\$50 billion) and FY 2017 (\$30 billion) and extend the debt limit until March 2017. The bill also makes changes to Medicare that account for some of the savings used to offset the high spending caps. This deal should allow for Congress to pass an omnibus spending bill before the current Continuing Resolution expires. Additionally, it should make for a smoother, "more regular" FY 2017 appropriations process.

Since the passage of the budget deal, Congress has been working quickly on a FY 2016 omnibus appropriations package. The intent of Congressional leadership is to include all of the appropriations bills in the omnibus package. While most of the decisions have been made regarding program funding levels, the issue of policy riders is still being resolved. There are several controversial policy riders, such as a ban on the waters of the U.S. (WOTUS) rule, that are being discussed for possible inclusion in the bill. It is unclear at this time which riders will make the final cut.

The FY 2015 and FY 2016 Budgets: Army Corps Work Plan Funding (Perris II Desalter)

Each year Congress approves the Energy and Water Development Appropriations bill that provides funding for projects and programs for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps). Congress drafts the bill based on the President's annual budget request and provides additional funds for projects and program accounts that Congress considers under-funded in the annual budget request. Shortly after the Energy and Water bill is enacted, the Corps prepares a work plan that reflects the spending priorities of the final bill.

The final work plan funds for Section 219 environmental infrastructure projects in FY 2016 are \$55 million and the FY 2015 work plan provided \$50 million, of which the Perris II Desalter was appropriated \$3.6 million. This was a significant increase over last year's level of \$2.5 million and was the largest single project appropriation provided for environmental infrastructure in the nation.



FY 2016 marks the first year that the House of Representatives has included funding for Section 219 projects, providing \$10 million, while the Senate bill proposes increasing the allocation to \$60 million. Both bills emphasize that projects serving small communities and low-income areas should be given priority. The final appropriation will be determined in December when the Energy and Water bill is expected to be part of an Omnibus Appropriations bill for FY 2016.

EMWD has encouraged Congress each year to specify funding for environmental infrastructure projects in the Corps' annual work plan. Without Congressional support and action, these projects would not be funded. EMWD will continue to work with the District, Division, and Headquarters offices of the Corps to secure and administer funds for the Perris II Desalter.

Water Resources Reform and Development Act Implementation

The Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRRDA), which is the measure that sets policy and authorizes studies and projects within the Corps key mission areas, was passed by Congress and enacted into law in June 2014. Two provisions of WRRDA were implemented in 2015, potentially affecting EMWD:

A. Project Deauthorization: Included in that legislation was a requirement that the Corps identify \$18 billion of previously authorized, yet dormant, projects for deauthorization. The Corps published an interim list of projects for which no federal or other funds have been obligated during the current or previous six fiscal years. The interim list is open for public comment until January 4, 2016, after which a final list will be sent to Congress. If Congress takes no action within 180 days to disapprove the entire list of projects, the projects will be permanently deauthorized.

The interim list of deauthorized projects includes an unused authorization for environmental infrastructure improvements in EMWD. This is a separate authorization from the Perris II Desalter, which would not be affected. The authorization is for any type of water infrastructure, but federal funding could only be used for study, design, and technical assistance. Federal funding is not specified but estimated at \$1,543,324. In order to remove this authority from the list of projects to be deauthorized, EMWD must demonstrate that it coordinated with the Corps to expend funds for a project utilizing this WRRDA 2000 authority.

B. Report to Congress on Future Water Resources Development: Each year the Corps provides a report to Congress that lists potential projects submitted by non-federal sponsors. Congress will draw from that list to authorize projects in future Water Resources Development Acts. EMWD submitted a request last year for additional authority to construct environmental infrastructure projects. However in its report to Congress, the Corps advised Congress that environmental infrastructure projects are not eligible for authorization because they are outside the scope of the Corps' primary missions of flood control and navigation. EMWD's request, along with all other environmental infrastructure funding requests, were included in the appendix of the report to Congress as ineligible projects. (Previous authorizations for environmental infrastructure projects, including Perris II Desalter, were secured by Congressional earmark, which are no longer allowed under House and Senate rules). This year Representative Mimi Walters (R-CA) and a bipartisan group of 32 cosponsors introduced legislation to define environmental infrastructure and water supply projects as eligible Corps activities. EMWD has expressed its support for this legislation, but no further action has been scheduled on this legislation.

Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians Water Rights Settlement Act



After significant discussion among the affected water agencies and the Pechanga Band, legislation was introduced in late summer 2015 by Senator Barbara Boxer to enact the Pechanga water settlement agreements. S. 1983 is cosponsored by Senator Feinstein and is pending in the Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs. No further action has yet been scheduled. Unlike last year, currently legislation is not expected to be introduced in the House.

EMWD worked closely with Metropolitan Water District and Rancho California Water District to ensure that water delivered under the agreement would be used exclusively on the reservation. Careful attention was also given to the statutory language that memorializes the water agreements, after EMWD successfully sought to be removed as a party to the settlement agreements.



Clean Water Act Rule, Waters of the U.S.

The authority and jurisdiction of the Clean Water Act, which was signed into law in 1972, has been narrowed in recent years by two major Supreme Court decisions. Since the latest decision in 2006, both regulators and the regulated community alike have expressed frustrations about the ambiguous nature of the regulations governing smaller water bodies, such as ephemeral streams and isolated wetlands. In an attempt to clarify and update the regulations in the wake of the Court's decisions, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in partnership with the Corps, released a proposed rule in April 2015 that would redefine the term "waters of the United States," the key definition to federal regulation of the nation's

waters. The final rule, now known as the Clean Water Act rule, was issued the end of June and took effect August 28, 2015. Multiple law suits have been filed in federal district and circuit courts, and 34 states have joined as plaintiff. California is not a plaintiff in any of these law suits. The 6th Circuit issued a stay of the rule nationwide and has scheduled oral arguments in December 2015.

The final rule only moderately addresses concerns raised by EMWD and other water and public agency interests across the country. Waste treatment systems designed to meet the requirements of the Clean Water Act are exempt from the rule. Water reuse and recycling facilities are exempt from the rule if those facilities were constructed in dry land. However, the rule does not provide a definition of dry land, imposing a significant burden of proof on facility operators to prove an undefined fact. EMWD has a number of recycled water storage facilities that are adjacent to WOTUS, and are only separated by a levee. Without the levee, the river could meander across recycled ponds in high flow events. The EPA and Corps have not adequately addressed how levees play into the definition of dry land. When EMWD requested clarification from EPA, they indicated that old photos, especially areal ones would be definitive proof the project was constructed on dry land. EPA also explained dry land in their Q&A document as, “Dry land is those areas that are not water features, such as streams, wetlands, lakes, ponds, and the like. It is important to note that a “water of the United States” is not considered dry land just because it lacks water at a given time. An area remains dry land even if it is wet after a rainfall event so long as it is not a stream, lake, pond, or wetland and the like. So features such as puddles, wet spots and gullies are still considered dry land.” This explanation provided no clarification for EMWD’s situation.



Unlike water recycling and reuse, water delivery systems are expressly defined as WOTUS, potentially imposing new significant and costly operating requirements on these facilities. The rule also expands the jurisdictional reach of the Clean Water Act to include more ditches, streams, and areas as far as 4,000 feet from a tributary, presenting new permitting requirements and potentially restricting the placement of new infrastructure.

Throughout the year, EMWD and Van Scoyoc Associates (VSA) worked closely to outline the major concerns with the Clean Water rule. Moreover, over the past four years, EMWD has met on numerous occasions with officials at the Corps, EPA, Office of Management and Budget, Council on Environmental Quality, and relevant offices on Capitol Hill to outline specific concerns regarding WOTUS and its impacts on EMWD facilities and operations. In addition, VSA has been working and coordinating with ACWA and national organizations such as the U.S. Conference of Mayors, the National League of Cities, the National Association of Counties, and the Waters Advocacy Coalition to protect current exemptions for municipal wastewater systems and to educate the EPA and the Corps of the unique geologic and hydrologic features of western states, particularly California. Staff also participated in WOTUS workgroups with ACWA, CASA, WestCAS, NWRA and WUWC, and presented on this topic at several industry conferences.

VSA on behalf of EMWD has also aggressively lobbied Congress on the proposed WOTUS rule, as well as monitored legislative attempts by both the House and Senate to stop the implementation of the proposed rule. As has been done in the last three years, the House and now the Senate have included policy language in the Interior and Environment Appropriations bill and the Energy and Water Appropriations bill that would prohibit

the EPA and the Corps from using federal funds to implement the proposed WOTUS rule. Additionally, earlier this year the House passed a prohibition of the rule. The Senate Environment and Public Works Committee approved a similar bill, which received a majority of votes on the Senate floor but not enough to overcome the threat of a filibuster. Instead, the Senate passed a resolution disapproving the rule, which if passed by the House will certainly be vetoed by the President.



Drought Legislation

Similar to last year, the House has passed legislation in response to the drought that differs significantly from the proposed response in the Senate. Unlike last year, Senators Feinstein and Boxer have joined to introduce S. 1894, the “California Emergency Drought Relief Act”, that encourages federal agencies to exercise greater flexibility to increase water supply and calls for new programs for water reuse and storage. The House bill, H.R. 2898, overturns biological opinions to allow for greater water delivery while also allowing for new water infrastructure to minimize the impact of future droughts. The House bill passed earlier this year with minimal Democrat support. The Senate bill will likely be considered in the context of a more comprehensive west-wide drought relief bill to be introduced later this year.

EMWD is a lead member of a coalition of other California and reclamation state interests, as well as the WaterReuse Association, to ensure that provisions to encourage water reuse are effective and viable through revitalizing the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation’s (Bureau) Title XVI. S. 1894 includes numerous provisions to encourage the development of water infrastructure, including a loan guarantee program for the Bureau, an expanded WaterSmart based on Title XVI that could be used for all types of water infrastructure, and a revised Title XVI program that would establish a competitive grant program and eliminate the need for Congress to authorize each Title XVI project. The aforementioned coalition is actively advocating for the revised Title XVI program and is working with Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee Chairman Lisa Murkowski (D-AK), who will author the west-wide drought bill.

Floodplain Management

In January 2015, the President issued Executive Order 13690 and a Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) that require each federal agency to avoid taking actions that facilitate development in the floodplain. Alarming, the Order and FFRMS allow each federal agency to determine where the floodplain lies, utilizing more aggressive criteria than current practice whereby the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) maps the 100-year floodplain. State and local governments rely upon the FEMA maps to identify the floodplain and apply appropriate building ordinances and permitting practices. While the Order and the FFRMS take effect immediately, FEMA issued proposed implementation guidelines that were open for public comment.

Recognizing the adverse impacts and confusion that could result for multiple interpretations of floodplains and federal agency actions subject to this Executive action, EMWD submitted public comments urging clarification and restraint in the final implementing guidelines. Those final guidelines were released in October 2015, and the scope of the Order and FFRMS were significantly reduced. Rather than affecting every federal permit, license, grant, loan, or loan guarantee, the final guidance makes clear that the FFRMS applies only to federal expenditures for new construction or substantial improvement to existing structures. Depending on the way that each federal agency implements the guidelines, EMWD could see changes in the use of construction funds for the Perris II Desalter, projects funded by State Revolving Funds, and other projects financed with federal funds.

California WaterFix

EMWD's Washington, D.C. advocacy efforts continue to include educating the District's Congressional delegation on the benefits of the California WaterFix, formerly known as the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP). In May, Governor Jerry Brown announced that the plan would pivot from a 2013 version by shifting the restoration of about 100,000 acres of habitat for aquatic species, part of the state's commitment to "co-equal goals" of water supply reliability and environmental protection, to a new program called Cal EcoRestore. The new proposal reduces habitat restoration to just 2,100 acres, with another 30,000 acres done as part of pre-existing commitments. The proposal's shift is an attempt to take a different approach to the stringent environmental permitting processes at the state and federal levels.



The revised plan includes more details on how water quality could be affected by construction and operation of the two tunnels. It finds that, in many cases, the proposal would meet existing environmental standards. It also includes details on how the pumps will be operated during different times of the year to protect endangered species. The price tag would drop from an estimated \$25 billion to \$15 billion as a result of downsizing the habitat restoration, but the water contractors that would receive the bulk of the water would still be obligated to pay their share of the construction costs.

The state is moving the proposal through an administrative approval process. A public comment period on the new water delivery system closed in late October 2015. The plan remains controversial and groups opposed to the water tunnel project are set to put a counterproposal on California's ballot next year after collecting nearly 1 million signatures. The proposed ballot measure would require a public vote on any major revenue bonds over \$2 billion for public works projects.

FY 2016 U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Programs

Over the years, EMWD has successfully accessed federal funding through certain U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Bureau) grant programs. Of specific interest to EWWD are the Bureau's WaterSMART and Desalination Research and Development grant programs. While the final FY 2016 funding levels for these programs are still pending, outlined below are the FY 2016 Administration; FY 2016 House; and FY 2016 Senate proposed funding levels:

WaterSMART Grant Program:

- FY 2016 Admin Request- \$23.365 million
- FY 2016 House- \$20 million
- FY 2016 Senate- \$23.365 million

WaterSMART Drought Response and Comprehensive Drought Planning

- FY 2016 Admin Request- \$2.5 million
- FY 2016 House- \$2.5 million
- FY 2016 Senate- \$2.5 million

Bureau Research & Development Desalination and Water Purification Program:

- FY 2016 Admin - \$3.455 million (\$2.305 million for Resources Mgmt & \$1.150 million for Facilities OM&R)
- FY 2016 House- \$3.455 million (\$2.305 million for Resources Mgmt & \$1.150 million for Facilities OM&R)
- FY 2016 Senate- \$3.455 million (\$2.305 million for Resources Mgmt & \$1.150 million for Facilities OM&R)

Bureau Research & Development Science and Technology Program

- FY 2016 Admin Request- \$16.565 million
- FY 2016 House- \$16.565 million
- FY 2016 Senate- \$16.565 million

The FY 2016 Senate Energy and Water Appropriations measure also included \$50 million in funding for a new Drought Emergency Assistance Program under the Bureau. The Senate Energy and Water Appropriations bill indicated that funding provided under this program may be allocated to any authorized purposes, but shall be allocated to those activities that will have the most direct, most immediate, and largest impact on extending limited water supplies during current drought conditions. The Bureau is encouraged to use all available authorities to provide for additional water supplies through conservation, minor changes to the operations of existing projects, drilling emergency wells, or other means authorized under current law. This additional funding may be used alone or in combination with any other funding provided in a program, project, or activity. If funding for the Senate proposed Drought Emergency Assistance Program is included in the final FY 2016 Energy and Water Appropriations bill, the 2016 solicitation for this Bureau grant program will be of particular interest to EMWD.

U.S. Forest Service Groundwater Management Directive



In May 2014, the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) unveiled a proposed directive to gauge how the agency's land management decisions affect groundwater, and if potential "harm" was discovered by the USFS, the agency would work with forest users to mitigate those impacts. Of particular concern to EMWD, was a provision in the proposed directive that would require Forest Service officials to evaluate water right applications "on adjacent lands that could adversely affect national forestland groundwater resources." Such authority was deemed by water agencies and Western states to be outside the boundaries of the agency's authority. During the proposed directive's open comment period last year, EMWD submitted written comments outlining the District's concerns. EMWD also met with USFS in Washington, D.C., along with NWRA staff, to express concerns about the rule.

As a result of significant push back from stakeholder groups and Western Republicans in Congress, the Chief of the Forest Service, Tom Tidwell, announced in February 2015 that the groundwater management directive had been placed on hold pending further discussions with Western stakeholders. Chairman of the House Natural Resources Committee Representative Rob Bishop (R-UT) and other leading Republicans called on Tidwell to permanently withdraw it. Just two months later, Chief Tidwell withdrew the groundwater management proposal

in a Federal Register notice. In the notice, the USFS held firm in its position that the proposed directive did not infringe on state authority, impose requirements on private landowners or change the long-standing relationship between the Forest Service, states, and tribes on water.

Clean Water Citizen Suit Act

In late July 2015, Representative Duncan Hunter (R-CA) introduced H.R. 3353, a bill to discourage citizen suits filed under the Clean Water Act. EMWD and California Association of Sewerage Agencies (CASA) have announced their support of this measure which will limit compensation paid for attorney and expert witness fees as well as allow the court to require that a bond be posted if the plaintiff seeks a temporary restraining order or preliminary injunction. The bill would also limit liability for unlawful pollution discharges if they result from acts of nature, war, and despite good faith efforts by a third party. No hearings or further action has yet been scheduled on H.R. 3353. The bill is referred to the House Transportation and Infrastructure's Subcommittee on Water Resources and the Environment, where Representative Hunter is a member. Prior to the bill's introduction, representatives from EMWD met with Representative Hunter's office to discuss the District's experience with the type of frivolous lawsuits that the bill aims to curb.



Lacey Act Water Transfer Protections

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) is considering listing the quagga mussel as an invasive species. Since the Lacey Act prohibits the interstate transport of invasive species, EMWD is concerned that the listing of the quagga mussel could negatively impact Colorado River water conveyance into California as quagga mussels are present in Lake Mead and the Colorado River. There is precedent for this concern as USFWS has used the Lacey Act to limit water transfers between Oklahoma and Texas, which involve the invasive zebra mussel.



In late September, EMWD sent a letter to Congressman Ken Calvert (R-CA) expressing concerns regarding USFWS interpretation and enforcement of the Lacey Act, and the potential adverse consequences for water conveyance across state boundaries. Given this potential problem, EMWD supports federal legislation to include water supply protections in the Lacey Act, as well as federal funding for the purpose of eradicating the quagga mussel in the U.S. EMWD has joined other water agencies in an alliance, the Interstate Water Supply Alliance, whose objective is to address this issue. VSA is also working directly with EMWD at the federal level to ensure that the District's water received from the Colorado River is not impeded.

Turf Program Rebates

It is unclear whether water agencies that issue rebates for turf removal are required to issue the customer a 1099 form reporting to IRS the value of the rebate and if the rebate is considered taxable income for the rebate recipient. A 1099 form is not required for a rebate under \$600. Congress approved a reporting exemption for energy rebates in 1992, and the prospect of securing a similar exemption for water-related rebates is being discussed with Senator Feinstein and the Senate Finance Committee. EWMD continues to actively support exempting water rebates over \$600 from being classified as taxable income.



House Legislation

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HR 54 **Chemical Facilities Security Enhancement**
 Jackson Lee (D) Enhances the security of chemical facilities.
EMWD's Position: Watch **Priority: C**

State: TX

HR 211 **National Environmental Policy Act Authorizations**
 Calvert (R) Amends the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 to authorize assignment to States of Federal agency environmental review responsibilities, and for other purposes.
EMWD's Position: Support **Priority: B**

State: CA

HR 212 **Drinking Water Protection Act**
 Latta (R) Creates the Drinking Water Protection Act, amends the Safe Drinking Water Act to provide for the assessment and management of the risk of cyanotoxins in drinking water, requires the development and submission to Congress of a strategic plan for dealing with algal toxins in drinking water provided by public water systems by evaluating the risk to human health, to establish, publish, and update a list of algal toxins determined to have an adverse effect on human health.
EMWD's Position: Watch **Priority: C**

State: OH

HR 291 **WaterSense Program**
 Napolitano (D) Establishes a WaterSense program.
EMWD's Position: Watch **Priority: C**

State: CA

HR 348 **Invigorating Development Act**
 Marino (R) Creates the Responsibility and Professionally Invigorating Development Act of 2015, provides for improved coordination of agency actions in the preparation and adoption of environmental documents to help provide for more efficient decision making for permitting determinations.
EMWD's Position: Watch **Priority: C**

State: PA

HR 499 **Water and Sewage Facility Bonds**
 Duncan Jo (R) Amends the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that the volume cap for private activity bonds shall not apply to bonds for facilities for furnishing of water and sewage facilities.
EMWD's Position: Watch **Priority: C**

State: TN

HR 578	Right to Bear Arms at Army Water Resources Projects
Gibbs B (R)	Protects the right of individuals to bear arms at water resources development projects administered by the Secretary of the Army.
<i>State: OH</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
HR 585	Endangered Species Settlement Approval Procedure
Flores (R)	Amends the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to establish a procedure for approval of certain settlements.
<i>State: TX</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
HR 594	United States Waters
Gosar (R)	Preserves existing rights and responsibilities with respect to waters of the United States.
<i>State: AZ</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
HR 690	Plain Language Summaries of Proposed Rules
Luetkemeyer (R)	Requires each agency, in providing notice of a rule making, to include a link to a 100 word plain language summary of the proposed rule.
<i>State: MO</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
HR 712	Limitation on Regulatory Actions
Collins D (R)	Imposes certain limitations on consent decrees and settlement agreements by agencies that require the agencies to take regulatory action in accordance with the terms thereof.
<i>State: GA</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
HR 796	Sacramento County Water Recycling Project
Matsui D (D)	Amends the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the design, planning, and construction of the South Sacramento County Agriculture and Habitat Lands Water Recycling Project in Sacramento County, California.
<i>State: CA</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
HR 813	Secretary of the Army Review of Reservoirs
Huffman (D)	Supplements the Secretary of the Army's existing authorities to review the operations of reservoirs.
<i>State: CA</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C

HR 1060 LaMalfa (R) <i>State: CA</i>	Sacramento Valley Water Infrastructure Directs the Secretary of the Interior to take actions to support non-Federal investments in water infrastructure improvements in the Sacramento Valley. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
HR 1093 Chabot (R) <i>State: OH</i>	EPA Municipal Wastewater Program Directs the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to carry out a pilot program to work with municipalities that are seeking to develop and implement integrated plans to meet their wastewater and stormwater obligations under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
HR 1107 Gosar (R) <i>State: AZ</i>	Bureau of Reclamation Infrastructure Assets Report Requires the Secretary of the Interior to submit to Congress a report on the efforts of the Bureau of Reclamation to manage its infrastructure assets. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
HR 1155 Smith J (R) <i>State: MO</i>	Rules Review Process Provides for the establishment of a process for the review of rules and sets of rules. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
HR 1278 Capps (D) <i>State: CA</i>	Water System Adaptability Grants Authorizes the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a program of awarding grants to owners or operators of water systems to increase resiliency or adaptability of the systems to any ongoing or forecasted changes to the hydrologic conditions of a region of the United States. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
HR 1321 Pallone (D) <i>State: NJ</i>	Microbead-Free Waters Act Creates the Microbead-Free Waters Act of 2015; amends the federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to prohibit the manufacture and introduction or delivery for introduction into interstate commerce of rinse-off cosmetics containing intentionally-added plastic microbeads.. EMWD's Position: Support Priority: A
HR 1623 Graves S (R) <i>State: MO</i>	Federal Water Pollution Control Permit Length Amends the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to increase the length of time for a certain permit. EMWD's Position: Support Priority: A

HR 1667	Endangered Species Determination Publication
Lummis (R)	Amends the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require publication of the basis for determinations that species are endangered species or threatened species.
<i>State: WY</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
HR 1709	Drought Risks to Drinking Water
McNerney (D)	Amends the Safe Drinking Water Act to provide for the assessment and management of the risks of drought to drinking water.
<i>State: CA</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
HR 1710	Water Infrastructure Financing in Droughts
McNerney (D)	Amends the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014 to provide additional financing options for water infrastructure projects carried out in States in which the Governor of the State has issued a state of drought emergency declaration.
<i>State: CA</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
HR 1732	Regulatory Integrity Protection Act of 2015
Shuster (R)	Provides for the Regulatory Integrity Protection Act of 2015.
<i>State: PA</i>	EMWD's Position: Support Priority: B
HR 1775	Innovative Stormwater Control Infrastructure
Edwards (D)	Establishes centers of excellence for innovative stormwater control infrastructure.
<i>State: MD</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
HR 2209	Treatment of Municipal Obligations by Banking Agencies
Messer (R)	Requires the appropriate Federal banking agencies to treat certain municipal obligations as specified liquid assets.
<i>State: IN</i>	EMWD's Position: Support Priority: A
HR 2485	Infrastructure Accelerator Program
Torres (D)	Establishes in the Department of the Treasury an infrastructure accelerator program to facilitate investments in and financing of certain infrastructure projects.
<i>State: CA</i>	EMWD's Position: Support Priority: B

HR 2647 Westerman (R) <i>State: AR</i>	Resilient Federal Forests Act of 2015 Expedites and improves forest management activities on National Forest System lands, on public lands under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management, and on tribal lands to return resilience to overgrown, fire-prone forested lands, and for other purposes. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
HR 2705 Thornberry (R) <i>State: TX</i>	Federal Regulatory Certainty for Water Act Provides for the Federal Regulatory Certainty for Water Act. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
HR 2853 Harper (R) <i>State: MS</i>	Technical Assistance to Small Public Water Systems Amends the Safe Drinking Water Act to reauthorize technical assistance to small public water systems. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
HR 2983 Huffman (D) <i>State: CA</i>	Drought Assistance and Water Supply Reliability Provides drought assistance and improved water supply reliability to the State of California, other Western States, and the Nation. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
HR 2993 Matsui D (D) <i>State: CA</i>	Funding For Water Recycling Projects Amends the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize funding for water recycling projects in areas experiencing severe, extreme, or exceptional drought. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
HR 3045 McNerney (D) <i>State: CA</i>	Recycled Water Projects Amends the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize certain recycled water projects. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
HR 3143 McNerney (D) <i>State: CA</i>	Smart Water Resource Management Pilot Program Provides for a smart water resource management pilot program. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C

HR 3337

DeLauro (D)

State: CT

National Infrastructure Development Bank

Facilitates efficient investments and financing of infrastructure projects and new job creation through the establishment of a National Infrastructure Development Bank.

EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C

HR 3819

Shuster (R)

State: PA

Surface Transportation Extension Act

Creates the Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2014, provides an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund.

EMWD's Position: Support Priority: A

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S 106

Vitter (R)

State: LA

Civil Actions Filed for Federal Water Pollution

Amends the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to permit removal to United States district courts of certain civil actions filed in State courts.

EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C

S 112

Heller (R)

State: NV

Economic Analysis for Critical Habitats

Amends the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require the Secretary of the Interior to publish and make available for public comment a draft economic analysis at the time a proposed rule to designate critical habitat is published.

EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C

S 176

Boxer (D)

State: CA

Water Management and Development

Advances integrate water management and development through innovation, resiliency, conservation, and efficiency in the 21st century.

EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C

S 263

Crapo (R)

State: ID

Rights to Bear Arms

Protects the right of individuals to bear arms at water resources development projects.

EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C

S 268

Sanders (I)

State: VT

Infrastructure of the United States

Improves the infrastructure of the United States.

EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C

S 280

Portman (R)

State: OH

Federal Permitting Process Reform

Improves the efficiency, management, and interagency coordination of the Federal permitting process through reforms overseen by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C

S 292

Cornyn (R)

State: TX

Endangered Species Act

Relates to the 21st Century Endangered Species Transparency Act, amends the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require publication on the Internet of the basis for determinations that species are endangered species or threatened species.

EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C

S 293	Endangered Species Settlement Approval
Cornyn (R)	Amends the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to establish a procedure for approval of certain settlements.
<i>State: TX</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
S 460	Safe Drinking Water Act
Portman (R)	Amends the Safe Drinking Water Act to provide for the assessment and management of the risk of algal toxins in drinking water.
<i>State: OH</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
S 593	Bureau of Reclamation Infrastructure Assets Report
Barrasso (R)	Requires the Secretary of the Interior to submit to Congress a report on the efforts of the Bureau of Reclamation to manage its infrastructure assets.
<i>State: WY</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
S 611	Grassroots Rural and Small Community Water Systems
Wicker (R)	Creates the Grassroots Rural and Small Community Water Systems Assistance Act, amends the Safe Drinking Water Act to reauthorize technical assistance to small public water systems in complying with the regulations pursuant to the Act, authorizes grants or cooperative agreements to nonprofit organizations that provide such onsite and regional training assistance with implementing source water protection plans, and assistance with implementing monitoring plans, rules, regulations, and water security.
<i>State: MS</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
S 736	Disclosure to States of Endangered Species Decisions
Enzi (R)	Amends the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require disclosure to States of the basis of determinations under such Act, ensures use of information provided by State, tribal, and county governments in decisionmaking under such Act.
<i>State: WY</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
S 741	Water System Resilience Grants
Cardin (D)	Authorizes the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a program of awarding grants to owners or operators of water systems to increase the resiliency or adaptability of the systems to any ongoing or forecasted changes to the hydrologic conditions of a region of the United States.
<i>State: MD</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
S 855	Intrastate Endangered Species Regulation
Paul Ra (R)	Amends the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to permit Governors of States to regulate intrastate endangered species and intrastate threatened species.
<i>State: KY</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C

S 886	Smart Energy and Water Efficiency Pilot Program
Udall T (D)	Amends the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to provide for a smart energy and water efficiency pilot program.
<i>State: NM</i>	EMWD's Position: Support Priority: B
S 896	Stormwater Control Infrastructure
Udall T (D)	Establishes centers of excellence for innovative stormwater control infrastructure.
<i>State: NM</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
S 1140	Definition of Waters of the United States
Barrasso (R)	Requires the Secretary of the Army and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to propose a regulation revising the definition of the term waters of the United States.
<i>State: WY</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
S 1691	Forest Management Activities
Barrasso (R)	Expedites and prioritizes forest management activities to achieve ecosystem restoration objectives.
<i>State: WY</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
S 1837	Drought Assistance and Water Supply Reliability
Boxer (D)	Provides drought assistance and improved water supply reliability to the State of California, other Western States, and the Nation.
<i>State: CA</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
S 1983	Luiseno Mission Indians Water Rights Settlement
Boxer (D)	Authorizes the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians Water Rights Settlement.
<i>State: CA</i>	EMWD's Position: Support Priority: A

Activity on Federal Issues

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Title	Letters Sent	Purpose of Letters
<i>Funding for the Army Corps of Engineers Environmental Infrastructure Program</i>	1.....	Thank You
<i>Tax Exempt Municipal Bonds</i>	187.....	Provide Comment
<i>Federal Flood Risk Management Standards: Guidelines for Implementing Executive Order 11988, as revised</i>	7.....	Provide Comment
<i>Request Subcommittee on Water, Power, and Oceans to introduce legislation addressing the Lacey Act</i>	2.....	Request Support
<i>Thank You to the State Water Resources Control Board for Touring EMWD's Recycled Water and Desalination Facilities</i>	5.....	Thank You
<i>Title XVI Coalition</i>	22.....	Urge Consideration
<i>Lacey Act, Potential Water Supply Impacts</i>	2.....	Request Support
<i>Support Letter for EMWD Proposed Indirect Potable Reuse Feasibility Study</i>	1.....	Express Support
<i>Requesting to Maintain USACE Authorization for Environmental Infrastructure</i>	8.....	Maintain Authorization
TOTAL LETTERS SENT	235	

Letters sent November 2014 - November 2015



STATE PROGRAM



State Overview

The priority and focus of the Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD) State Legislative Program is to promote the District's interest at the state level and communicate regularly with statewide legislators on issues of concern to the District and its ratepayers. This is accomplished through a multi-pronged approach that incorporates both internal and external expert feedback, formal correspondence on priority bills, briefings with legislators, continuous bill monitoring, and testifying at committee hearings when appropriate. The following section of the EMWD Public and Governmental Affairs 2015 Annual Report details the District's approach and specific actions completed to effectively communicate the District's position, needs, and concerns as they relate to the more than 2,600 bills that were introduced this year by the Legislature. In total, 941 bills were submitted to Governor Brown for consideration, where he signed 808 bills and vetoed 133. EMWD reviewed 219 bills and submitted 473 letters of support, opposition, or concern.



The remaining "State Program" portion of this report details the specific bills of interest to the District and is broken down into the following sections: Legislative Review Process, Legislation by Topic, Chaptered Bills, Vetoed Bills, Correspondence, Governor's Veto Messages, Glossary of Terms, Standing Committee Abbreviations, Legislative Bill Positions and Policy Principles.

Highlights from the 2015 Session

The first year of the 2015-2016 two-year legislative session commenced on January 5, 2015 with Governor Jerry Brown being sworn-in for his fourth and final term as governor of California. Following the swearing-in ceremony Governor Brown touched deeply on water related issues during his Inaugural Address where he reaffirmed his commitment to rolling out the California Water Action Plan, securing California's water infrastructure and enhancing access to clean, safe and reliable water for all Californians.

Fourth Year of Historic Drought Triggers Emergency Actions

2015 was also the year that California entered into a fourth year of historic drought conditions and a second year of a governor declared drought emergency. Snowpack in the Sierra Mountains; which accounts for a third of the state's total water supply, was at historic lows and reservoirs along the State Water Project (SWP) also achieved record lows.

Responding to the growing drought emergency, Governor Brown issued an Executive Order (EO B-29-15) on April 1, 2015 mandating a twenty-five percent reduction in potable urban water usage statewide. The State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) drafted emergency mandatory water conservation orders that were adopted on May 5, 2015 for water providers statewide. The mandatory regulations assigned water providers into groups with water reduction requirements ranging from eight percent to thirty-six percent based on a three-month, July-September 2013, self-reported gallons per capita per day (GPCD) average. Failure by a provider to meet the State Board assigned targets by February 2016 could result in fines of up to \$10,000 per day. In addition to the mandatory water reductions, a number of other restrictions were instituted as a result of the State Board emergency regulations that prohibited actions including: washing a car without a shutoff nozzle on a hose, restaurants serving water unless requested, irrigation of ornamental turf on public street medians with potable water, hosing down driveways and sidewalks, and irrigating within forty-eight hours of measurable rainfall.

The Legislature also addressed the drought conditions by introducing a number of bills that would expedite the allocation of funding for shovel ready projects and promote conservation. Specific conservation related efforts included: passage of *AB 1 (Brown) Local Governments: Fines*, prohibiting a jurisdiction from fining a homeowner that has let their lawn die during a governor declared drought emergency; *AB 349 (Gonzalez) Common Interest Developments: Property Use and Maintenance* which prohibits a homeowner association (HOA) from barring the installation of artificial turf and also removes the ability of an HOA from requiring the removal of water efficient landscaping following the conclusion of a state of emergency due to drought; *AB 606 (Levine) Water Conservation* requiring state agencies to conduct water efficient upgrades when making improvements to government owned facilities; *AB 786 (Levine) Common Interest Developments: Property Use and Maintenance* which closes a loop that some HOA's were using to fine homeowners for allowing their lawn to die during a drought emergency if recycled water was available anywhere within the HOA territory. The new requirement will only allow the HOA to fine the homeowner if recycled water is available to that property and the homeowner failed to use it. *SB 555 (Wolk) Water Loss Audits* was also signed into law by the Governor which requires an urban retail water supplier to prepare and submit a water loss audit annually to the Department of Water Resources. A number of bills were introduced that would have extended tax credits to homeowners that completed property related water efficiency upgrades, however these legislative efforts were unsuccessful in moving out of the Legislature.

Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Clean-up Efforts

In 2014 the landmark Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) was passed which is a package of three bills; *AB 1739 (Dickinson)*, *SB 1168 (Pavley)*, and *SB 1319 (Pavley)*, intended to advance sustainable groundwater management protocols and provide opportunities for the state to intervene on an as needed basis. Nearly twenty bills were introduced in 2015 to further address and clean-up outstanding issues that were brought up during the lengthy SGMA package negotiation process. Of the bills that were introduced, only three bills were passed by the legislature and signed into law by the Governor. The three bills included: *SB 13 (Pavley) Groundwater* and the dually enacted *SB 226 (Pavley)* and *AB 1390 (Alejo) Groundwater: Comprehensive Adjudications*. *SB 13* is SGMA cleanup legislation that, among other things, clarifies that a water corporation or mutual water company may participate in SGMA process, provides time for a basin that is identified by the State Board as being a probationary basin to remedy certain deficiencies, specifies groundwater sustainability agency posting requirements, and extends the deadline for completing a groundwater sustainability plan if a the basin is elevated to a medium or high priority basin before January 31, 2017. The other two bills; *SB 226* and *AB 1390*, establish a process and criteria for streamlining basin adjudications while prioritizing and emphasizing the importance of SGMA to groundwater management in California.





San Juan Capistrano Taxpayer Association vs the City of San Juan Capistrano

One area that has had a significant impact on water providers within California; especially those providers that rely on tiered rates as a tool to encourage conservation, was the court decision that came out in April 2015 from the Fourth District Court of Appeals in the San Juan Capistrano Taxpayer Association, Inc. (SJCTA) vs the City of San Juan Capistrano court case over the city's development of tiered rates. The judge in that case ruled in favor of the SJCTA finding that; while Proposition 218 allows for the application of tiered rates, the city's tiered rate pricing structure violated Proposition 218 because the individual tiers that the city used to bill customers based on their water consumption were not designed to reflect the actual cost of providing water at the corresponding level of use. Ultimately the city failed to accurately calculate their rates and show to the public how those rates

corresponded to the various sources of water that the city uses to serve its residents and businesses. This case was not the first time that tiered rates have been challenged in court, however the overly broad ruling that resulted from the San Juan Capistrano decision placed further constraints on this ratemaking method to the point that Governor Brown declared upon the release of the court decision that, "The practical effect of the court's decision is to put a straitjacket on local government at a time when maximum flexibility is needed." The Governor further stated that, "My policy is and will continue to be: employ every method possible to ensure water is conserved across California."

Recognizing the critical implications that this decision could have on ratemaking in California, EMWD partnered with Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD) to define a clear path that water providers can take to thoughtfully calculate the cost of water and price tiers according to the source and specifically related infrastructure to move forward with the assurance that the providers are abiding by the full intent of the law. The districts believe that clarifying this aspect of the law is important, as uncertainty can result in costly court challenges which unnecessarily burden ratepayers and further spread uncertainty which could minimize confidence in an important tool that water providers have at their disposal – a tool which empowers ratepayers with the ability to choose how they are going to manage their water usage.

EMWD and IRWD proposed language that defined "property-related water delivery" and "non-property-related water delivery" to stipulate that water provided in excess of the "property use amount" is not indispensable to the use of property. The language specified that any tiers or incrementally higher charges imposed on the use of water in excess of the property use amount are not property related charges. Charges for water in excess of the property use amount would fall under the non-property related fee requirements under Proposition 26 and not Proposition 218. The concept language defined a property use amount, and established criteria that may be used for determining the property use amount. The districts jointly shared this language with associations and water providers throughout the state. While a bill was not formally introduced, this effort did serve as a springboard for broader conversations on Proposition 218 reform. Those reforms will take the form of a proposed ballot initiative anticipated to be on the November 8, 2016 statewide ballot. EMWD and IRWD continue to be active participants in this broader reform conversation.

Climate Change and Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction

In 2015 a sizeable number of bills seeking to either address some aspect of climate change or provide greater greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction criteria were debated. Senator Fran Pavley was heavily invested in the conversations as the original author of *AB 32, the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006*, which required California to reduce its GHG emissions to 1990 levels by 2020. *AB 32* also required the California Air Resources Board to develop regulations to develop regulations to achieve the maximum technologically feasible and cost-effective GHG emission reductions by the largest GHG emitting sectors. Since the passage of *AB 32 in 2006*, Governor Brown and the Legislature have further increased a number of the reduction requirements and renewable energy investments that are to be made within California.

This year, Senator Pavley again sought to address GHG emissions within California by authoring the appropriately numbered *SB 32*, which increased GHG emission reductions to forty percent below 1990 levels by 2030. *SB 32* failed to pass out of the Legislature in 2015, however it was part of a larger package of bills that included the largely controversial *SB 350 (De Leon) Clean Energy and Pollution Reduction Act of 2015*. *SB 350* throughout much of the session sought to increase the procurement of electricity sources by at least fifty percent, reduce the use of petroleum in cars and trucks by fifty percent, and increase energy efficiency in homes and businesses all by 2030.

Governor Brown weighed in regularly on the progress of the climate change package and spoke often on his desire to implement additional actions on climate change. Ultimately however, the most controversial piece; which was embraced by the Administration, mandating the reduction in petroleum use in cars and trucks was struck from *SB 350* at the end of the session and the bill made it out of the Legislature. The Governor declared that, "Oil has won the skirmish, but they've lost the bigger battle, because I am more determined than ever to make our regulatory regime work for the people of California: cleaning up the air, reducing the petroleum and creating the green jobs that are going to put hundreds of thousands of people to work over the coming decades."

The Administration and key leaders in the Legislature have an appetite to continue discussions on climate change and investments that can be made to reduce GHG in California. Those conversations along with a broad conversation on funding for programs to reduce GHG will be taken up when the Legislature returns for the start of the 2016 Legislative session.

Opportunities for 2016

2015 was a major year for water policy and water sustainability initiatives due to the drought; however even with forecasts of a major El Niño event on the horizon the state's longest drought in recorded history is still on-going. Work continues on developing a long lasting solution to providing water reliability in a state that is often plagued by years of drought. At the conclusion of the first year of the two-year session, the Governor by way of Executive Order B-36-15 renewed his commitment to both extending the State Board mandatory water conservation measures and also to the continued implementation of the California Water Action Plan. Part of the discussion on fulfilling the objectives of the California Water Action Plan will be the examination of a fee on water, historically referred to as a public goods charge on water to fund projects and programs that lack a sustainable or reliable source of funding. *SB 20 (Pavley) California Water Resiliency Act* will serve as the vehicle where much of the debate on a public goods charge on water will take place. Senator Pavley during the fall recess chaired an information hearing to explore underfunded water infrastructure projects in California and she intends to initiate additional hearings in early 2016 to provide additional dialogue on the topic.



The State Board has continued to prioritize consolidations of failing water systems throughout the state and have released a framework to guide this effort. The framework, which is called the Resilient, Affordable, Safe Drinking Water Framework calls for investments that will maximize existing funding, while identifying new opportunities to fund on-going operation and management issues - which have historically been difficult areas to fund and manage. The Administration has committed to introducing legislation in 2016 that will implement the objectives outlined within the Framework. Those objectives are intended to address both existing water systems and also seek to prevent the proliferation of new systems. The Framework is also intended to tee-up a more thorough analysis of land use and water availability that may include additional examination of water and water supply reliability through a city and county general plan.

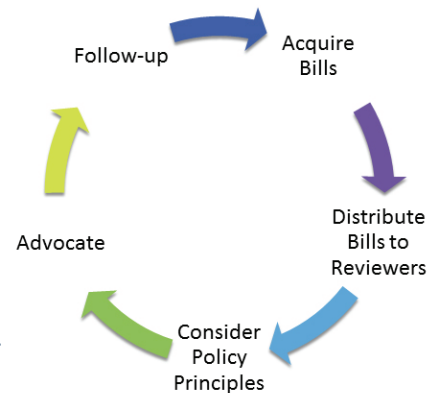
Proposition 218 continues to be a broadly discussed issue as it has been identified by the Administration as an obstacle to addressing water reliability and conservation objections. The Legislature in 2016 will continue to examine conservation pricing in the form of tiered rates and extending broader assurance to agencies wishing to implement tiered rates. In addition to the tiered rate issue, the application of fees for stormwater and flood control projects and the broader application of low income rate assistance will be further investigated as efforts to amend Article X of the California Constitution by way of either the initiative or legislative process have been proposed.

The Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) was ultimately divided into two separate, yet closely linked efforts that are now called the California WaterFix and Cal EcoRestore. California WaterFix addresses the need for water supply reliability through an improved conveyance system, and Cal EcoRestore features habitat and restoration needs within the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. State agencies released a revised version of the draft environmental impact report (EIR)/environmental impact statement (EIS) for the BDCP/California WaterFix. A lengthy public comment period ensued and following the close of the comment period on October 30, 2015 a finalized report will be released in mid-2016. It is anticipated that the Legislature will continue to be involved in the process and it is likely that both proponents and opponents of the plan will address the effort through the legislative process. EMWD will continue to encourage policy makers and the Administration to stay on-track and support the advancement of the BDCP/California WaterFix. Some other potential opportunity areas for legislative involvement includes the modernization of the state's landmark environmental regulations – the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), further enhancing the use of alternative water supplies from water recycling and brackish groundwater desalination, development of permanent conservation mandates and exploration of opportunities to reform water rights in California.

EMWD will continue to engage Legislators and stakeholders as bills are introduced that could impact the District and its ratepayers and the District will continue to work proactively on behalf of the region to ensure the delivery of safe and reliable water, wastewater, and recycled water service in a cost effective manner.



Legislative Review Process



Acquire Bills

Governmental Affairs staff reviews and evaluates all introduced legislation to determine relevance to EMWD.

Distribute Bills to Reviewers

Relevant bills are distributed to the Legislative Action Team members for review. Committee members provide: analysis of impact to EMWD, if any; recommended EMWD legislative position; and recommended amendments, if any.

Consider Policy Principles

Consider related Board adopted Policy Principles. Ten policy principles have been adopted by the EMWD Board of Directors: Water Recycling, Biosolids, Groundwater Management, Desalination, Water Use Efficiency, Bay Delta/State Water Project, Integrated Regional Water Management Plans, Water Infrastructure Financing, Governance, and Renewable Energy/Energy Management.

Advocate

Generate and distribute legislative reports consisting of bill information and recommended positions. Advocate EMWD’s position with letters, faxes, emails, phone calls, and meetings with legislators and their staff. Form coalitions with other organizations as necessary.

Follow-up

Acknowledge legislators who vote in favor of EMWD’s positions with phone calls and thank you letters; continue dialogue with others.

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State Legislation By Subject

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Air Quality

AB 21.....	Perea (D)	Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: Scoping Plan.....	Two-Year
AB 23.....	Patterson (R).....	Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: Compliance	Two-Year
AB 33.....	Quirk (D)	Electrical Corporations: Procurement Plans.....	Two-Year
AB 239.....	Gallagher (R)	Greenhouse Gases: Regulations	Two-Year
AB 590.....	Dahle (R).....	Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund.....	Two-Year
AB 642.....	Dahle (R).....	State Air Resources Board	Two-Year
AB 678.....	O'Donnell (D)	Energy Efficiency and Greenhouse Gas Reductions	Two-Year
AB 720.....	Cooley (D).....	Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006	Two-Year
AB 761.....	Levine (D)	Carbon Sequestration: Working Lands.....	Two-Year
AB 777.....	Harper (R).....	Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: Repeal.....	Two-Year
AB 1179.....	Rendon (D)	Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006	Two-Year
AB 1288.....	Atkins (D)	Air Resources	Chaptered
AB 1324.....	Williams (D).....	California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006.....	Two-Year
AB 1336.....	Salas (D).....	Global Warming Solutions Act: Disadvantaged Communities	Two-Year
AB 1345.....	Dahle (R).....	California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006.....	Two-Year
AB 1367.....	Williams (D).....	California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006.....	Two-Year
AB 1496.....	Thurmond (D).....	Methane Emissions	Chaptered
AB 1501.....	Rendon (D)	Well Stimulation Treatments: Production: Emissions	Two-Year
SB 1.....	Gaines T (R).....	Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: Compliance	Two-Year
SB 5.....	Vidak (R)	Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: Compliance	Two-Year
SB 32.....	Pavley (D)	Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006	Two-Year
SB 91.....	B&FR	Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: Investment Plan	Two-Year
SB 105.....	B&FR	Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: Investment Plan	Two-Year
SB 246.....	Wieckowski (D)	Climate Change Adaptation.....	Chaptered
SB 544.....	Lara (D).....	Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: Scoping Plan.....	Two-Year

Alternative Energy

AB 197.....	Garcia E (D)	Public Utilities: Renewable Resources.....	Two-Year
AB 415.....	Chavez (R).....	Green Tariff Shared Renewables Program.....	Two-Year
SB 180.....	Jackson (D).....	Electricity: Emissions of Greenhouse Gases.....	Two-Year
SB 550.....	Hertzberg (D)	Net Energy Metering.....	Two-Year
SB 728.....	Morrell (R).....	Renewables Portfolio Standard Program	Two-Year

Biosolids

AB 577.....	Bonilla (D)	Biomethane: Grant Program.....	Two-Year
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Bonds / Implementation

AB 935	Salas (D)	Water Projects	Two-Year
AB 954	Mathis (R)	Water and Wastewater Loan and Grant Pilot Program	Two-Year
AB 957	Mathis (R)	Water Quality, Supply, Infrastructure Improvement	Two-Year
AB 977	Mayer (R)	State Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund	Two-Year
AB 1062	Bonta (D)	Environmental Justice Small Grant Program	Two-Year
SB 127	Vidak (R)	Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement	Two-Year
SB 317	De Leon (D)	Safe Neighborhood Parks, Rivers, and Coastal Protection	Two-Year

California Environmental Quality Act

AB 291	Medina (D)	Environmental Quality Act: Local Agencies: Water	Two-Year
AB 311	Gallagher (R)	Environmental Quality: Water Quality and Supply	Failed
AB 956	Mathis (R)	California Environmental Quality Act: Exemption	Failed
AB 1068	Allen T (R)	California Environmental Quality Act: Priority Projects	Two-Year
AB 1398	Wilk (R)	Environmental Quality: Sustainable Environmental	Failed
AB 1473	Salas (D)	California Environmental Quality Act	Two-Year
SB 122	Jackson (D)	Environmental Quality Act: Record of Proceedings	Two-Year
SB 154	Huff (R)	California Environmental Quality Act	Two-Year
SB 166	Gaines T (R)	California Environmental Quality Act	Two-Year
SB 389	Berryhill (R)	Environmental Quality: Sustainable Protection	Two-Year
SB 756	Stone (R)	California Environmental Quality Act	Two-Year

Conservation

AB 149	Chavez (R)	Urban Water Management Plans	Chaptered
SB 553	Wolk (D)	Water Conservation	Two-Year
SB 7	Wolk (D)	Housing: Water Meters: Multi-unit Structures	Two-Year
SB 555	Wolk (D)	Urban Retail Water Suppliers: Water Loss Management	Chaptered
SB 768	Wieckowski (D)	Water-Conserving Plumbing Fixtures	Two-Year

Contracts

AB 219	Daly (D)	Public Works: Concrete Delivery	Chaptered
AB 251	Levine (D)	Public Works: Public Subsidies	Vetoed
AB 411	Lackey (R)	Public Contracts	Two-Year
AB 1347	Chiu (D)	Public Contracts Claims	Vetoed
AB 1505	Hernandez R (D)	Statute of Limitations: Public Contractors	Two-Year
SB 331	Mendoza (D)	Public Contracts: Local Agencies: Negotiations	Chaptered

Delta

AB 501	Levine (D)	Resources: Delta Research	Two-Year
AB 1061	Gallagher (R)	Sacramento and San Joaquin Drainage District: Powers	Two-Year
AB 1201	Salas (D)	Delta: Predation by Nonnative Species	Two-Year
AB 1325	Salas (D)	Delta Smelt	Two-Year
SB 144	Pan (D)	Water Development Projects: Sacramento-San Joaquin	Chaptered
SB 772	Stone (R)	Bay Delta Conservation Plan: Judicial Review	Two-Year

Design Build / Construction

AB 1152..... Frazier (D).....Construction Defects: Prelitigation Remedy..... Two-Year

Drought

AB 1..... Brown (D).....Drought: Local Governments: Fines..... Chaptered
 AB 88..... Gomez (D)Sales and Use Taxes: Exemption: Home Appliances..... Vetoed
 AB 349..... Gonzalez (D).....Common Interest Developments: Property Use..... Chaptered
 AB 585..... Melendez (R)Outdoor Water Efficiency: Personal Income Tax Credits..... Two-Year
 AB 603..... Salas (D).....Income Taxes: Every Drop Counts Tax Credit..... Two-Year
 AB 606..... Levine (D)Water Conservation..... Chaptered
 AB 723..... Rendon (D)Rental Property: Plumbing Fixtures: Replacement..... Two-Year
 AB 786..... Levine (D)Common Interest Developments: Property Use..... Chaptered
 AB 955..... Mathis (R)Disaster Assistance: Droughts: Temporary Assistance Two-Year
 AB 1128..... Jones-Sawyer (D) Water Conservation..... Two-Year
 AB 1139..... Campos (D).....Personal Income Tax: Credit: Turf Removal..... Two-Year
 AB 1164..... Gatto (D)Water Conservation: Drought Tolerant Landscaping..... Chaptered
 SB 88..... B&FRWater..... Chaptered

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SB 116..... Vidak (R).....Eminent Domain Proceedings..... Two-Year

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 AB 645..... Williams (D).....California Renewables Portfolio Standard..... Two-Year
 AB 997..... Allen T (R).....Recycling: Plastic Material..... Two-Year
 AB 1030..... Ridley-Thomas S (D)..Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: Greenhouse Gas..... Two-Year
 AB 1034..... Obernolte (R)Surface Mining: Reclamation: Generation Facility..... Chaptered
 AB 1144..... Rendon (D)Renewables Portfolio Standard Program: Credits..... Two-Year
 AB 1330..... Bloom (D).....Demand Response..... Two-Year
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 SB 350..... De Leon (D)Clean Energy and Pollution Reduction Act of 2015..... Chaptered
 SB 471..... Pavley (D)Water, Energy, Reduction of Greenhouse Gas Emissions Two-Year
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 AB 237..... Daly (D).....Local Governments: Parcel Taxes: Notice..... Two-Year
 AB 283..... Dababneh (D)Financial Affairs Chaptered
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SB 188	Hancock (D)	Municipal Utility: Utility Charges: Delinquencies	Chaptered
SB 442	Hall (D)	Municipal Water Districts: Revenue Bonds	Two-Year
SB 481	Hueso (D)	Local Government: Auditors: Independence	Vetoed
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AB 617	Perea (D)	Groundwater	Chaptered
AB 647	Eggman (D)	Beneficial Use: Storing of Water Underground	Two-Year
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AB 939	Salas (D)	Groundwater Sustainability Agencies	Chaptered
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AB 1243	Gray (D)	Groundwater Recharge: Grants	Two-Year
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SB 13	Pavley (D)	Groundwater	Chaptered
SB 20	Pavley (D)	State Water Resiliency Investment Act	Two-Year
SB 119	Hill (D)	Protection of Subsurface Installations	Vetoed
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SB 226	Pavley (D)	Sustainable Groundwater Management Act	Chaptered
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AB 305	Gonzalez (D)	Workers' Compensation: Permanent Disability	Vetoed
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AB 578	Low (D)	Occupational Safety and Health	Vetoed
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AB 883	Low (D)	Employment: Public Employee Status	Vetoed
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AB 594	Gordon (D)	Political Reform Act of 1974: Campaign Statements	Chaptered
AB 656	Garcia (D)	Joint Powers Agreements: Mutual Water Companies	Chaptered
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AB 965	Garcia E (D)	California and Mexico Border: Water Resources	Chaptered
AB 988	Stone (D)	Outdoor Environmental Education and Recreations	Two-Year
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AB 1267	Bloom (D)	Lawsuits, Liens, and Other Encumbrances	Chaptered
AB 1296	Jones (R)	Elections: Initiative and Referendum Measures	Failed
AB 1303	Gray (D)	Subdivision Map Act: Map Expiration Dates	Chaptered
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AB 144..... Mathis (R)Dumping Vetoes

AB 243..... Wood (D).....Medical Marijuana Chaptered

AB 263..... Patterson (R)..... Hazardous Waste: Regulations Two-Year

AB 273..... Alejo (D).....Hazardous Waste and Substances: Corrective Action Chaptered

AB 308..... Mathis (R)Graywater: Agricultural Use..... Two-Year

AB 434..... Garcia E (D)Drinking Water: Point-of-Entry: Point-of-Use Treatment..... Chaptered

AB 496..... Rendon (D)Pupil Nutrition: Fresh Drinking Water: Funding Chaptered

AB 543..... Quirk (D) Proposition 65: Exposure Two-Year

AB 615..... Rendon (D)Office of Sustainable Water Solutions: Assistance Two-Year

AB 640..... Dahle (R).....Household Hazardous Waste Two-Year

AB 876..... McCarty (D).....Compostable Organics Chaptered

AB 1045..... Irwin (D)Organic Waste: Composting..... Chaptered

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AB 1173..... Williams (D).....Water Equipment: Backflow Prevention Devices Testing Two-Year

AB 1315..... Alejo (D)Public Contracts Water Pollution Prevention Plans Two-Year

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SB 552..... Wolk (D).....Public Water Systems: Disadvantaged Communities Two-Year

Water Quality Board

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Brown (D)

Chapter No. 62

Drought: Local Governments: Fines

Prohibits a city, county, or city and county from imposing a fine under any ordinance for a failure to water a lawn or having a brown lawn during a period for which the Governor has issued a proclamation of a state of emergency based on drought conditions.

EMWD's Position: Support Priority: B

Reviewed by: Beth Lovsted

AB 2

Alejo (D)

Chapter No. 319

Community Revitalization Authority

Authorizes certain local agencies to form a community revitalization authority with a community revitalization and investment area to carry out provisions of the Community Redevelopment Law in that area for infrastructure, affordable housing, and economic revitalization and provides for the issuance of bonds serviced by tax increment revenues. Requires the authority to adopt a community revitalization and investment plan. Requires the use of certain funds for low and moderate income housing.

EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C

Reviewed by: Charles Turner, Debby Cherney

AB 57

Quirk (D)

Chapter No. 685

Wireless Telecommunications Facilities

Provides that a collocation or siting application for a wireless telecommunications facility is deemed approved if the application is not approved or disapproved within the reasonable time periods specified in application decisions of the Federal Communications Commission, all required public notices have been provided regarding the application, and the applicant has provided a notice to the city or county that the reasonable time period has lapsed.

EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C

Reviewed by: Joe Gott

AB 91

Budget Committee

Chapter No. 1

Budget Act of 2015

Amends the Budget Act of 2014 by amending, adding, and repealing items of appropriation.

EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C

Reviewed by: Danielle Coats

AB 92 Budget Committee <i>Chapter No. 2</i>	Water Provides provisions relating to improper diversions of water that are deleterious to salmon and steelhead, a civil fine for blockage streams for the movement of fish, unauthorized diversions of water, local contracts for emergencies and the payment of prevailing wages, sustainable drinking water and wastewater treatment solutions, funding for cleaning up waste and its effects on waters, creates a fund for water conservation and efficiency projects and programs, and government contracting requirements. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Danielle Coats
AB 149 Chavez (R) <i>Chapter No. 49</i>	Urban Water Management Plans Requires each urban water supplier to update and submit a urban water management plan for a specified year to the State Department of Water Resources by a specified date. Requires the Department to submit its urban water management plan report for that same specified year to the Legislature by a specified date. EMWD's Position: Support Priority: B Reviewed by: Beth Lovsted
AB 169 Maienschein (R) <i>Chapter No. 737</i>	Local Government: Public Records: Internet Requires, if a local agency, except a school district, maintains an Internet Resource, including, but not limited to an Internet Web site, Internet Web page, or Internet Web portal, which the agency describes or titles as open data, and the local agency voluntarily posts a public record on the resource, the agency to post the public record in an open format that meets specified requirements including that the format is able to be retrieved, downloaded, indexed, and searched by a commonly used application. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Jolene Walsh, Joe Gott, Michelle Herrington
AB 199 Eggman (D) <i>Chapter No. 768</i>	Alternative Energy: Recycled Feedstock Expands projects that promote the use of alternative energies eligible for the sale and use tax exclusion to include projects that process or utilize recycled feedstock. Provides that it would not include a project that processes or utilizes recycled feedstock in a manner that constitutes disposal. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Jayne Joy, Jeff Wall, Dan Howell, Joe Mouawad

<p>AB 219 Daly (D) <i>Chapter No. 739</i></p>	<p>Public Works: Concrete Delivery</p> <p>Expands the definition of public works for purposes of requirements regarding the payment of prevailing wages for public works projects to include the hauling and delivery of ready-mixed concrete to carry out a public works contract, with respect to contracts involving any State agency or any political subdivision of the State. Requires the applicable prevailing wage rate to be the rate for the geographic area in which the concrete factory or batching plant is located. Relates to subcontracting.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Bruce Mitzel</p>
<p>AB 243 Wood (D) <i>Chapter No. 688</i></p>	<p>Medical Marijuana</p> <p>Requires specified State agencies to promulgate regulations or standards relating to medical marijuana and its cultivation. Requires various State agencies to take specified actions to mitigate the impact that marijuana cultivation has on the environment. Requires charging each licensee a licensure and renewal fee. Provides a fund for such fees.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Support Priority: B Reviewed by: Jayne Joy</p>
<p>AB 248 Hernandez R (D) <i>Chapter No. 617</i></p>	<p>Health Insurance: Minimum Value: Large Group Policies</p> <p>Extends a specified requirement to a nongrandfathered health care service plan that offers, amends, or renews a group health plan contract and an insurer issuing a policy, except a health care service plan or insurer issuing a specialized health care service plan or policy, that provides less than certain minimum value in the large group market. Requires the persons to be covered are also covered by a contract or plan at a certain minimum value. Exempts limited wraparound coverage, and Medicare coverage.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Denise Bowman</p>
<p>AB 273 Alejo (D) <i>Chapter No. 456</i></p>	<p>Hazardous Waste and Substances: Corrective Action</p> <p>Applies each of the provisions of existing law regarding a person's liability for cost recovery to the release of hazardous waste constituents into the environment. Makes the costs of response or corrective action recoverable. Subjects a monetary obligation to be subject to a specified rate of interest per annum, and provides a later rate. Requires a waiver of interest if the obligation is satisfied in a specified manner. Provides a specified notice to a disputing department.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Jayne Joy</p>

<p>AB 283 Dababneh (D) <i>Chapter No. 181</i></p>	<p>Financial Affairs</p> <p>Extends an existing temporary authority for a local agency to invest its surplus funds, in certificates of deposit or in another form of investment. Removes a limitation on the percentage of local agency funds that may be invested in certificates of deposit. Authorizes a local agency to invest surplus funds to investments in certificates of deposit indefinitely. Removes the limit on the percentage of such funds that may be invested by any one private sector entity.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Charles Turner, Debby Cherney, Heidi Schrader</p>
<p>AB 304 Gonzalez (D) <i>Chapter No. 67</i></p>	<p>Sick Leave: Accrual and Limitations</p> <p>Amends the Healthy Workplaces, Healthy Families Act of 2014. Delays the requirement an employer provide an employee with notice of the amount of paid sick leave available, or paid time off an employer provides in lieu of sick leave. Permits an employer who provides unlimited sick leave to its employees to satisfy requirements by indicating the term unlimited on a wage statement. Provides limits. Makes changes about eligibility for accrued sick leave and the calculation of paid sick leave using total wages.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Denise Bowman</p>
<p>AB 313 Atkins (D) <i>Chapter No. 320</i></p>	<p>Enhanced Infrastructure Financing Districts</p> <p>Amends existing law authorizing a city or county legislative body to establish an enhance infrastructure financing district with the adoption of a resolution to establish such district. Requires the establishment of a related public financing authority. Specifies the duties of an authority after receiving such resolution. Authorizes the district to provide housing for very low income persons to rent or purchase. Updates requirements for private development or public works construction within the district.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Charles Turner</p>
<p>AB 327 Gordon (D) <i>Chapter No. 53</i></p>	<p>Public Works: Volunteers</p> <p>Extends the provisions of existing law that provides governing public works does not apply to specified work performed by a volunteer, a volunteer coordinator, or a member of the California Conservation corps or a community conservation corps.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Support Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Danielle Coats</p>

AB 341

Achadjian (R)

*Chapter No. 37***Financial Affairs: Reports**

Amends existing law requiring the officer of each local agency, who has charge of the financial records of the local agency, to furnish to the Controller a report of all such transactions of the local agency during the preceding fiscal year. Requires the report to contain underlying data from audited financial statements, if this data is available, and extends time to furnish the report. Provides a due date for reporting of the annual compensation for a local agency's elected officials and employees.

EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C**Reviewed by: Heidi Schrader****AB 349**

Gonzalez (D)

*Chapter No. 266***Common Interest Developments: Property Use**

Amends the Davis-Stirling Common Interest Development Act. Makes void and unenforceable any provision of governing documents, architectural or landscaping guidelines or policies that prohibit the use of artificial turf or any other synthetic surface that resembles grass. Prohibits a requirement that an owner of a separate interest remove or reverse water-efficient landscaping measures, installed in response to a declaration of a state of emergency, upon the conclusion of the state of emergency.

EMWD's Position: Support Priority: B**Reviewed by: Beth Lovsted****AB 401**

Dodd (D)

*Chapter No. 662***Low-Income Water Rate Assistance Program**

Requires the State Water Resources Control Board to develop a plan for the funding and implementation of the Low-Income Water Rate Assistance Program. Permits the Board to consider existing rate assistance programs. Authorizes the plan to include recommendations for other cost-effective methods of offering assistance to such customers. Requires the Board to report to the Legislature on the findings regarding the feasibility, financial stability and desired structure of the program.

EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C**Reviewed by: Debby Cherney, Heidi Schrader****AB 402**

Dodd (D)

*Chapter No. 431***Local Agency Services: Contracts**

Revises the circumstances under which a local agency formation commission may authorize a city or district to provide new or extended services. Establishes a pilot program for the Napa, and San Bernardino commissions that would the commissions to authority a city or district to provide new or extended services outside both its jurisdictional boundaries and its sphere of influence under specified circumstances.

EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C**Reviewed by: Chris Teague, Dan Howell**

<p>AB 434 Garcia E (D) <i>Chapter No. 663</i></p>	<p>Drinking Water: Point-of-Entry: Point-of-Use Treatment</p> <p>Requires the State Water Resources Control Board to adopt regulations governing the use of point-of-entry and point-of-use treatment by a public water system in lieu of centralized treatment where it can be demonstrated that centralized treatment is not immediately economically feasible. Provides limitations. Prohibits the use of point-of-entry treatment absent a Board determination of no community opposition. Requires adoption of related emergency regulations.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Support Priority: B Reviewed by: Amy Mora</p>
<p>AB 496 Rendon (D) <i>Chapter No. 664</i></p>	<p>Pupil Nutrition: Fresh Drinking Water: Funding</p> <p>Authorizes the State Department of Education to receive funds from available State and federal sources, to be allocated to school districts for purposes of complying with the requirement for providing access to drinking water. Requires the Department to identify available sources of funding for school water quality and infrastructure and to post the information on the Department's Internet Web site. Provides that funds may be used for water quality projects, treatment, filling stations and maintenance.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Jayne Joy</p>
<p>AB 552 O'Donnell (D) <i>Chapter No. 434</i></p>	<p>Public Works Contracts: Damages</p> <p>Provides, among other things, that a public works contract that contains a clause expressly requiring a contractor to be responsible for defined delay damages, is not enforceable unless the delay damages have been liquidated to a set amount and identified in the public works contract. Provides that under the bill, these provisions would not apply to specified state agencies.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Bruce Mitzel, Chris Teague, John Ward</p>
<p>AB 571 Brown (D) <i>Chapter No. 501</i></p>	<p>Property Taxation: Statement: Ownership: Penalty</p> <p>Authorizes a tax penalty to be abated if the assessee establishes that the failure to file the property statement or change in ownership statement within the specified time period was due to reasonable cause and circumstances beyond the assessee's control, and occurred notwithstanding the exercise of ordinary care in the absence of willful neglect.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Charles Turner, Heidi Schrader</p>
<p>AB 594 Gordon (D) <i>Chapter No. 364</i></p>	<p>Political Reform Act of 1974: Campaign Statements</p> <p>Recasts requirements for filing preelection statements and repeals other reporting requirements, including supplemental preelection statements and supplemental independent expenditure reports. Revises related definitions.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Danielle Coats</p>

AB 606 Levine (D) <i>Chapter No. 665</i>	Water Conservation Provides that when a state agency builds upon state-owned real property, purchases real property, or replaces landscaping or irrigation, the agency would be required to reduce water consumption and increase water efficiencies for that property where feasible through specified water efficiency measures. Exempts from such requirements any state-owned property that is leased for agricultural purposes. EMWD's Position: Support Priority: B Reviewed by: Beth Lovsted
AB 617 Perea (D) <i>Chapter No. 666</i>	Groundwater Defines in-lieu use. Provides that measures addressing such use shall be included in a groundwater sustainability plan. Relates to certain powers of a groundwater sustainability agency, if the agency adopts and submits such plan or alternative documentation. Authorizes an agency to enter into agreements and funding with private parties to assist in plan or plan element implementation. Provides procedures governing state agency cooperation in regards to the plan. Relates to regional water management plans. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: John Daverin
AB 656 Garcia (D) <i>Chapter No. 250</i>	Joint Powers Agreements: Mutual Water Companies Authorizes a mutual water company and a public agency to participate in joint powers agreement for the provision of insurance and risk-pooling, technical, and other similar services for the purposes of reducing specified risk liability. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Jayne Joy, John Daverin
AB 670 Irwin (D) <i>Chapter No. 518</i>	Information Technology Security Requires the Office of Information Security to require no more than a specified number of independent security assessments of State entities each year and determine the assessment's basic standards of services. Requires each agency to fund the assessment. Provides security of assessment information. Requires ranking State entities on a security risk index. Requires reporting of any criminal or alleged criminal cyber activity affecting a State entity or State government critical infrastructure. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Joe Gott
AB 707 Wood (D) <i>Chapter No. 631</i>	Agricultural Land: Williamson Contracts: Cancellation Amends the Williamson Act. Requires the State Department of Conservation to provide a preliminary valuation of land to the County Assessor and the city council or board of supervisors prior to the effective date of the agreed upon cancellation valuation if the contract includes an additional cancellation fee. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Charles Turner

<p>AB 786 Levine (D) <i>Chapter No. 780</i></p>	<p>Common Interest Developments: Property Use</p> <p>Amends existing law that prohibits an association from imposing a fine or assessment on separate interest owners for reducing or eliminating watering of vegetation or lawns during any period of declared emergency due to drought, except an association that uses recycled water for landscape irrigation. Revises that exception to authorize the imposition of a fine or assessment against the owner who receives recycled water from a retail water supplier and fails to use for landscaping irrigation.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Support Priority: A</p> <p>Reviewed by: Beth Lovsted, Danielle Coats</p>
<p>AB 815 Ridley-Thomas S (D) <i>Chapter No. 108</i></p>	<p>Oil Spill Prevention, Response Fees: Collection</p> <p>Imposes an oil spill prevention and administration fee to be sufficient to implement oil spill prevention activities per barrel of crude oil or petroleum products to be remitted to the State Board of Equalization. Requires the fee to be imposed upon a person owning such products at the time the products are received at a marine terminal or refiner. Prohibits collection of the fee at that time if the fee was previously paid or collected at another terminal or refinery.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Jeff Wall, Doug Hefley</p>
<p>AB 851 Mayes (R) <i>Chapter No. 304</i></p>	<p>Local Government: Organization: Disincorporations</p> <p>Provides that, in the case of a local government disincorporation or reorganization that includes a disincorporation, requires a plan for services to include specific provisions, including, an enumeration and description of current services, and a special tax proposal. Adds disincorporation requirements to the petitioning process of a petitioner or local legislative body. Updates annexation. Relates to indebtedness. Relates to property tax revenues, and levying of fees. Relates to property transfers.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Danielle Coats</p>
<p>AB 852 Burke (D) <i>Chapter No. 745</i></p>	<p>Public Works: Prevailing Wages</p> <p>Expands the definition of public works for the purposes of provisions relating to the prevailing rate of per diem wages, to also include any construction, alteration, demolition, installation, or repair work done under private contract on a project for a general acute care hospital, when the project is paid for, in whole or in part, with the proceeds of conduit revenue bonds. Provides an exception for a specified hospital.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Bruce Mitzel, Chris Teague, John Ward</p>

AB 864 Williams (D) <i>Chapter No. 592</i>	Oil Spill Response: Environmentally Sensitive Areas Relates to the Elder California Pipeline Safety Act of 1981 and hazardous liquids. Requires any new or replacement pipeline near environmentally and ecologically sensitive areas in the coastal zone to use best available technologies to reduce the amount of oil released in an oil spill to protect state waters and wildlife. Requires an operator of an existing pipeline near these sensitive areas to submit a plan to retrofit the pipeline. Requires the State Fire Marshall to adopt related provisions. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Jayne Joy
AB 876 McCarty (D) <i>Chapter No. 593</i>	Compostable Organics Requires a county or regional agency to include in its annual report to the Department for Resources Recycling and Recovery an estimate of the amount of organic waste in cubic yards that will be generated in the county of region over a specified time period, an estimate of the additional organic waste recycling facility capacity needed to process that amount of waste, and areas identified as locations for new and expended organic waste recycling facilities capable of safely meeting that additional need. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Jayne Joy
AB 888 Bloom (D) <i>Chapter No. 594</i>	Waste Management: Plastic Microbeads Prohibits a person from selling or offering for promotional purposes in the State a personal care product containing plastic microbeads that are used to exfoliate or cleanse in a rinse-off product. Provides an exception. Makes a violation subject to a civil penalty per day for each violation. Authorizes such penalty to be assessed and recovered in a civil action by the Attorney General or local officials. Requires penalties to be retained by the office that brought the action. EMWD's Position: Support Priority: A Reviewed by: Jayne Joy, Jeff Wall
AB 939 Salas (D) <i>Chapter No. 667</i>	Groundwater Sustainability Agencies Amends existing law which requires a local agency to either establish a groundwater sustainability agency within a specified number of years of reprioritization and adopt a groundwater sustainability plan within a specified number of years of reprioritization, or to submit an alternative to the Department of Water Resources that the local agency believes satisfies the objectives the objectives within a specified number of years of reprioritization. Regards fees imposed to fund the program. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: John Daverin

<p>AB 964 Chau (D) <i>Chapter No. 522</i></p>	<p>Civil Law: Privacy Defines encrypted for purposes of existing law that provides the regulation of entities that own or licenses computerized data that includes personal information to disclose a breach of the security of the system or data to any State resident whose unencrypted person information was, or is reasonably believed to have been, acquired by an unauthorized person. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Joe Gott</p>
<p>AB 965 Garcia E (D) <i>Chapter No. 668</i></p>	<p>California and Mexico Border: Water Resources Requires the California-Mexico Border Relations Council to establish the New River Quality, Public Health, and River Parkway Development Program to coordinate funding and recommendations from the strategic plan and from projects. Provides that specified water bond proceeds may be deposited in the fund to be available upon appropriation. Requires coordination to fund conditions for cross-border urban creeks. Requires certain consultation to fund certain watershed restoration projects. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Jolene Walsh</p>
<p>AB 970 Nazarian (D) <i>Chapter No. 783</i></p>	<p>Labor Commissioner: Enforcement of Employee Claims Authorizes the Labor Commissioner to investigate and, upon a request from a local entity, to enforce local laws regarding overtime hours or minimum wage provisions and to issue citations and penalties for violations. Provides an exception. Makes related conforming changes. Prohibits a local entity from issuing a citation for a violation when the Commissioner has already issued a citation for the same violation. Relates to employee indemnification violations. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Denise Bowman</p>
<p>AB 987 Levine (D) <i>Chapter No. 122</i></p>	<p>Employment: Unlawful Employment Practices Prohibits an employer or other covered entity from retaliating or otherwise discriminating against a person for requesting accommodation of his or her disability or religious beliefs, regardless of whether the accommodation request was granted. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Denise Bowman</p>

AB 1034

Obernolte (R)

*Chapter No. 595***Surface Mining: Reclamation: Generation Facility**

Requires a lead agency to consider the construction and operation of a renewable energy generation facility on disturbed mined lands to be an interim use. Prohibit a lead agency from requiring an amendment to an approved reclamation plan if specified criteria are met. Requires a lead agency to submit an application for an operating permit for such facility prior to approving the permit. Authorizes comments to the permit application and a time period for lead agency response to those comments.

EMWD's Position: Support Priority: B**Reviewed by: John Daverin****AB 1045**

Irwin (D)

*Chapter No. 596***Organic Waste: Composting**

Requires the Environmental Protection Agency to develop and implement policies to aid in diverting a percentage of organic waste from landfills by promoting the use of agricultural, forestry, and urban organic waste as a feedstock for compost. Requires coordination with the Air and Water Resources Boards to promote certain permitting and regulation coordination. Requires the agency to promote a goal for the reduction of a specified amount of greenhouse gas emission each year through composting.

EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C**Reviewed by: Jayne Joy****AB 1071**

Atkins (D)

*Chapter No. 585***Supplemental Environmental Projects**

Requires each board, department, and office within the State Environmental Protection Agency that has enforcement authority, to establish a specified policy on supplemental environmental projects that benefits disadvantaged communities.

EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C**Reviewed by: Jayne Joy, Bonnie Wright****AB 1075**

Alejo (D)

*Chapter No. 460***Hazardous Waste: Enforcement**

Amends the Hazardous Waste Control Law. Requires the Department of Toxic Substances Control to consider violations of, or noncompliance with, specified provisions of existing law for which a person or entity has been found liable or has been convicted as compelling cause to deny, suspend, or revoke a permit, registration, or certificate. Authorizes a temporary action. Imposes additional civil and criminal penalties for violations.

EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C**Reviewed by: Jayne Joy**

<p>AB 1077 Holden (D) <i>Chapter No. 669</i></p>	<p>Mutual Water Companies: Open Meetings Prohibits a mutual water company from meeting solely in an executive session without holding a meeting. Relates to meeting notice requirements. Authorizes a board of directors of a mutual water company to provide to an eligible person attending a meeting by teleconference, a copy of certain documents to be discussed at the meeting. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Danielle Coats</p>
<p>AB 1095 Garcia E (D) <i>Chapter No. 722</i></p>	<p>Salton Sea: Restoration Projects Requires the Natural Resources Agency to submit to the Legislature a list of defined shovel-ready Salton Sea restoration projects, including information regarding project costs and project completion timelines. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Danielle Coats, Jolene Walsh</p>
<p>AB 1124 Perea (D) <i>Chapter No. 525</i></p>	<p>Workers' Compensation: Medication Formulary Requires the Administrative Director of the Division of Workers' Compensation to establish a drug formulary as part of a medical treatment utilization schedule, for prescription medications prescribed in the workers' compensation system. Requires the Director to consult with stakeholders prior to adoption of the formulary, and to publish reports. Requires updating the formulary to allow availability of appropriate medications, including medications newly approved for use. Relates to treatment utilization. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Doug Hefley</p>
<p>AB 1164 Gatto (D) <i>Chapter No. 671</i></p>	<p>Water Conservation: Drought Tolerant Landscaping Prohibits a city, including a charter city, county, and city and county, from enacting or enforcing any ordinance or regulation that prohibits the installation of drought tolerant landscaping, synthetic grass or artificial turf on residential property. EMWD's Position: Support Priority: B Reviewed by: Beth Lovsted</p>
<p>AB 1245 Cooley (D) <i>Chapter No. 222</i></p>	<p>Unemployment Insurance: Electronic Reporting Requires an employer with a specified number of employees to file all reports and returns electronically and remit all contributions for unemployment insurance premiums by electronic funds transfer. Extends the application of these electronic filing and transfer requirements to all employers. Provides a waiver. Imposes penalties on employers who fail to file electronically. Requires an employer to remit income taxes withheld taxes by electronic funds transfer. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Denise Bowman</p>

AB 1267

Bloom (D)

*Chapter No. 208***Lawsuits, Liens, and Other Encumbrances**

Prohibits a person from filing or recording, or directing another to file or record, a lawsuit, lien, or other encumbrance against any person or entity, knowing it is false, with the intent to harass the person or entity or to influence or hinder the person in discharging his or her official duties if the person is a public officer or employee. Provides a civil penalty. Authorizes an impacted person to petition the Superior Court directing the person involved to appear.

EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C**Reviewed by: Danielle Coats****AB 1288**

Atkins (D)

*Chapter No. 586***Air Resources**

Increases the membership of the State Air Resources Board. Provides the Senate Committee on Rules and the Speaker of the Assembly each appointing an additional member.

EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C**Reviewed by: Danielle Coats, Jayne Joy****AB 1303**

Gray (D)

*Chapter No. 751***Subdivision Map Act: Map Expiration Dates**

Extends the expiration date of any approved tentative map or vesting tentative map that was approved on or after a specified date, within a county that meets certain criteria. Provides an exception. Requires the extension of an approved or conditionally approved tentative map or vesting tentative map, or parcel map for which a tentative map or vesting tentative map was approved on or before a specified date, upon the application of the subdivider prior to the expiration of the map.

EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C**Reviewed by: John Ward****AB 1390**

Alejo (D)

*Chapter No. 672***Groundwater: Comprehensive Adjudication**

Establishes special comprehensive adjudication procedures for an action to determine the rights to extract groundwater in a basin. Authorizes determining all rights to groundwater in a basin whether on appropriation, overlying right, or other basin storage space rights. Provides provisions specifying procedures, including court procedures, for the handling and processing of complaints regarding usage. Authorizes a judge of the superior court to determine if the action is a comprehensive adjudication.

EMWD's Position: Support Priority: B**Reviewed by: John Daverin**

AB 1420

Salas (D)

*Chapter No. 601***Oil and Gas: Pipelines**

Relates to facility maintenance standards for oil and gas production facilities. Relates to mechanical integrity testing of specified pipelines. Requires a list of certain pipelines. Requires a local health officer to direct the responsible party to notify residents affected by the leak if it is determined that the leak poses a serious threat to public health or safety. Requires owners or operators to submit pipeline maps. Specifies review and actions of local health officers regarding reported leaks.

EMWD's Position: Support Priority: B**Reviewed by: Jayne Joy, John Daverin, John Ward, Steve O'Neill****AB 1482**

Gordon (D)

*Chapter No. 603***Climate Adaptation**

Requires the National Resources Agency to update climate adaptation strategy and to address the impacts of climate change and to release a draft climate adaptation strategy. Requires State agencies to maximize specified objectives including promoting the use of the strategy to inform planning decision and ensure state investments consider climate change impacts, as well as promote the use of natural systems and infrastructure when developing infrastructure to address adaptation.

EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C**Reviewed by: Danielle Coats****AB 1496**

Thurmond (D)

*Chapter No. 604***Methane Emissions**

Amends existing law that establishes the State Air Resources Board as the State agency responsible for monitoring and regulating sources emitting greenhouse gases and requires the State Board to complete a comprehensive study to reduce emissions of short-lived climate pollutants in the State. Requires the State Board to take specified actions and conduct specified analyses with respect to methane emissions.

EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C**Reviewed by: Jayne Joy****AB 1531**

Alejo (D)

*Chapter No. 673***State Water Resources Control Board**

Authorizes emergency regulations to meet the federal Safe Drinking Water Act. Relates to violations of water-related permits and regulations or standards, actions concerning the inspection of public water systems, the supplying by a public water system of specified records, loans for water treatment facilities and interest rates thereof, water quality projects eligible for financing, and fund administrative costs.

EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C**Reviewed by: Jayne Joy**

AB 1534

Ting (D)

*Chapter No. 446***Assessment Analyst: Certification**

Prohibits an assessor or any person employed by the Office of the County Assessor from making decisions with regard to change in ownership, or with regard to property tax exemptions, except a homeowners' exemption claim, unless he or she is the holder of a valid assessment analyst certificate issued by the State Board of Equalization. Requires prescribed annual training for certification. Provides for advanced certification. Provide failure to complete training would be grounds for revocation.

EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C**Reviewed by: Charles Turner****SB 13**

Pavley (D)

*Chapter No. 255***Groundwater**

Authorizes the State Water Resource Control Board to designate a basin as a probationary basin and to develop an interim plan. Relates to deficiency remedies by a local agency or groundwater sustainability agency, and to the designation of a basin as probationary. Relates to establishing a groundwater sustainability plan. Authorizes a mutual water company to participate in such agency. Provides a water corporation or mutual water company may participate. Requires an agreement for agency designation.

EMWD's Position: Priority:**Reviewed by: John Daverin****SB 88**

Budget and Fiscal Review Committee

*Chapter No. 27***Water**

Provides provisions regarding water to include safe drinking water supply within disadvantaged communities, the State Environmental Quality Act and groundwater replenishment projects and land use that would increase groundwater demand, devices to measure direct water diversion rates, water permits violation civil liability, filing statements of diversion and water diversion records, emergency conservation regulation violation, water conservation ordinance violations, regional water management plan grants.

EMWD's Position: Concerns Priority: A**Reviewed by: Danielle Coats****SB 107**

Budget and Fiscal Review Committee

*Chapter No. 325***General Subject: Local Government**

Provides provisions regarding local government to include redevelopment and community development agencies, factors regarding the administrative cost allowance, the enforcement of any agreement between a city and county and a former redevelopment agency, transferring housing and other assets, successor agency obligations, property tax revenues and apportionment, county oversight boards, redevelopment agency creation loan repayment, and property tax disbursement to specifically-named counties.

EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C**Reviewed by: Charles Turner**

<p>SB 144 Pan (D) <i>Chapter No. 674</i></p>	<p>Water Development Projects: Sacramento-San Joaquin</p> <p>Amends an existing law which provides for state cooperation with the federal government in the construction of specified flood control projects, and which adopts and authorizes federally adopted and approved projects, including a 200-year level of flood protection in the Natomas Basin, in specified areas. Describes the Natomas Basin flood protection project as further modified by a specified report adopted by Congress. Makes technical nonsubstantive changes.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Danielle Coats, Jolene Walsh</p>
<p>SB 181 Hertzberg (D) <i>Chapter No. 4</i></p>	<p>Validations</p> <p>Enacts the First Validating Act of 2015, which would validate the organization, boundaries, acts, proceedings, and bonds of the state and counties, cities, and specified districts, agencies, and entities.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Support Priority: B Reviewed by: Danielle Coats</p>
<p>SB 182 Hertzberg (D) <i>Chapter No. 256</i></p>	<p>Validations</p> <p>Enacts the Second Validating Act of 2015, which would validate the organization, boundaries, acts, proceedings, and bonds of the state and counties, cities and specified districts, agencies, and entities.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Support Priority: B Reviewed by: Danielle Coats</p>
<p>SB 183 Hertzberg (D) <i>Chapter No. 45</i></p>	<p>Validations</p> <p>Enacts the Third Validating Act of 2015, which would validate the organization, boundaries, acts, proceedings, and bonds of the state and counties, cities, and specified districts, agencies, and entities.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Danielle Coats</p>
<p>SB 184 Hertzberg (D) <i>Chapter No. 269</i></p>	<p>Local Government: Omnibus Bill</p> <p>Clarifies that provisions in existing law relating to the authority of the duties of the auditor apply only to the county auditor. Authorizes marginal notations on recorded records. Repeals keeping an index of separate property of married women. Authorizes general grantor-grantee index in computerized or electronic format. Deletes certain endorsement requirements. Deletes certain name and address posting on records requirements. Updates government contract cost accounting. Relates to local contract bidding.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Danielle Coats</p>

SB 188 Hancock (D) <i>Chapter No. 270</i>	Municipal Utility: Utility Charges: Delinquencies Establishes procedures for a municipal utility district to collect delinquent fees, tolls, rates, rentals, or other charges, together with interest and penalties thereon, for services rendered to a lessee, tenant, or subtenant, through the tax roll, in the same manner as property taxes. Requires the recording of a certificate declaring the amount of delinquent charges with interest and penalties thereon. Authorizes a district to utilize the same collection methods for furnishing water or sewer service. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Heidi Schrader
SB 208 Lara (D) <i>Chapter No. 675</i>	Integrated Regional Water Management Plans: Grants Requires a regional water management group to provide the Department of Water Resources with a list of projects to be funded by the grant funds where the project proponent is a nonprofit organization or a disadvantaged community, or the project benefits a disadvantaged community. Requires the Department to provide advanced payment of a percentage of the grant from those projects that satisfy specified criteria. Authorizes the Department to adopt additional requirements to assure payment is used properly. EMWD's Position: Support Priority: B Reviewed by: Bonnie Wright
SB 216 Pan (D) <i>Chapter No. 244</i>	Public Employees Retirement System Amends the Public Employees Retirement System. Repeals the provisions regarding investing in residential realty on the system's investment portfolio. Changes the frequency of a specified report to eliminate the requirement to report on the investments on a cost basis. Makes other changes to the content of the report. Specifies that the option to purchase service credit shall be elected prior to retirement, that the member be returning to State service. Requires supplying retirement eligibility information. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Denise Bowman
SB 226 Pavley (D) <i>Chapter No. 676</i>	Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Requires that any water right adjudication act shall minimize interference with the completion and implementation of a groundwater sustainability plan, avoid redundancy and unnecessary costs in the development of technical information an a physical solution. Authorizes the designation of high- and medium-priority basins as probationary, under specified criteria. States certain court requirements regarding probationary basins and interim plans. EMWD's Position: Support Priority: B Reviewed by: John Daverin, Steve O'Neill

SB 246 Wieckowski (D) <i>Chapter No. 606</i>	Climate Change Adaptation Establishes the Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program to coordinate regional and local efforts with State climate adaptation strategies to adopt to the impacts of climate change. Requires an update to the Safeguarding California Plan, and the review and update the Adaptation Planning Guide. Establishes an advisory council to support the goals as identified in these provisions. Requires a clearinghouse for adaptation information. Relates to exempting certain meetings under open meetings law.
EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Danielle Coats, Jayne Joy	
SB 272 Hertzberg (D) <i>Chapter No. 795</i>	State Public Records Act: Local Agencies: Inventory Requires each local agency, in implementing the State Public Records Act, to create a catalog of enterprise systems, to make the catalog publicly available upon request in the office of the person or officer designated by the agency's legislative body, and to post the catalog on the local agency's Internet Web site. Requires the catalog to disclose a list of the systems utilized by the agency and, among other things, the current system vendor and product, citing the justification therefor.
EMWD's Position: Oppose unless amended Priority: A Reviewed by: Doug Hefley, Michelle Herrington	
SB 331 Mendoza (D) <i>Chapter No. 714</i>	Public Contracts: Local Agencies: Negotiations Enacts the Civic Reporting Openness in Negotiations Efficiency Act. Establishes specified procedures for the negotiation and approval of certain contracts with a specified minimum value, by cities, counties, or cities and counties, and special districts that have adopted a related ordinance. Requires a review and report on the cost of any contract. Requires the local entities to disclose prescribed information on the entities' Internet Web site. Relates to public meetings. Exempts certain contracts.
EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Danielle Coats	
SB 350 De Leon (D) <i>Chapter No. 547</i>	Clean Energy and Pollution Reduction Act of 2015 Requires an increase in the amount of electricity generated and sold to retail customers per year from eligible renewable energy resources. Makes other Renewables Portfolio Standards Program revisions. Requires targets for energy efficiency savings and demand reduction for gas and electrical corporations. Relates to the transformation of the Independent System Operator as a regional organization with the approval of the Legislature, pursuant to a specified process.
EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Jeff Wall, Dan Howell	

SB 358 Jackson (D) <i>Chapter No. 546</i>	Conditions of Employment: Gender Wage Differential Relates to conditions of employment and a gender wage differential. Eliminates a requirement the pay differential be within the same establishment. Prohibits an employer from discharging, discriminating or retaliating against any employee by reason of any action taken by the employee to invoke or assist in any manner the enforcement of equal work provisions. Authorizes related civil actions. Prohibits an employer from prohibiting employees from discussions regarding wages. Relates to recordkeeping. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Denise Bowman
SB 385 Hueso (D) <i>Chapter No. 272</i>	Primary Drinking Water Standards: Hexavalent Chromium Authorizes the State Water Resources Control Board to grant a period of time to achieve compliance with the primary drinking water standard for hexavalent chromium by approving the compliance plan. Requires a public water system to provide specified notice regarding the plan to the persons served and to send status reports to the Board. Authorizes the Board to direct revisions to the plan and to implement, interpret, or make specific provisions by means of criteria, published on its Internet Web site. EMWD's Position: Support Priority: B Reviewed by: Jayne Joy
SB 555 Wolk (D) <i>Chapter No. 679</i>	Urban Retail Water Suppliers: Water Loss Management Require each urban retail water supplier to submit a completed and validated water loss audit report for the previous calendar year or fiscal year. Requires the Department of Water Resources of post a reports on its Internet Web site and develop metrics for reporting progress on water loss reduction. Requires rules requiring urban retail water suppliers to meet performance standards for the volume of water losses. Requires the Water Resources Control Board to fund water loss audit validation assistance. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Beth Lovsted
SB 570 Jackson (D) <i>Chapter No. 543</i>	Personal Information: Privacy: Breach Amends existing law requiring a person or business conducting business in the State and any agency that owns or licenses computerized data that includes personal information to disclose a breach of the security of the system in the most expedient time possible and without unreasonable delay. Provides the format and contents of the breach notification. Prescribes a model security breach notification form. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Joe Gott

<p>SB 579 Jackson (D) <i>Chapter No. 802</i></p>	<p>Employees: Time Off Includes the addressing of a child care provider emergency or a school emergency and the finding, enrolling, or reenrolling a child in a school or with a child care provider as activities for which a parent having child custody shall not discriminated against or discharged. Defines parent to include specified family members. Requires an employer to permit an employee to use sick leave for purposes of the Healthy Workplaces, Healthy Families Act. Redefines sick leave. Prohibits certain employer actions. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Denise Bowman</p>
<p>SB 623 Lara (D) <i>Chapter No. 290</i></p>	<p>Workers' Compensation Benefits Provides that a person shall not be excluded from receiving benefits under the Uninsured Employers Fund or the Subsequent Injuries Benefits Trust Fund based on his or her citizenship or immigration status. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Doug Hefley</p>
<p>SB 637 Allen (D) <i>Chapter No. 680</i></p>	<p>Suction Dredge Mining: Permits Requires the Department of Fish and Wildlife to issue a mining permit that will use vacuum or suction dredge equipment, if it is determined that the use does not cause significant effects on fish and wildlife. Authorizes adjusting permit fees to cover the costs of regulating activities. Authorizes the State or regional water resources control boards to adopt waste discharge requirements or a waiver thereof. Specifies the activity the permit authorizes. Defines the use of such equipment. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: John Daverin</p>
<p>SB 664 Hertzberg (D) <i>Chapter No. 681</i></p>	<p>Water: Urban Water Management Planning Requires an urban water supplier to include within its water management plan a seismic risk assessment and mitigation plan to asses the vulnerability of each of the various facilities of the water system and mitigate those vulnerabilities. Authorizes the compliance with that requirement by submitting a copy of an adopted local hazard mitigation plan or multihazard mitigation plan that addresses seismic risk. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Beth Lovsted, John Daverin</p>
<p>SB 704 Gaines T (R) <i>Chapter No. 495</i></p>	<p>Public Officers and Employees: Conflicts of Interest Relates to conflicts of interest. Includes in the definition of remote interest the interest of a person who is an owner or partner of a firm serving as an appointed member of an unelected board or commission of a contracting agency, if the owner or partner recuses himself or herself from providing certain advice, and the interest of a planner employed by a consulting engineering, architectural, or planning firm. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Steve O'Neill</p>

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Beall (D)

Chapter No. 92

Social Security: Retirement Benefits: Public Employees

Requests the President and the Congress of the United States to pass legislation repealing the Government Pension Offset and the Windfall Elimination Provisions from the Social Security Act.

EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C

Reviewed by: Jayne Joy, Charles Turner

Failed Legislation

Year-One, 2015 - 2016 State Legislative Session

AB 311 Gallagher (R)	Environmental Quality: Water Quality and Supply Requires the public agency, in certifying the environmental impact report and in granting approvals for specified water storage projects funded, in whole or in part, by Proposition 1, to comply with specified procedures. Requires the Judicial Council to adopt a rule of court to establish procedures applicable to actions or proceedings seeking judicial review of an agency's action in certifying the environmental impact report and in granting project approval. Relates to court staying of the projects. EMWD's Position: Oppose Priority: B Reviewed by: Jayne Joy
AB 641 Mayes (R)	Environmental Quality: Environmental Impact Reports Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to provision of the California Environmental Quality Act. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Jayne Joy
AB 842 Patterson (R)	Contractors: Trust or Custodial Benefits Plans Provides that a contractor that bids on or has been awarded work covered by a project labor agreement that provides health coverage to workers on the project that is the subject of the agreement, that includes essential health benefits and that provides evidence of that coverage to the entity awarding the contract, is exempt from a requirement to pay into a trust or custodial benefit plan for health and welfare or similar benefits for those workers. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Denise Bowman
AB 956 Mathis (R)	California Environmental Quality Act: Exemption Exempts from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act activities undertaken by a local agency in response to a drought that are necessary for water recycling projects that provide water for drinking and sanitation to specific individuals and communities. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Jayne Joy

AB 1296

Jones (R)

Elections: Initiative and Referendum Measures

Relates to initiative and referendum. Requires an elections official to immediately place an initiative measure on the election ballot for which it qualifies if the official finds the petition to be sufficient. Provides that if more than one election date is legally possible, the official is required to place the measure on the ballot for the earliest legally possible date. Applies this procedure to local initiative and referendum measures.

EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C**Reviewed by: Danielle Coats**

AB 1398

Wilk (R)

Environmental Quality: Sustainable Environmental

Relates to the California Environmental Quality Act, which requires a lead agency, as defined, to prepare, or cause to be prepared, and certify the completion of, and environmental impact report (EIR). Enacts the Sustainable Environmental Protection Act. Specifies the environmental review for projects related to specified environmental topical areas. Prohibits a cause of action that alleges noncompliance based on any topical area or criteria.

EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C**Reviewed by: Jayne Joy**

Two-year Legislation

Year-One, 2015 - 2016 State Legislative Session

AB 12

Cooley (D)

State Government: Administrative Regulations: Review

Requires each state agency after a noticed public hearing, to review the agency's regulations, identify any regulations that are duplicative, overlapping, inconsistent, or out of date, to revise those identified regulations, and report to the Legislature and Governor.

EMWD's Position: Support Priority: B

Reviewed by: Danielle Coats

AB 21

Perea (D)

Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: Scoping Plan

Requires the State Air Resources Board in preparing its scoping plan for achieving the maximum technologically feasible and cost-effective reductions in greenhouse gas reduction, to consult with specified State agencies regarding matters involving energy efficiency and the facilitation of the electrification of the transportation sector.

EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C

Reviewed by: Jayne Joy

AB 22

Rodriguez (D)

Office of Emergency Services: Oil-by-Rail Spills

Requires the Curriculum Development Advisory Committee to review the curriculum and courses of instruction offered by public and private programs that train firefighters in response methods for oil-by-rail spills. Requires the Office of Emergency Services to compile a list of those curriculum and courses of instruction.

EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C

Reviewed by: Jeff Wall

AB 23

Patterson (R)

Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: Compliance

Exempts categories of persons or entities that did not have a compliance obligation under a market-based compliance mechanism from being subject to that market-based compliance mechanism.

EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C

Reviewed by: Jayne Joy

AB 33

Quirk (D)

Electrical Corporations: Procurement Plans

Requires the Public Utilities Commission to determine what role large scale energy storage could play as part of the state's overall strategy for procuring a diverse portfolio of resources and to consider specified factors in making that determination.

EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C

Reviewed by: Jayne Joy

AB 45

Mullin (D)

Household Hazardous Waste

Requires each jurisdiction providing for the residential collection and disposal of solid waste to increase the collection and diversion of household hazardous waste in its service area over the baseline. Provides the increase is to be determined in accordance with Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery regulations. Authorizes the adoption of a model ordinance for a comprehensive program for the collection of waste. Requires an annual report to the Department on progress in achieving compliance.

EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C**Reviewed by: Jayne Joy****AB 52**

Gray (D)

Public Accommodations: Accessibility Claims

Provides a defendant's maximum liability for statutory damages in a construction-related accessibility claim against a place of public accommodation is a specified amount for each offense under specified conditions. Provides the maximum liability of a small business.

EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C**Reviewed by: Doug Hefley****AB 54**

Olsen (R)

Public Accommodations: Accessibility: Tax Credits

Relates to the Personal Income Tax and Corporation Tax laws that allow a credit against the tax imposed by those laws to eligible small business for a percentage of eligible access expenditures, which a defined as those amounts incurred to comply with the American with Disabilities Act of 1990. Includes as an eligible expenditure any amount paid or incurred by a taxpayer to receive an inspection by a certified access specialist.

EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C**Reviewed by: Doug Hefley****AB 67**

Gonzalez (D)

Double Pay on the Holiday Act of 2015

Enacts the Double Pay on the Holiday Act of 2015. Requires an employer to pay at least two times the regular rate of pay to specified employees for work on a family holiday. Provides exceptions for employees of employers who employ a specified number of employees, or who are employed as a first responder or emergency personnel.

EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C**Reviewed by: Denise Bowman****AB 78**

Mathis (R)

Groundwater Basins

Makes technical nonsubstantive changes to existing law that requires the Department of Water Resources to categorize each basin or subbasin as high-, medium-, low-, or very low priority and to establish ground water the initial priority for each basin.

EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C**Reviewed by: John Daverin**

AB 83 Gatto (D)	Personal Data Amends existing law requiring a person or business that owns, licenses, or maintains personal information about a resident to implement and maintain reasonable security procedures and practices appropriate to the type of information. Expands the definition of personal information to include any unique government-issued identification number, an individual's geophysical location, health insurance, or biometric information, or an individual's signature. Defines reasonable security procedures and practices. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Jolene Walsh, Joe Gott
AB 102 Rodriguez (D)	Railroad, Surface Transportation Safety and Emergency Creates the Regional Railroad and Surface Transportation Accident Preparedness and Immediate Response Task Force to be responsible for providing regional and onsite response capabilities in the event of a hazardous materials from a rail car or railroad accident involving a rail car or a hazardous materials release from a truck accident. Requires the development of a State regional railroad and surface transportation accident preparedness and immediate response plan. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Jeff Wall
AB 103 Weber (D)	Budget Act of 2015 Makes appropriations for the support of state government for the 2015-16 fiscal year. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Danielle Coats
AB 113 Weber (D)	Local Government Provides provisions regarding the requirements of successor redevelopment agencies to include the use of administrative cost allowances, and enforceable obligations, authorization for loans or grants to cover those allowances and obligations, low and moderate income housing funds and assets, a Last and Final Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule, refunding or refinancing indebtedness obligations, transfer of assets and funds to the new agency, and procedures for the dissolving of the original agency. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Charles Turner
AB 115 Weber (D)	Budget Act of 2015 Expresses the intent to make statutory changes to the Budget Act of 2015. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Danielle Coats

AB 122 Budget Committee	Budget Act of 2015 Expresses the intent to make statutory changes to the Budget Act of 2015. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Danielle Coats
AB 152 Bigelow (R)	Water Rights: Appropriation Makes a technical nonsubstantive change to existing law that requires the State Water Resources Control Board to administer a water rights program pursuant to which the board grants permits and licenses to appropriate water. Requires the board to allow the appropriation for beneficial purposes of unappropriated water under terms and conditions as in its judgment. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: John Daverin
AB 153 Bigelow (R)	Integrated Regional Water Management Planning Makes a technical nonsubstantive change to existing law that authorizes a regional water management group to prepare and adopt an integrated regional water management plan with specified components. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Beth Lovsted
AB 156 Perea (D)	Global Warming Solutions Act: Disadvantaged Communities Requires the State Air Resources Board, pursuant to the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, to post on its Internet Web site a specified report on the projects funded to benefit disadvantaged communities. Requires the Board to establish and accomplish a comprehensive technical assistance program, upon appropriation from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, for eligible applicants assisting defined eligible communities. Requires an allocation to the Board for the program. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Danielle Coats
AB 168 Maienschein (R)	Local Government Finance Makes nonsubstantive changes to a provision in existing law pertaining to property tax revenue allocations to a qualifying city that merges with a special district. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Charles Turner, Debby Cherney

AB 183 Waldron (R)	Preauthorized Electronic Fund Transfers Requires certain financial institutions to ensure it complies with federal regulations with regard to electronic fund transfers. Requires a specified notice to a consumer who approved a transfer to a merchant from the consumer's account. Requires the merchant located in the State that accepts such transfers to post the same notice on its Internet Web site, if any. Provides the procedures for a consumer to cancel such transfer and the institution to assure the merchant can no longer accomplish such transfer. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Charles Turner, Heidi Schrader
AB 197 Garcia E (D)	Public Utilities: Renewable Resources Requires the Public Utilities Commission, in adopting a process that provides criteria for the rank ordering and selection of eligible renewable energy resources by electrical corporations, to consider any statewide greenhouse gas emissions limit established pursuant to a specified Act and consideration of capacity and essential reliability services of the eligible renewable energy resource to ensure grid reliability. Relates to entering new resource contracts and constructing facilities within costs. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Jayne Joy, Jeff Wall, Dan Howell
AB 228 Waldron (R)	Water Resources Development System Makes a technical nonsubstantive change in existing law that specifies the Department of Water Resources operates the State Water Resources Development System. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Beth Lovsted
AB 237 Daly (D)	Local Governments: Parcel Taxes: Notice Requires, before the adoption of any new parcel tax, the legislative body of a local agency to provide notice of the vote to enact the proposed parcel tax to the owner of each parcel affected by the tax within a specified time period of the agency voting to place the proposed parcel tax on the ballot. Requires the notice to include specified information and to be provided to the property owner in a specified manner. EMWD's Position: Oppose unless amended Priority: B Reviewed by: April Coady, Debby Cherney
AB 239 Gallagher (R)	Greenhouse Gases: Regulations prohibits the State Air Resources Board from adopting or amending regulations pursuant to the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006. Authorizes the Board to submit to the Legislature recommendations on how to achieve the goals of the act. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Jayne Joy

AB 241 Gordon (D)	<p>Bankruptcy: Retired Employees: Disclosure of Names</p> <p>Requires a local public entity to provide the name and mailing address of each retired employee or his or her beneficiary receiving the retired employee's retirement benefit to any organization that is incorporated and qualified under specific state and federal laws for the purpose of representing retired employees or their beneficiaries as members of the organization in a neutral evaluation process, the declaration of a fiscal emergency and adoption of a resolution, or a bankruptcy proceeding.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Denise Bowman</p>
AB 245 Lackey (R)	<p>Elections: Penal Provisions</p> <p>Amends existing law the prohibits a person in possession of a firearm, uniformed peace officer, private guard, or security personnel being stationed or posted at a polling place, and the hiring or arranging for any of the above-named individuals to be stationed or posted at a polling place without written authorization of the appropriate elections official. Increases the maximum fine for such violations. Requires the fine to be adjusted annually by any increase in the State Consumer Price Index.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Danielle Coats</p>
AB 259 Dababneh (D)	<p>Personal Information Privacy</p> <p>Requires an agency, if the agency was the source of the breach and the breach compromised a person's social security number, driver's license number, or California identification card number, to offer to provide the person with identity theft prevention and mitigation services at no cost for not less than 12 months.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Jolene Walsh, Debby Cherney</p>
AB 263 Patterson (R)	<p>Hazardous Waste: Regulations</p> <p>Requires the Department of Toxic Substances Control to update, and periodically thereafter as appropriate, specified regulations relating to the use of Test Methods for Evaluating Solid Waste, Physical/Chemical Methods, EPA Publication SW-846.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Jayne Joy</p>
AB 291 Medina (D)	<p>Environmental Quality Act: Local Agencies: Water</p> <p>Authorizes a local agency, for certain water projects, to file a specified notice with the county clerk of the county in which the local agency's principal office is located, along with any required payment to the Department of Fish and Wildlife, and with the Office of Planning and Research and to transmit a copy of the notice to the county clerk of the counties in which the project is located. Requires the notice and the copies of the notice to be available to for public inspection. Relates to challenges.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Support Priority: A</p> <p>Reviewed by: Beth Lovsted, Jayne Joy</p>

AB 300 Alejo (D)	Safe Water and Wildlife Protection Act of 2016 Enacts the Safe Water and Wildlife Protection Act of 2016, which requires the State Water Resources Board to establish and coordinate the Algal Bloom Task Force to review the risks and negative impacts of toxic algal blooms and microcystin pollution and to submit a summary of its findings and recommendations. Authorizes entering into contracts and providing grants for applied research, projects, and programs aimed at prevention and mitigation of toxic blooms. Requires public notification. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Jayne Joy
AB 307 Mathis (R)	Graywater: Groundwater Recharge States the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to explicitly permit the usage of residential, commercial, and industrial graywater for the recharge of a groundwater basin or aquifer. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Jayne Joy, John Daverin
AB 308 Mathis (R)	Graywater: Agricultural Use States the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to explicitly permit incorporated and unincorporated communities to sell graywater for agricultural purposes and agriculture to use graywater for agricultural purposes. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Jayne Joy
AB 309 Mathis (R)	Governor Edmund G. Pat Brown Sr. Research Grant Requires the State Department of Water Resources to create and administer a specified research grant program to provide a grant to support research that would examine ways to expand the State's water portfolio. Specifies only California State University, University of California, are eligible for the grant. Appropriates a specified amount of moneys from the General Fund. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Danielle Coats
AB 320 Wood (D)	Engineers Prohibits a person from using the title environmental engineer unless the person is licensed as an engineer. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Danielle Coats

AB 326

Frazier (D)

Public Works: Prevailing Wage Rates

Amends existing law that provides that there is no liability for liquidated damages if a contractor, subcontractor, for surety deposits the full amount of the assessment or notice, including penalties, with the Department of Industrial Relations to hold in escrow pending administrative or judicial review. Requires the Department to release the funds deposited in escrow plus interest to those persons and entities as expeditiously as possible following the conclusion of all administrative and judicial review.

EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C**Reviewed by: Bruce Mitzel, John Ward****AB 356**

Williams (D)

Oil and Gas: Groundwater Monitoring

Authorizes the State Oil and Gas Supervisor to require a well operator to implement a monitoring program for below ground oil production tanks and facilities, and disposal and injection wells. Requires the annual review of underground injection or disposal projects that use Class II wells. Requires the submission of a related groundwater monitoring plan. Requires submission of certain data for the State's geotracker database. Provides procedures for an aquifer exemption. Relates to plan modification.

EMWD's Position: Support Priority: B**Reviewed by: John Daverin****AB 368**

Steinorth (R)

Community Redevelopment

Makes nonsubstantive changes to existing law relating to redevelopment agencies that provides for specified payments with respect to development project areas.

EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C**Reviewed by: Charles Turner****AB 411**

Lackey (R)

Public Contracts

Makes technical nonsubstantive changes to existing law that generally requires the Department of General Services to approve state agency contracts for the acquisition of goods and services and defines several terms relating to these contract acquisitions.

EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C**Reviewed by: Chris Teague****AB 415**

Chavez (R)

Green Tariff Shared Renewables Program

Makes a nonsubstantive revision to the legislative findings and statements of intent regarding the Green Tariff Shared Renewables Program. Requires a participating utility to file with the Public Utilities Commission an application requesting approval of a tariff to implement a program enabling ratepayers to participate in electrical generation facilities that use eligible renewable energy resources.

EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C**Reviewed by: Danielle Coats**

AB 435 Chang (R)	Environmental Protection Agency Requires that each department, board, and commission of the Natural Resources Agency and each department, board and office of the Environmental Protection Agency Web cast all public meetings and workshops, in a manner that enables listeners and viewers to ask questions and provide public comment by telephone or electronic communication commensurate with those attending the meeting or workshop. Provides an exception. Requires making the Web cast available online for a specified minimum time period. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Jayne Joy
AB 448 Brown (D)	Local Government Finance: Vehicle License Fee Relates to county vehicle license fee property tax compensation funds and the funding of additional allocations from ad valorem property tax revenues otherwise required to be allocated to educational entities. Modifies certain reduction and transfer provisions, by providing for a vehicle license fee adjustment amount calculated on the basis of changes in assessed valuation. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Charles Turner, Debby Cherney
AB 450 McCarty (D)	Greenhouse Gas: Energy Efficiency: Financing. Amends an existing law which authorizes a public agency to issue revenue bonds that are secured by a voluntary contractual assessment agreed to between the public agency and a property owner to finance the installation of distributed generation renewable energy sources or energy or water efficiency improvements that are permanently affixed on the owner's real property. Authorizes the use of the moneys in the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund to provide funding for the implementation of the PACE Reserve Program. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Charles Turner, Debby Cherney
AB 452 Bigelow (R)	Water Rights Fund: Groundwater Regulation Amends existing law that establishes groundwater reporting requirements for a person extracting groundwater in an area within a basin that is not within the management area of a groundwater sustainability agency or that is a probationary basin. Prohibits water rights fees from being available for expenditure by the Water Resources Control Board for the purposes of Board enforcement of the provisions of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act and the groundwater reporting requirements. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: John Daverin

AB 453 Bigelow (R)	<p>Groundwater Management</p> <p>Authorizes, until a groundwater sustainability plan is adopted, a local agency that has adopted a groundwater management plan to impose fees on the extraction of groundwater from a groundwater basin to fund costs of groundwater management and to collect groundwater extraction information, as long as a groundwater management plan adopted before a specified date, is in effect.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Support Priority: B</p> <p>Reviewed by: John Daverin</p>
AB 454 Bigelow (R)	<p>Sustainable Groundwater Management</p> <p>Relates to groundwater basins. Requires a high- or medium-priority basin that is not subject to critical conditions of overdraft to be managed under a groundwater sustainability plan or coordinated groundwater sustainability plan. Provides for the designation of basins as probationary basins.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Jayne Joy, John Daverin</p>
AB 455 Bigelow (R)	<p>Groundwater Sustainability Plans</p> <p>Amends the California Environmental Quality Act. Requires the Judicial Council to adopt a rule of court to establish procedures applicable to actions or proceedings brought to attack, review, set aside, void, or annul the certification of an environmental impact report for certain projects covered by a groundwater sustainability plan. Prohibits the court from staying or enjoining the construction or operation of the project unless the court makes a certain finding.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: John Daverin</p>
AB 471 Harper (R)	<p>Employment</p> <p>Makes nonsubstantive changes to prohibitions subject to certain exceptions concerning an employer from requiring an employee to work more than 5 hours per day without providing a meal period.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Denise Bowman</p>
AB 472 Harper (R)	<p>Public Works: Prevailing Wage: Volunteers</p> <p>Makes a nonsubstantive, technical change by deleting an obsolete provision in existing law that generally requires the payment of not less than the prevailing rate of per diem wages for work of a similar character in the locality in which the public work is performed by workers employed on public works projects, except work performed by a volunteer, a volunteer coordinator, or member of the State Conservation Corps, or a community conservation corps.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Bruce Mitzel</p>

AB 478 Harper (R)	Desalination Makes a nonsubstantive change to the Cobey-Porter Saline Water Conversion Law that states the policy of this state that desalination projects developed by or for public water entities be given the same opportunities for state assistance and funding as other water supply and reliability projects, and that desalination be consistent with all applicable environmental protection policies in the state. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Jayne Joy
AB 501 Levine (D)	Resources: Delta Research Relates to the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Reform Act of 2009. Requires a person conducting State-funded Delta Research to take specified actions with regard to the sharing of the primary data, samples, physical collections, and other supporting materials created or gathered in the course of that research. Relates to ineligibility. Authorizes the Delta Independent Science Board to adopt guidelines. Suspends State funding for improper reporting. Provides research property rights remain with the researcher. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Jolene Walsh
AB 543 Quirk (D)	Proposition 65: Exposure Relates to Proposition 65 exposure. Provides that a person, in the course of doing business, does not knowingly and intentionally expose an individual to a chemical known to the State to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity if there exists an exposure assessment that meets specified requirements. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Jayne Joy
AB 577 Bonilla (D)	Biomethane: Grant Program Requires the development and implementation of a grant program to award grants for projects that produce biomethane, that build or develop collection and purification technology or infrastructure, or that upgrade or expand existing biomethane facilities. Authorizes moneys in the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund to be used to fund grants awarded under the program. EMWD's Position: Support Priority: A Reviewed by: Jayne Joy, Bonnie Wright

AB 585 Melendez (R)	Outdoor Water Efficiency: Personal Income Tax Credits Relates to the Outdoor Water Efficiency Act. Allows a credit, under the Personal Income Tax Law, for a specified percentage of the amount paid or incurred by a qualified taxpayer for water-efficiency improvements on qualified real property. Limits the cumulative amount of the credit. Requires a taxpayer to obtain and retain a improvements certification from a regional or local water agency, and to provide a copy to the Franchise Tax Board upon request. EMWD's Position: Support Priority: A Reviewed by: Beth Lovsted
AB 588 Grove (R)	Labor Code Private Attorneys General Act of 2004 Provides an employer with the right to cure a violation of the wage statement law requirement before an employee may bring a civil action under the Labor Code Private Attorneys General Act of 2004. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Denise Bowman
AB 590 Dahle (R)	Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund Provides that moneys in the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund account may be made available for expenditure by the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission for maintaining the current level of biomass power generation or geothermal energy generation in the State and revitalizing currently idle facilities in strategically located regions. Establishes requirements for an applicant to receive available funding for a facility's eligible electrical generation. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Danielle Coats
AB 603 Salas (D)	Income Taxes: Every Drop Counts Tax Credit Allows a credit under the Personal Income Tax and the Corporation Tax laws to a taxpayer participating in a lawn replacement rebate program. EMWD's Position: Support Priority: B Reviewed by: Beth Lovsted
AB 615 Rendon (D)	Office of Sustainable Water Solutions: Assistance Amends existing law that establishes the Office of Sustainable Water Solutions to promote permanent and sustainable drinking water and wastewater treatment solutions to ensure the effective and efficient provision of safe, clean, affordable, and reliable drinking water and wastewater treatment services and authorizes the office to provide technical assistance to disadvantaged communities and small drinking water systems and wastewater systems. Specifies the technical assistance that may be provided. EMWD's Position: Support Priority: B Reviewed by: Jayne Joy, Bonnie Wright

AB 639 Dahle (R)	<p>Water Quality: Membership of Regional Boards</p> <p>Makes nonsubstantive changes to provisions of existing law which requires the State Water Resources Control Board and the regional water quality control boards to prescribe waste discharge requirements in accordance with the federal national pollutant discharge elimination system permit program established by the federal Clean Water Act and the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Jayne Joy</p>
AB 640 Dahle (R)	<p>Household Hazardous Waste</p> <p>Makes nonsubstantive changes to the definitions pertaining to existing law which authorizes public agencies to operate household hazardous waste collection facilities.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Jayne Joy</p>
AB 642 Dahle (R)	<p>State Air Resources Board</p> <p>Makes a nonsubstantive change to provisions of the State Air Resources Board.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Danielle Coats, Jayne Joy</p>
AB 645 Williams (D)	<p>California Renewables Portfolio Standard</p> <p>Expresses the intent of the Legislature for the purposes of the Renewables Portfolio Standard program that the amount of electricity generated per year from eligible renewable energy resources be increased to an amount equal to at least 50% by a specified date. Requires the Public Utilities Commission to establish the quantity of electricity products from eligible renewable energy resources to be procured by each retail seller for specified periods.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Jayne Joy, Dan Howell</p>
AB 647 Eggman (D)	<p>Beneficial Use: Storing of Water Underground</p> <p>Declares that the diversion of water to underground storage constitutes a beneficial use of water if the water so stored is thereafter applied to the beneficial purposes for which the appropriation for storage was made, or if the water is so stored consistent with a sustainable groundwater management plan, statutory authority to conduct groundwater recharge, or a judicial degree and is for specified purposes. Requires applying for a permit or petition for a change. Requires including specified conditions.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Oppose unless amended Priority: A</p> <p>Reviewed by: Danielle Coats, John Daverin, Steve O'Neill</p>

AB 654

Brown (D)

Redevelopment: Revenues from Property Tax Override

Authorizes a city, county, city and county, or special district that levies a property tax rate, approved by voters of those entities, to make payments in support of the State Water Project and levied in addition to the general property tax rate, to make a request to an oversight board to prohibit revenues derived from that tax rate from be deposited into a Redevelopment Property Tax Fund. Authorizes revenues from the tax rate, minus any revenue denied by oversight board, to be paid into the entities fund.

EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C**Reviewed by: Charles Turner, Debby Cherney****AB 678**

O'Donnell (D)

Energy Efficiency and Greenhouse Gas Reductions

Requires the State Air Resources Board to develop and implement the Energy Efficiency and Greenhouse Gas Reductions Ports Program to fund energy efficiency upgrades and investments at public ports. Requires a port to develop and adopt an energy plan for the port to receive funding for energy-related projects. Authorizes the State Board to expend moneys it receives from an appropriation from the fund for the purposes of these provisions.

EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C**Reviewed by: Danielle Coatsr****AB 712**

Mullin (D)

Redevelopment: Successor Agencies: Payment Schedule

Amends existing law that governs redevelopment successor agencies. Revises the timeline for the preparation of the required Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule. Provides that the successor agency prepare a schedule for a 12-month fiscal period, with the first of these periods beginning on a specified date. Authorizes the Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule to be amended by the oversight board during a 12-month fiscal period under a specified condition.

EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C**Reviewed by: Charles Turner****AB 720**

Cooley (D)

Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006

Amends the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006. Requires the State Air Resources Board for any market-based compliance mechanism that the Board might adopt, to allow participating entities to freely sell or transfer greenhouse gas emissions allowances held in a holding account or compliance account, except for allowances that have been expressly retired to meet a compliance obligation. Requires the Board to set a price cap on any allowances offered for purchase through the Board.

EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C**Reviewed by: Jayne Joy**

AB 723 Rendon (D)	Rental Property: Plumbing Fixtures: Replacement Requires the lease or rental agreement of a single-family residential real property or any portion of a multifamily residential real property or commercial real property that is entered into, renewed, or amended, be accompanied by a disclosure stating the property owner's responsibility to replace all noncompliant plumbing fixtures with water-conserving plumbing fixtures. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Beth Lovsted
AB 725 Wagner (R)	Water Quality: Recycled Water: Storm-Induced Overflow Requires the State Water Resources Control Board to adopt a policy to address the potential for a storm-induced overflow from an impoundment in which recycled water is stored for subsequent beneficial use or aesthetic purposes. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Jayne Joy
AB 761 Levine (D)	Carbon Sequestration: Working Lands Requires the Department of Conservation, upon an appropriate therefor, to establish a grant program to fund voluntary projects that increase carbon sequestration and greenhouse gas emissions reduction on working lands. Requires the Department to develop and adopt project solicitation and evaluation guidelines for the program. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Jayne Joy
AB 777 Harper (R)	Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: Repeal Repeals the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 that designates the State Air Resources Board as the state agency charged with monitoring and regulating sources of emissions of greenhouse gases. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Danielle Coats
AB 806 Dodd (D)	Planning: Permits: Strand-Mounted Antenna Requires State and local agencies to encourage the installation of broadband by eliminating barriers that restrict broadband deployment. Requires that strand-mounted antennas that were previously in accordance with State and local permitting requirements be exempt from additional permit requirements. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Charles Turner, Joe Gott

AB 824 Gatto (D)	Fire Prevention Activities. Relates to fire prevention activities. Includes coordination and cooperation with the federal government by the Board of Forestry and Fire Prevention. Provides that a required report shall include a map of the areas of coordination between the department and the federal government. Relates to areas of financial responsibility. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Becky Rathbone, Jeff Wall
AB 867 Wagner (R)	Tax: Refunds: Property Tax: State Assessment Relates to Use Tax Law and other tax and fee laws. Relates to local sales or transactions and use in taxes. Relates to illegally levied or collected taxation. Authorizes any person who paid that tax, fee, assessment, surcharge, or other amount to file with the tax agency claim for refund. Requires the tax agency to refund the amount so paid. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Charles Turner
AB 874 Rendon (D)	Collective Bargaining: Judicial Council Relates to existing law, the Dills Act, which governs collective bargaining between the state and recognized state public employee organizations. Applies the Act to employees of the Judicial Council. Excludes from the definition of employee a judicial officer or employee of the Supreme Court, the courts of appeal, or the Habeas Corpus Resource Center. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Denise Bowman
AB 898 Gonzalez (D)	Employee Wages Makes nonsubstantive changes to existing law that requires that employers pay wages to their employees, twice per calendar month, on days designated in advance as regular paydays. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Denise Bowman
AB 935 Salas (D)	Water Projects Requires, upon appropriation by the Legislature, the Department of Water Resources to provide funding for certain projects, provided that certain conditions are met. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Bonnie Wright

AB 936 Salas (D)	<p>Groundwater Monitoring</p> <p>Amends existing law which provides that certain entities with authority to assume groundwater monitoring functions with regard to a basin or subbasin for which the Department of Water Resources has assumed those functions are not eligible for a water grant or loan awarded or administered by the state. Authorizes an exemption for the eligibility restriction if the entity submits specified documentation that provides that there are special circumstances justifying noncompliance.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: John Daverin</p>
AB 937 Salas (D)	<p>Groundwater Plan/Assistance: Disadvantaged Communities</p> <p>Requires the Department of Water Resources to provide technical assistance to disadvantaged communities so that they may participate in groundwater planning, including planning for regional groundwater banking, with any county or other local agency.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: John Daverin</p>
AB 938 Salas (D)	<p>Groundwater: Basin Reprioritization</p> <p>Imposes the requirement to establish a groundwater sustainability agency on a local agency or combination of local agencies overlying a groundwater basin.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: John Daverin</p>
AB 954 Mathis (R)	<p>Water and Wastewater Loan and Grant Pilot Program</p> <p>Creates the Water and Wastewater Loan and Grant Program. Require the State Water Resources Control Board to establish a pilot program to provide low-interest loans and grants to local agencies for grants to eligible individual homeowners for purposes relating to drinking water and wastewater treatment. Creates a related fund for use under the program. Transfers a specified amount of funds from the General Fund to the fund.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Bonnie Wright</p>
AB 955 Mathis (R)	<p>Disaster Assistance: Droughts: Temporary Assistance</p> <p>Authorizes the Office of Emergency Services to address the effects of a drought by providing temporary water supplies for drinking and sanitation to property owners, and to allow temporary assistance to be provided to property owners whose income exceeds a specified threshold.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Beth Lovsted</p>

AB 957 Mathis (R)	Water Quality, Supply, Infrastructure Improvement Relates to grants under the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 for water supply reliability improvement to include in that improvement criterion whether the project is proposed by a community that is dependent on groundwater from a basin in overdraft, and would include in the public health benefits criterion whether the project is proposed by a community that has extended, or is in the process of extending, its water service deliveries to specified groundwater entities. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Bonnie Wright
AB 977 Mayes (R)	State Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund Amends existing law that requires loans under the State Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund to meet specified criteria, including requiring full amortization not later than a specified number of years after project completion. Requires full amortization not later than another specified number of years after project completion. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Jayne Joy, Bonnie Wright
AB 979 Mayes (R)	Worker's Compensation States the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation relating to worker's compensation. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Denise Bowman, Doug Hefley
AB 984 Calderon I (D)	Use of Age Information in Employment Prohibits an employer from using information regarding a person's age in making any employment decision regarding that person. Provides that a commercial online entertainment employment service provider, as defined, who accepts payment from persons in the State to post resumes and other information online is subject to the antidiscrimination laws of the State. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Denise Bowman
AB 988 Stone (D)	Outdoor Environmental Education and Receptions Relates to grants. Requires the Department of Parks and Recreation to establish an Outdoor Environmental Education and Receptions Grants Program with the purpose of increasing the ability of underserved and at-risk populations to participate in outdoor recreation and educational experiences by awarding grants to public organizations, nonprofit organizations, or both. Requires the development of criteria, procedures and accountability measures to implement and administer the program. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Bonnie Wright

AB 997 Allen T (R)	Recycling: Plastic Material Relates to the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989. Relates to the policy goal of the State to provide that the goal is for not less than 75% of solid waste generated to be source reduced, recycled, used for power generation in dedicated anaerobic digesters as well as in modern landfills capturing methane gas, or composted by the year 2020, and annually thereafter. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Danielle Coats, Jayne Joy, Jeff Wall
AB 1007 McCarty (D)	Minimum Wage Sets the minimum wage on and after a specified date, at an amount necessary to keep a family of a specified size, above the supplemental poverty level. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Denise Bowman
AB 1009 Garcia (D)	Local Government: Redevelopment: Revenues Authorizes a city or county that levies a property tax rate to make payments in support of pension programs and levied in addition to the general property tax rate, to make a request to an oversight board to prohibit revenues derived from that property tax rate from being deposited into a Redevelopment Property Tax Fund. Provides the circumstances for denial of such request. Requires the county-auditor to allocate funds from the Fund to a city or county that levied the property tax. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Charles Turner
AB 1019 Garcia E (D)	Metal Theft and Related Recycling Crimes Requires the Department of Justice to establish a Metal Theft Task Force Program designed to enhance the capacity of the department to serve as the lead law enforcement agency in the investigation and prosecution of illegal recycling operations, and metal theft and related recycling crimes. Authorizes the department to enter into partnerships with local law enforcement agencies. EMWD's Position: Support Priority: A Reviewed by: Doug Hefley, Khos Ghaderi
AB 1030 Ridley-Thomas S (D)	Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: Greenhouse Gas Amends existing law that relates to the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund. Requires priority be given to projects involving hiring that support the targeted training and hiring of workers from disadvantaged communities for career-track jobs. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Danielle Coats

AB 1033

Garcia E (D)

Infrastructure Financing

Amends the Bergeson-Peace Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank Act, which establishes the California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank, and authorizes the issuance of bonds. Revises the definition of economic development facilities to include facilities that are used to provide goods movement. Revises the definition of port facilities to reference airports, landports, waterports and railports.

EMWD's Position: Neutral Priority: D**Reviewed by: Charles Turner, Debby Cherney, Heidi Schrader****AB 1038**

Jones (R)

Employment: Flexible Work Schedules

Permits certain employees to request an employee-selected flexible work schedule providing for workdays up to 10 hours per day within a 40-hour workweek. Allows an employer to implement this schedule without the obligation to pay overtime compensation.

EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C**Reviewed by: Denise Bowman****AB 1047**

Bigelow (R)

Dams and Reservoirs: Fees

Makes nonsubstantive changes to existing law that requires the Department of Water Resources to adopt, by regulation, a schedule of fees to cover the department's costs in carrying out the supervision of dam safety.

EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C**Reviewed by: Jolene Walsh****AB 1061**

Gallagher (R)

Sacramento and San Joaquin Drainage District: Powers

Authorizes the Sacramento and San Joaquin Drainage District to sell, lease, or rent, or otherwise dispose of a right-of-way, easement, or property, and to take, receive, and apply for purposes of flood control the income, profit, and revenue received from lease or rental of the property.

EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C**Reviewed by: Jolene Walsh****AB 1062**

Bonta (D)

Environmental Justice Small Grant Program

Makes changes to the Environmental Justice Small Grant Program. Includes physical projects, including planing, engineering and construction, monitoring or filtering technology, and environmental assessments that improve the environment or the environmental health of a community or that address a specific environmental justice need, among the purposes for which a grant may be awarded. Requires agencies under the Environmental Protection Agency to expand a specified amount of money for the grant program.

EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C**Reviewed by: Bonnie Wright**

AB 1065

Chiu (D)

Employment: Unfair Practices

Make it an unlawful employment practice for an employer to request more or different documents than are required under federal law relating to verification that an individual is not an unauthorized alien, to refuse to honor certain documents, or to discriminate against an immigrant with authorization to work based upon the specific status or term that accompanies the authority to work, or to attempt to reinvestigate or reverify an incumbent employee's authorization to work.

EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C**Reviewed by: Denise Bowman****AB 1068**

Allen T (R)

California Environmental Quality Act: Priority Projects

Authorizes each Member of the Legislature to nominate one project within his or her respective district each year, and the Governor to designate those projects as priority projects if the projects meet specified requirements. Requires the Governor to provide a notice of the designation to the appropriate lead agency and to the Office of Planning and Research. Requires an environmental impact report for each project. Authorizes tiering from previously prepared reports. Relates to court stays of projects.

EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C**Reviewed by: Jayne Joy****AB 1079**

Obernolte (R)

Successor Agencies: Due Diligence Review

Relates to finding of completion. Amends an existing which provides for the designation of successor agencies to wind down the affairs of dissolved redevelopment agencies and which requires a successor agency to employ a licensed accountant to conduct a certain due diligence review. Provides that the requirements of a due diligence review have been satisfied if specified conditions with respect to a transfer of assets are met.

EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C**Reviewed by: Charles Turner****AB 1080**

Obernolte (R)

Redevelopment: Enforceable Obligations

Relates to military base reuse. Authorizes the Department of Finance to find that an agreement between a former redevelopment agency and a joint powers authority that was created to exercise the powers provided by the Military Base Reuse Authority Act is an enforceable obligation.

EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C**Reviewed by: Charles Turner****AB 1128**

Jones-Sawyer (D)

Water Conservation

Makes nonsubstantive changes to existing law that declares the intent of the Legislature to, among other things, promote urban water conservation standards that are consistent with the California Urban Water Conservation Council's adopted best management practices and specified requirements for demand management.

EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C**Reviewed by: Beth Lovsted**

AB 1139 Campos (D)	Personal Income Tax: Credit: Turf Removal Allows a taxpayer, under the Personal Income Tax Law, a credit for participation in a lawn replacement program. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Beth Lovsted
AB 1144 Rendon (D)	Renewables Portfolio Standard Program: Credits Provides that renewable energy credits may be used to meet certain portfolio content requirements if the credits are earned by electricity that is generated by an entity that would be excluded from the definition of an electrical corporation by operation of the exclusions for entities employing landfill or digester gas technology that meets certain requirements, including that the electricity is used at a wastewater treatment facility. Prohibits certain marketing claims. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Jayne Joy, Jeff Wall, Dan Howell
AB 1152 Frazier (D)	Construction Defects: Prelitigation Remedy Amends existing law that establishes prelitigation procedures for both the homeowner and defendants to engage in to attempt to resolve the claim prior to filing a lawsuit for construction defects, and also establishes the parameters of a legal action seeking recovery for construction defects. Establishes that these provisions as the sole and exclusive remedy available for claims seeking recovery on construction defects. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Bruce Mitzel
AB 1158 Campos (D)	Jobs and Economic Improvement: Prevailing Wage Specifies that a specific wage condition under the Jobs and Economic Improvement Through Environmental Leadership Act of 2011 is subject to enforcement by the Division of Labor Standards Enforcement. Makes a project applicant who fails to pay, or fails to ensure the payment of, prevailing wages subject to the civil penalties for failure to pay prevailing wages on a public work. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Denise Bowman
AB 1173 Williams (D)	Water Equipment: Backflow Prevention Devices Testing Requires, if a local health officer does not maintain a program for certificate of backflow prevention device testers, the testing and maintenance of such device be performed by a person who has received a California-specific certification for such devices from one of the specified entities or a similar certification provider deemed acceptable by the State Water Resources Control Board. EMWD's Position: Oppose unless amended Priority: A Reviewed by: Becky Rathbone

AB 1179 Rendon (D)	Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 Amends the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 which requires a plan to allocate a specified percentage of available Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund moneys to projects that benefit disadvantaged communities. Requires the State Air Resources Board to prepare, and post on its Internet Web site, a specified report on the projects funded to benefit disadvantaged communities. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Danielle Coats
AB 1180 Garcia (D)	Rates and Charges for Electric, Gas, and Water Service Deletes the express authorization for an electrical, gas, or water corporation to offer credit card or debit card bill payment options, if approved by the Public Utilities Commission, and, upon approval, recover reasonable transactions costs incurred by such corporations from those customers that choose to pay by those payment options. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Charles Turner, Heidi Schrader
AB 1190 Cooley (D)	Public Employees: Retirement: Elections Provides that existing law requires the Board of Administration to distribute ballots to each member of the Public Employees' Retirement System in advance of an election regarding membership on the Board, the results of which are required to be certified by the Secretary of State. Authorizes an entity designated by the Secretary of State to provide that mandated certification of election results. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Denise Bowman
AB 1192 Quirk (D)	Fair Information Practices Act Requires a person that operates a mobile operating system or platform that is used by an operator or developer of a mobile application that collects personal data from an individual user in the State through the mobile application or an online service to create universal privacy policy standards that are based on certain principles based on transparency and security. Requires posting of these principles on the person's Internet Web site accessible to all users. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Beth Lovsted
AB 1200 Gordon (D)	Political Reform Act of 1974: Procurement Contracts Amends the Political Reform Act of 1974 which regulates the activities of lobbyists. Revises the definition of lobbyist to include specified conduct regarding State procurement contracts with a specified minimum value. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Danielle Coats

AB 1201	Delta: Predation by Nonnative Species
Salas (D)	Requires the State Department of Fish and Wildlife to develop a science-based plan that addresses predation by nonnative species upon species of fish listed pursuant to the State Endangered Species Act that reside all or a portion of their lives in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and that considers predation reduction for all Chinook salmon and other native species not listed pursuant to the Act. Provides for input from the scientific community, water users and fishing communities.
	EMWD's Position: Support Priority: A
	Reviewed by: Jolene Walsh
AB 1215	State Open Data Standard
Ting (D)	Enacts the State Open Data Act. Creates the position of Chief Data Officer. Requires State agencies to make public data available on an Internet Web portal pursuant to an open data standard. Authorizes a local government to adopt that standard. Requires a related working group to serve the Data Officer. Requires each State agency to submit a plan and enterprise application plan and the Data Officer to post the reports on the Internet Web portal. Requires specified legal policies to be posted on the portal.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
	Reviewed by: Danielle Coats
AB 1242	Water Quality and Storage
Gray (D)	Provides provisions of law requiring a specified increase in statewide water storage capacity, and updating water strategies and implementation plans. Requires the Water Resources Control Board, in formulating policy for water quality control and adopting or approving a water quality control plan for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, to take into consideration any applicable groundwater sustainability plan or alternative and available information on impacts of groundwater use and beneficial uses of water.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
	Reviewed by: Jayne Joy, John Daverin
AB 1243	Groundwater Recharge: Grants
Gray (D)	Establishes the Groundwater Recharge Grant Fund. Provides that moneys in the fund are available to the State Water Resources Control Board to provide grants to local governments and water districts for groundwater recharge infrastructure projects.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
	Reviewed by: John Daverin, Bonnie Wright
AB 1244	Water Rights: Small Irrigation Use
Gray (D)	Requires the State Water Resources Control Board to adopt general conditions, in consultation with the Department of Food and Agriculture and the University of California Cooperative Extension, including, for small irrigation use, unless the board determines that sufficient funds are not available for that purpose.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
	Reviewed by: Jayne Joy

AB 1252 Jones (R)	Proposition 65: Enforcement Amends the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986. Imposes requirements with regard to a person filing an enforcement action in the public interest upon a person for a violation of the requirement to provide a warning for exposure to a chemical known to the state to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity, if the person employs fewer than 25 employees. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Jayne Joy
AB 1263 Mullin (D)	Election Day Procedures: Privileges of Voters Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to provisions of existing law allows a voter, without loss of pay, to take off enough working time that, when added to the voting time available outside of working hours, will enable the voter to vote if he or she does not have sufficient time outside of working hours to vote at a statewide election. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Denise Bowman
AB 1315 Alejo (D)	Public Contracts Water Pollution Prevention Plans Prohibits a public entity, charter city, or charter county from delegating to a contractor the development of a plan used to prevent or reduce water pollution or runoff on a public works contract. Provides exceptions. Prohibits those same entities from requiring a contractor on a public works contract that includes compliance with a plan to assume responsibility for the completeness and accuracy of a plan developed by that entity. EMWD's Position: Concerns Priority: A Reviewed by: Danielle Coats, Jayne Joy, Bruce Mitzel
AB 1324 Williams (D)	California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 Amends the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006. Relates to a statewide greenhouse gas emissions limit. Relates to the maximum allowable level of statewide greenhouse gas emissions in a specified date and beyond, including emissions from generation of electricity. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Jayne Joy, Dan Howell

AB 1325

Salas (D)

Delta Smelt

Enacts the Delta Smelt Preservation and Restoration Act of 2016. Requires the development of a delta smelt hatchery program to preserve and restore the delta smelt. Requires entering into mitigation banking agreements with banking partners of the Department of Fish and Wildlife for the purpose of providing take authorizations to those partners and to obtain funding from banking agreements. Appropriates an unspecified amount of money from an unspecified source to implement these provisions.

EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C**Reviewed by: Jolene Walsh****AB 1330**

Bloom (D)

Demand Response

Requires the Public Utilities Commission to establish an annual goal for demand response with a related timetable. Relates to electrical and gas corporations. Requires the Commission to require electrical corporations to achieve that goal. Specifies that the governing boards of local publicly owned electric utilities and certain community choice aggregators are responsible for achieving the annual goal.

EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C**Reviewed by: Jayne Joy, Jeff Wall, Dan Howell****AB 1332**

Quirk (D)

California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 Offsets

Requires, as part of a market-based compliance mechanism, the creation of an offset protocol for renewable energy projects that are able to ramp up or down during peak energy demands.

EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C**Reviewed by: Jayne Joy, Jeff Wall, Dan Howell****AB 1336**

Salas (D)

Global Warming Solutions Act: Disadvantaged Communities

Amends The California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 regarding disadvantaged communities. Authorizes the use of market-based compliance mechanisms. Relates to auction or sale of allowances. Requires a minimum percentage of the available moneys in the fund to be allocated to projects that provide benefits to disadvantaged communities.

EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C**Reviewed by: Danielle Coats****AB 1345**

Dahle (R)

California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006

Requires the State Air Resources Board, in consultation with the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, no later than January 1, 2017, to estimate the annual greenhouse gas emissions associated with wildfires in California between the years 1990 and 2015, inclusive.

EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C**Reviewed by: Jayne Joy**

AB 1362 Gordon (D)	Local Government Assessments Fees and Charges Defines stormwater for purposes of the Proposition 218 Omnibus Implementation Act to mean any system of public improvements or service intended to provide for the quality, conservation, control, or conveyance of waters that land on or drain across the natural or man-made landscape. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Danielle Coats, Steve O'Neill
AB 1367 Williams (D)	California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 Makes nonsubstantive changes to the requirement that the State Air Resources Board adopt regulations to require the reporting and verification of statewide greenhouse gas emissions and to monitor and enforce compliance with the program. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Danielle Coats
AB 1376 Perea (D)	State Water Resources Control Board: Appropriation Makes an appropriation from the General Fund to the State Water Resources Control Board for grants for public water system projects to address drought-related drinking water emergencies or threatened emergencies in the state. EMWD's Position: Support Priority: B Reviewed by: Bonnie Wright
AB 1402 Harper (R)	Inverse Condemnation: Comparative Fault Applies the doctrine of comparative fault to inverse condemnation actions. Requires a court or arbitrator to reduce the compensation paid to a plaintiff in an inverse condemnation proceeding in direct proportion to the percentage of fault in the damaging of property that constitutes a taking. EMWD's Position: Support Priority: A Reviewed by: John Ward, Steve O'Neill
AB 1454 Wagner (R)	Water Quality: Trash: Single-Use Carryout Bags Suspends the operation of certain amendments to water quality control plans relating to the total maximum daily load for trash unless and until specified provisions inoperative due to a pending referendum election become effective. Requires the State Water Resources Control Board to revisit and revise the water quality control plans to address impaired water quality due to trash if the law pending referendum is defeated. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Jayne Joy

AB 1463

Gatto (D)

Onsite Treated Water

Requires the State Water Resources Control Board, in consultation with the Department of Public Health, the Building Standards Commission, and stakeholders, to establish water quality standards and distribution, monitoring, and reporting requirements for onsite water recycling systems prior to authorizing the use of onsite treated water in internal plumbing of residential and commercial buildings. Requires onsite treated water to be considered the same as recycled water that is produced on site.

EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C**Reviewed by: Becky Rathbone, Beth Lovsted, Jayne Joy****AB 1468**

Baker (R)

Civil Rights: Disability Access

Excepts from the application provisions concerning certain civil actions, public buildings, public facilities, and other public places of a public entity that, on specified dates, met specified disability access design standards. Makes changes concerning construction-related accessibility claims against a place of public accommodation.

EMWD's Position: Support Priority: A**Reviewed by: Doug Hefley****AB 1473**

Salas (D)

California Environmental Quality Act

Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to a provision within the California Environmental Quality Act that requires a lead agency to prepare, or cause to be prepared, and certify the completion of an environmental impact report on a project.

EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C**Reviewed by: Jayne Joy****AB 1480**

Patterson (R)

Energy Efficiency

Makes nonsubstantive revisions to existing law that authorizes the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission to prescribe, by regulation, appliance efficiency standards, based on reasonable use patterns, to promote the use of energy and water efficient appliances.

EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C**Reviewed by: Beth Lovsted****AB 1490**

Rendon (D)

Oil and Gas: Well Stimulation Treatments

Prohibits a well operator from conducting a well stimulation treatment following the occurrence of an earthquake on a well that is within a radius of a specified distance from the epicenter of the earthquake until the Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources completes a certain evaluation. Prohibits wastewater disposal wells and all well stimulation treatments within a specified distance of a recently active fault.

EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C**Reviewed by: John Daverin**

AB 1493 Cooper (D)	State High Technology Crimes Task Force Establishes the State High Technology Crimes Task Force to analyze existing statutes for adequacy in addressing identity theft, Internet crimes, and credit card fraud, develop recommendations to prevent and prosecute those crimes, and identify funding sources for those purposes and to assist victims of those crimes. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Joe Gott, John Ward
AB 1499 Gray (D)	Property Tax: Revenue Allocations Makes a nonsubstantive change to existing property tax law that generally requires the county auditor, in each fiscal year, to allocate property tax revenues to local jurisdictions in accordance with specified formulas and procedures, and generally requires that each jurisdiction be allocated an amount equal to the total of the amount of revenue allocated to that jurisdiction in the prior fiscal year. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Charles Turner
AB 1501 Rendon (D)	Well Stimulation Treatments: Production: Emissions Requires an air district to establish an emission standard for methane from a well stimulation treatment or a production facility, and to issue a permit or other regulatory document to an owner or operator to enforce that standard. Requires the State Air Resources Board or an air district to install monitoring stations near any site approved for a well stimulation treatment or a production facility. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Jayne Joy, John Daverin
AB 1505 Hernandez R (D)	Statute of Limitations: Public Contractors Requires the prosecution of a misdemeanor resulting from a city evading provisions requiring public works projects to be done by contract after competitive bidding, be commenced within a specified number of years of the commission of the offense. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Bruce Mitzel, John Ward
AB 1520 Stone (D)	Public Records Amends the State Public Records Act. Provides that the Act shall not be construed to require the disclosure of specified information concerning residential utility customers of local agencies. EMWD's Position: Oppose Priority: A Reviewed by: Danielle Coats, Jolene Walsh, Debby Cherney

ACA 3

Gallagher (R)

Public Employees' Retirement

Proposes an amendment to the Constitution to require, with respect to any public retirement system, that any enhancement to a public employee's retirement formula or retirement benefit apply only to service performed on and after the operative date of the enhancement. Specifies how changes in membership classification or changes in employment are to be applied in this context.

EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C**Reviewed by: Denise Bowman****SB 1**

Gaines T (R)

Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: Compliance

Amends the State Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006. Authorizes the State Air Resources Board to include the use of market-based compliance mechanisms. Exempts categories of persons or entities that did not have a compliance obligation under a market-based compliance mechanism from being subject to that market-based compliance mechanism. Requires all participating categories of persons or entities to have a compliance obligation beginning on a specified date.

EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C**Reviewed by: Jayne Joy****SB 3**

Leno (D)

State Minimum Wage

Provides for a graduated increase in the state's minimum wage as of specified calendar years and an increase yearly thereafter using the state consumer price index. Prohibits the Industrial Welfare Commission from reducing the minimum wage and from adjusting the minimum wage if the average wage of inflation for the previous year was negative. Requires the Division of Labor Standards Enforcement to publicize the automatically adjusted minimum wage.

EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C**Reviewed by: Denise Bowman****SB 5**

Vidak (R)

Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: Compliance

Relates to the State Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006. Authorizes the State Air Resources Board to include the use of market-based compliance mechanisms. Exempts categories of persons or entities that did not have a compliance obligation under a market-based compliance mechanism from being subject to that market-based compliance mechanism through a specified date.

EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C**Reviewed by: Jayne Joy**

SB 7 Wolk (D)	<p>Housing: Water Meters: Multi-unit Structures</p> <p>Requires a landlord to make submeter disclosures to a tenant prior to executing a rental agreement. Relates to tenant billing procedures and requirements. Authorizes building standards that require the installation of water submeters in multiunit residential buildings. Provides structure exemptions. Relates to landlord requirements. Relates to the use of meters or submeters in new mixed-use residential and commercial structures as a condition for service. Requires licensed contractors do the installation.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Becky Rathbone, Beth Lovsted, Jayne Joy</p>
SB 20 Pavley (D)	<p>State Water Resiliency Investment Act</p> <p>Creates the State Water Resiliency Investment Fund. Provides that moneys in the Fund are available for the purpose of providing a more dependable water supply in the State. Creates various accounts within the Fund for prescribed purposes.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: John Daverin</p>
SB 32 Pavley (D)	<p>Global Warning Solutions Act of 2006</p> <p>Requires the State Air Resources Board to approve a specified statewide greenhouse gas emission limits that are the equivalent to a specified percentage below the 1990 level to be achieved by 2030. Revises current provisions of existing law regarding the implementation of the next update of a greenhouse gas scoping plan under existing law. Requires reports regarding reaching these limits.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Danielle Coats, Jayne Joy</p>
SB 37 Nielsen (R)	<p>Water: Floods</p> <p>Authorizes the Department of Water Resources to provide reimbursement to funding recipients that executes a funding agreement under the Urban Flood Risk Reduction Projects Program for expenditures associated with continued funding of a project initiated under the Early Implementation Project.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Jolene Walsh</p>
SB 47 Hill (D)	<p>Environmental Health: Synthetic Turf</p> <p>Requires the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, in consultation with the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, the State Department of Public Health, and the Department of Toxic Substances Control, to prepare and provide to the Legislature and post on the office's Internet Web site a study analyzing synthetic turf, for potential adverse health impacts. Provides the information to be included in the study. Authorizes grant to crumb rubber businesses to find alternative markets.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Beth Lovsted, Jayne Joy</p>

SB 58 Knight (R)	Public Employees Retirement System Makes nonsubstantive changes in the provisions excluding certain persons from membership in the Public Employees' Retirement System. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Denise Bowman
SB 91 Budget and Fiscal Review Committee	Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: Investment Plan Expresses the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that amends the Budget Act of 2015 to reflect an expenditure plan for moneys in the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund that conforms to the 2015 investment plan for the moneys in the Fund as adopted by the Legislature. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Danielle Coats
SB 105 Budget and Fiscal Review Committee	Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: Investment Plan Expresses the intent of the Legislature to enact statutory changes necessary to implement the 2015 investment plan for the moneys deposited in the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Danielle Coats
SB 113 Galgiani (D)	Disaster Preparedness and Flood Prevention Bond Act Specifies that the Disaster Preparedness and Flood Prevention Bond Act of 2006 funds provided by the act are only available for appropriation until a specified date and at that time the amount of indebtedness authorized by the act is reduced by the amount of funds that have not been appropriated. Makes available a specified amount of funding for the upgrade of the levee system of a specified reclamation district to provide urban level of flood protection. EMWD's Position: Support Priority: B Reviewed by: Bonnie Wright
SB 116 Vidak (R)	Eminent Domain Proceedings Makes a technical nonsubstantive change to existing law that requires that eminent domain proceedings commenced by serving the summons by publication include, in addition to the summons, a description of the property sought to be taken. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: John Ward

SB 122 Jackson (D)	<p>Environmental Quality Act: Record of Proceedings</p> <p>Amends the Environmental Quality Act. Relates to a database for the collection, storage, retrieval, and dissemination of environmental documents, notices of exemption, notices of preparation, notices of determination, and notices of completion provided to the office that shall be available online to the public through the internet. Provides for the phase-in of electronic documents. Requires the lead agency to submit to the State Clearinghouse a sufficient number of environmental documents for review.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Oppose Priority: B</p> <p>Reviewed by: Jayne Joy, Steve O'Neill</p>
SB 127 Vidak (R)	<p>Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement</p> <p>Relates to the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014. Requires the public agency, in certifying the environmental impact report and in granting approvals for projects funded, in whole or in part, by Proposition 1, including the concurrent preparation of the record of proceedings and the certification of the record of proceeding within 5 days of the filing of a specified notice, to comply with specified procedures.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Jayne Joy, Bonnie Wright</p>
SB 143 Stone (R)	<p>Diamond Valley Reservoir: Recreational Use</p> <p>Amends existing law that prohibits recreational use in which there is bodily contact with water, in a reservoir in which water is stored for domestic use.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Oppose Priority: A</p> <p>Reviewed by: Danielle Coats, Jolene Walsh</p>
SB 154 Huff (R)	<p>California Environmental Quality Act</p> <p>Makes technical nonsubstantive changes to the definition of environmental impact report under the California Environmental Quality Act.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Jayne Joy</p>
SB 163 Hertzberg (D)	<p>Wastewater Treatment: Recycled Water</p> <p>Declares the discharge of treated wastewater from ocean outfalls is a waste and unreasonable use of water in light of certain conditions. Requires such facility to achieve a specified percentage of reuse of the actual annual flow for beneficial purposes. Prohibits such discharge except as backup discharge. Provides procedures for related exemption requests. Requires a prescribed plan to meet these provisions.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Concerns Priority: A</p> <p>Reviewed by: Danielle Coats</p>

SB 166 Gaines T (R)	California Environmental Quality Act Makes technical nonsubstantive changes to the California Environmental Quality Act that requires a lead agency to prepare, or cause to be prepared, and certify the completion of, an environmental impact report on a project that it proposes to carry out or approve that may have a significant effect on the environment or to adopt a negative declaration if it finds that the project will not have that effect. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Jayne Joy
SB 173 Nielsen (R)	Groundwater: De Minimis Extractors Amends existing law that generally excepts a de minimis extractor from the requirement that a person who extracts groundwater from a probational basin or extracts groundwater on or after July 1, 2017, in an area within a basin that is not within the management area of a groundwater sustainability agency and where the county does not assume responsibility to be the groundwater sustainability agency has to file a report of groundwater extraction. Defines a de minimis extractor. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: John Daverin
SB 180 Jackson (D)	Electricity: Emissions of Greenhouse Gases Replaces the greenhouse gases emission performance standards for baseload generation with greenhouse gases performance emission standards for nonpeaking generation and peaking generation. Requires the Public Utilities Commission to establish a greenhouse gases emission performance standards for nonpeaking generation of load-serving entities and for peaking generation. Provides carbon capture and storage and certification of a thermal powerplant. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Jayne Joy, Jeff Wall, Dan Howell
SB 201 Wieckowski (D)	California Public Records Act Requires a court, in an action by a third party to enjoin disclosure of a public record or declaratory relief concerning a request to inspect a public record, to apply the provisions of the California Public Records Act as if the action had been initiated by a person requesting disclosure of a public record. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Steve O'Neill

SB 207 Wieckowski (D)	<p>Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund</p> <p>Amends existing law that requires a State agency expending moneys from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund to create a records that includes a description of the expenditure and how it will contribute to achieving and maintaining greenhouse gas emissions reductions. Requires that record to be posted on the Internet Web sites of the related State agency and the State Air Resources Board prior to the expending of those moneys.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Danielle Coats</p>
SB 228 Cannella (R)	<p>Groundwater Storage: Beneficial Use</p> <p>Declares that the recharging of a groundwater basin by a local groundwater management agency or a local groundwater sustainability agency for the purposes of repelling saline intrusion and recovering basin groundwater levels constitutes a beneficial use of water if the recharge is consistent with the local agency's groundwater management plan or groundwater sustainability plan.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Support if amended Priority: A</p> <p>Reviewed by: Jayne Joy, John Daverin</p>
SB 248 Pavley (D)	<p>Oil and Gas</p> <p>Provides for an inspection program for all activities regulated pursuant to provisions concerning drilling, operation, maintenance, and abandonment of oil and gas wells and certain tanks and facilities. Requires inspections to be reported and posted, and the recording of information in a well history, including fluid injection, chemical composition, and waste disposal injection. Provides for shutdown. Requires updating related regulations. Requires notification and clearance of chemical injection.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Support Priority: B</p> <p>Reviewed by: John Daverin</p>
SB 258 Bates (R)	<p>Local Government</p> <p>States the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would protect the right of the public to participate in open deliberations of the legislative bodies of local agencies by clarifying the appropriate use of special meetings.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Danielle Coats</p>
SB 274 Morrell (R)	<p>Economic Development</p> <p>States the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would promote job and business growth and encourage economic development.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Danielle Coats</p>

SB 280 Stone (R)	Public Employees: Compensation Requires the State Controller, as part of the development and implementation of a new uniform State payroll system, to include in the design of the system an Internet Web site portal that allows a State employee to view and print his or her pay warrant electronically. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Charles Turner, Debby Cherney
SB 293 Pan (D)	Public Employees: Retirement Makes a technical, nonsubstantive change to the Public Employees' Retirement Law that establishes the Public Employees' Retirement System for the purpose of providing pension benefits to specified public employees. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Denise Bowman
SB 317 De Leon (D)	Safe Neighborhood Parks, Rivers, and Coastal Protection Enacts the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Rivers, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2016, which, if adopted by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in a specified amount pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance a safe neighborhood parks, rivers, and coastal protection program. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Danielle Coats, Bonnie Wright
SB 330 Mendoza (D)	Public Officers: Contracts: Financial Interest Amends existing law that prohibits members of the Legislature, and State, county, district, judicial district, and city officers or employees from being financially interested in a contract made by them in their official capacity. Includes specified family members within the definition of remote interests of a public officer. Provides that a member who knows and fails to disclose his or her remote interest or knows and willfully fails to make such disclosure is subject to a criminal penalty. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Steve O'Neill
SB 375 Berryhill (R)	Public Employees Retirement Makes nonsubstantive changes to the Public Employees' Retirement Law that governs the rate of employer contributions to the Public Employees' Retirement System. Requires that all assets of an employer be used in the determination of the employer contribution rate for the membership comprising the basis of the computation and that those assets held be recognized over the same funding period used to amortize unfunded accrued actuarial obligations. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Denise Bowman

SB 389 Berryhill (R)	<p>Environmental Quality: Sustainable Protection</p> <p>Enacts the Sustainable Environmental Protection Act. Specifies the environmental review required pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act for projects related to specified environmental topical areas. Prohibits a cause of action that relates any topical area or criteria for which compliance obligations are identified or challenges the environmental documents if certain conditions are disclosed in that document. Provides the Act only applies under certain conditions.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Jayne Joy</p>
SB 393 Nguyen (R)	<p>Local Agencies</p> <p>Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Danielle Coats</p>
SB 442 Hall (D)	<p>Municipal Water Districts: Revenue Bonds</p> <p>Makes nonsubstantive changes in the Municipal Water District Law of 1911 that provides for the formation of municipal water districts and grants to those districts specified powers, including the authority to issue revenue bonds for any purpose for which general obligation bonds may be issued.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Heidi Schrader</p>
SB 454 Allen (D)	<p>Water Quality: Oil and Gas: Exempted Aquifer</p> <p>Relates to water quality, oil and gas wells and exempt aquifers. Prohibits the Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources from submitting a proposal for an aquifer exemption to the United States Environmental Protection Agency unless the Division and the State Water Resources Control Board concur in writing that the aquifer meets specified conditions.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Support Priority: B</p> <p>Reviewed by: John Daverin</p>
SB 471 Pavley (D)	<p>Water, Energy, Reduction of Greenhouse Gas Emissions</p> <p>Includes reduction of greenhouse emissions associated with water treatment among the investments that are eligible for funding from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund. Requires the State Water Resources Control Board to establish a grant and loan program for water projects that result in the net reduction of water-related greenhouse gas emissions.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Support Priority: A</p> <p>Reviewed by: Jayne Joy, Jeff Wall, Dan Howell</p>

SB 487 Nielsen (R)	Sustainable Groundwater Management Act: Exemptions Relates to the California Environmental Act (CEQA). Exempts from the requirements of CEQA the formation of a groundwater sustainability agency, the amendment of a groundwater sustainability plan or coordinated groundwater sustainability plan, and the implementation of those plans, except to the extent that the implementation requires the construction or installation of a new facility. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Jayne Joy, John Daverin
SB 544 Lara (D)	Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: Scoping Plan Makes technical nonsubstantive changes to the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 that designates the State Air Resources Board as the state agency charged with monitoring and regulating sources of emissions of greenhouse gases to prepare and approve a scoping plan for achieving the maximum technologically feasible and cost-effective reductions in greenhouse gas emissions. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Danielle Coats
SB 545 Jackson (D)	Oil and Gas Operations Deletes the requirement for the State Oil and Gas Supervisor to perform in a certain manner. Requires the supervisor to supervise the exploration and production of hydrocarbons, including the drilling, operation, maintenance, and abandonment of wells, use of enhanced oil recovery methods, and stimulation. Authorizes the supervisor to allow an owner or operator of a well to drill, operate, maintain, and abandon wells utilizing known methods and practices to increase the ultimate recovery of hydrocarbons. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: John Daverin
SB 550 Hertzberg (D)	Net Energy Metering Relates to net energy metering. Deletes an exception for local publicly owned electric utilities. Relates to aggregate customer peak demand for calculating the net energy metering program limit for electric utilities that are not large electrical corporations. Requires filing with the the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission and a publicly available quarterly report detailing their progress towards the program limit. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Dan Howell

SB 551 Wolk (D)	State Water Policy: Water and Energy Efficiency Declares the policy of the state that water use and water treatment shall operate in a manner that is as energy efficient as is feasible and energy use and generation shall operate in a manner that is as water efficient as is feasible. Requires all relevant state agencies to consider this state policy when revising, or establishing policies, regulations, and grant criteria when pertinent to these uses of water and energy. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Beth Lovsted, Jayne Joy, Dan Howell, Joe Mouawad
SB 552 Wolk (D)	Public Water Systems: Disadvantaged Communities Requires the State Water Resources Control Board to hold at least one initial public meeting prior to ordering the consolidate or extension of public water system service and to obtain the consent of any domestic well owner. Provides any affected resident and domestic well owner within the service area who does not consent is ineligible for any future water-related grant funding. Requires the Board to compensate certain water systems. Prohibits a charge increase for certain customers. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Danielle Coats, Jayne Joy
SB 553 Wolk (D)	Water Conservation Requires the Department of General Services to identify each public property in the department's state property inventory where it is feasible for water consumption to be reduced and water efficiencies to be achieved through implementation of the relevant recommendations made in the model water efficient landscape ordinance and would require the department to implement the relevant recommendation where feasible. EMWD's Position: Support Priority: B Reviewed by: Beth Lovsted
SB 554 Wolk (D)	Water Commission Disqualifying Financial Interest Removes a member of the California Water Commission from office if after trial a court finds that the commission member has knowingly participated in any commission decision in which the member has a disqualifying financial interest in the decision. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Jayne Joy
SB 563 Pan (D)	Workers' Compensation: Utilization Review Relates to an employer's utilization review process under workers' compensation. Requires any related method of compensation or incentive payments contingent upon the approval, modification, or denial of a claim for an individual or entity providing services pursuant to the utilization process, be filed with specified persons, upon request. Provides an exemption for a request for medical treatment to cure or relieve an injured worker from the effect of an industrial injury, under certain conditions. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Doug Hefley

SB 568 Fuller (R)	Groundwater Management Relates to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. Authorizes the State Water Resources Control Board to designate a basin as a probationary basin if the state board makes a certain determination and authorizes the state board to develop an interim plan for the probationary basin. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: John Daverin
SB 573 Pan (D)	Statewide Open Data Portal Requires a Chief Data Officer be appointed by the Governor, who would report to the Secretary of Government Operations. Requires the Officer to create the statewide open data portal to provide public access to data sets from agencies within the State. Requires each agency to publish a summary listing of all of its available data sets on the portal and to appoint a data coordinator, who would be responsible for compliance with these provisions. Provides all data is subject to privacy laws. EMWD's Position: Support Priority: B Reviewed by: Danielle Coats
SB 615 Berryhill (R)	Waste Discharge: Waivers: Managed Wetlands Relates to waste discharge requirements, waivers and managed wetlands. Requires each regional board to prescribe waste discharge requirements that implement relevant water quality control plans. Provides for waivers. Amends monitoring of wetlands unless results of downstream monitoring demonstrate a violation of water quality discharge standards. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Jayne Joy, Jeff Wall
SB 625 Galgiani (D)	Water Management: Synthetic Plastic Microbeads Prohibits the selling, or offering for promotional purposes a person care product containing synthetic plastic microbeads. Exempts from this prohibition the sale or promotional offer of a product containing a specified amount of such microbeads. Makes a violator liable for a civil penalty for each violation. Authorizes the penalty to be recovered in a civil action brought by the Attorney General. Prohibits any local ordinance, resolution, or rule relating to the sale of such microbeads. EMWD's Position: Support Priority: B Reviewed by: Jeff Wall

SB 687 Allen (D)	Renewable Gas Standard Requires the State Air Resources Board to adopt a carbon-based renewable gas standard that requires all gas sellers to provide specified percentages of renewable gas meeting certain deliverability requirements, to retail end-use customers for use in the state that increases over specified compliance periods, and to issue an analysis of the lifecycle emissions of greenhouse gases and reductions for different biogas types and end uses. Requires a renewable gas assessment. EMWD's Position: Support Priority: C Reviewed by: Jayne Joy, Jeff Wall, Dan Howell
SB 728 Morrell (R)	Renewables Portfolio Standard Program Requires the Public Utilities Commission evaluate the benefits and costs to the State economy, including upon low-and middle-income individuals and families and disadvantaged communities, before exercising its authority to increase the procurement of eligible renewable energy resources in excess of specified quantities. Requires the Commission to conduct duly noticed public workshops throughout the State to allow for public comment and consideration of any economic findings. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Jeff Wall, Dan Howell
SB 756 Stone (R)	California Environmental Quality Act States the intent of the Legislature enact legislation to amend the California Environmental Quality Act. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Jayne Joy
SB 760 Mendoza (D)	Distressed Watershed: Urban Greening Requires a public agency that is receiving an appropriation from the revenues of a specified bond proposal that are to be used for projects to protect and enhance an urban creek and its tributaries that meets certain requirements, to give priority to projects that are located in, or directly adjacent to, a disadvantaged community within a distressed watershed and that may also provide greenspace or other venues for physical activities. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Jolene Walsh
SB 768 Wieckowski (D)	Water-Conserving Plumbing Fixtures Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to existing law that requires the replacement of plumbing fixtures that are not water conserving in residential and commercial real property built and available for use on or before a specified date. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Beth Lovsted

SB 771 Stone (R)	Employment Makes technical nonsubstantive changes to the Labor Code Private Attorneys General Act of 2004 that provides that a civil penalty for a violation of the Labor Code may be recovered through a civil action brought by an aggrieved employee. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Denise Bowman
SB 772 Stone (R)	Bay Delta Conservation Plan: Judicial Review States the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation establishing judicial review procedures for the Bay Delta Conservation Plan. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Danielle Coats, Jolene Walsh
SB 789 Wieckowski (D)	Sale of Water by Local Public Entities: Excise Tax Authorizes a local public entity that supplies water at retail or wholesale for the benefit of persons within the service area or area of jurisdiction of that public entity to impose, by ordinance, an excise tax on an excessive user of water, at a specified rate, if the ordinance proposing the tax is approved by the electors voting on the measure and the revenue from the tax is equally distributed between specified entities for water conservation efforts within the public entity's jurisdiction. EMWD's Position: Oppose Priority: A Reviewed by: Danielle Coats, Jolene Walsh
SCA 5 Hancock (D)	Local Government Finance Proposes an amendment to the Constitution to provide an increased personal property tax exemption for businesses, a real property tax exemption for any increased value to business property, and requiring only a partial real property tax payment for reassessed commercial and industrial property. Establishes a education-related property tax fund. Provides for the distribution of fund moneys. Relates to commercial and industrial property base line value assessment. Requires reporting a increased tax revenue. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Charles Turner

Gutted and Amended Legislation

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SB 20

Pavley (D)

Wells: Reports: Public Availability*Gutted and Amended to State Water Resiliency Investment Act*

Amends an existing law which requires a person who digs, bores, or drills a water well, cathodic protection well, or a monitoring well to file a report of completion with the Department of Water Resources. Requires the Department to make reports available to the public. Requires the Department to redact from the report specified information pertaining to the well owner.

EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C**Reviewed by: John Daverin**

SB 506

Fuller (R)

Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: Scoping Plan*Gutted and Amended to Economic Development: Military Aerospace*

Amends the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006. Requires, in developing the scoping plan under the act, to take into account the environmental benefits of renewable electrical generation facilities.

EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C**Reviewed by: Jayne Joy, Jeff Wall, Joe Mouawad**

Vetoed Legislation

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AB 10

Gatto (D)

Political Reform Act of 1974: Economic Disclosures

Amends the Political Reform Act of 1974. Increases the thresholds at which a public official has a disqualifying financial interest in sources of income in investments in business entities and in interests in real property. Revises the dollar amounts associated with the value ranges for reporting the value of economic interests. Requires certain public officials to disclose information relating to governmental decisions for which the public official had a disqualifying financial interest.

EMWD's Position: Support Priority: B

Reviewed by: Danielle Coats, Steve O'Neill

AB 85

Wilk (R)

Open Meetings

Amends the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act. Specifies that the definition of a State body includes an advisory board, advisory commission, advisory committee, advisory subcommittee, or similar multimember advisory body of a State body that consists of a specified number of individuals. Provides specified exceptions.

EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C

Reviewed by: Danielle Coats

AB 88

Gomez (D)

Sales and Use Taxes: Exemption: Home Appliances

Exempts from the sales and use tax laws the gross receipts from the sale of, and the storage, use, or other consumption in the State of, an energy or water efficient home appliance purchased by a public utility that is provided at no cost to a low-income participant in a federal, state, or ratepayer-funded energy or water efficiency program for use by that low-income participant in the energy efficiency program.

EMWD's Position: Support Priority: B

Reviewed by: Beth Lovsted

AB 144

Mathis (R)

Dumping

Makes dumping waste matter on private property, including on any private road or highways, without the consent of the owner, punishable by specified financial punishments for violations. Provides a misdemeanor punishment for subsequent violations.

EMWD's Position: Support Priority: B

Reviewed by: Jayne Joy

AB 182 Alejo (D)	California Voting Rights Act of 2001 Prohibits the use of a district-based election in a political subdivision if it would impair the ability of a protected class to elect candidates of its choice. Requires a court to implement specified remedies upon a finding that such an election was imposed or applied in a manner that impaired the ability of a protected class to elect candidates of its choice. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Danielle Coats
AB 251 Levine (D)	Public Works: Public Subsidies Provides that a public works subsidy is de minimis if it is both less than a specified amount and less than a specified percentage of the total project cost. Specifies that the provisions do not apply to a project that was advertised for bid, or a contract that was awarded before a specified date. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Bruce Mitzel
AB 254 Hernandez R (D)	Election Dates Eliminates, commencing on a specified date, the established election dates in March and April. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Danielle Coats
AB 305 Gonzalez (D)	Workers' Compensation: Permanent Disability Prohibits, under workers' compensation, the apportionment of permanent disability, in the case of a physical injury, from being based on pregnancy or menopause if the condition is contemporaneous with the claimed physical psychiatric injury. Prohibits same in the case of psychiatric injury, from being based on psychiatric disability or impairment caused by sexual harassment, pregnancy, or menopause. Relates to ratings for breast cancer and its sequelae. EMWD's Position: Oppose Priority: B Reviewed by: Denise Bowman, Doug Hefley
AB 578 Low (D)	Occupational Safety and Health Requires an employer to give notice to workers at the place of employment who will be affected by a permanent or temporary variance from an occupational safety or health standard, or representatives of affected workers, who may be affected by or exposed to the hazards by the permanent or temporary variance. Requires the variance application to include a certification that the employer has given notice to affected workers as required. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Denise Bowman, Doug Hefley

AB 676

Calderon I (D)

Employment: Discrimination: Status as Unemployed

Prohibits an employer from publishing an advertisement for a job that states or indicates that an unemployed person is not eligible for the job. Prohibits an employer from asking an applicant for employment to disclose the applicant's current employment status. Provides an exception.

EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C**Reviewed by: Denise Bowman****AB 883**

Low (D)

Employment: Public Employee Status

Prohibits a State or local agency from publishing or posting a job advertisement or announcement that states or indicates that an individual's status as a current or former public employee disqualifies an individual from eligibility for employment. Prohibits an agency from asking an applicant to specifically disclose the applicant's status as a current or former public employee until the employer has determined that the applicant meets the minimum qualifications for employment.

EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C**Reviewed by: Denise Bowman****AB 1017**

Campos (D)

Employers

Prohibits an employer from seeking salary history information about an applicant for employment. Provides an exception.

EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C**Reviewed by: Denise Bowman****AB 1023**

Rendon (D)

Public Utilities Commission: Proceedings

Requires the Public Utilities Commission to establish and maintain a weekly communications log summarizing all oral and written ex parte communications, and to make each log available to the public on the Commission's Internet Web site.

EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C**Reviewed by: Jolene Walsh****AB 1347**

Chiu (D)

Public Contracts Claims

Establishes, for state and local public contracts, a claim resolution process applicable to all claims by contractors in connection with public works. Specifies the procedures that are required of a public entity upon receipt of a claim sent by certified mail. Relates to failure of a public entity to respond to a claim within a specified time. Provides for a mutually agreed waiver and commencement of a civil action. Authorizes nonbinding mediation. Provides for a certain contractor claim procedure.

EMWD's Position: Oppose Priority: B**Reviewed by: Bruce Mitzel**

SB 25 Roth (D)	Local Government Finance: Property Tax Revenue Amends an existing law which requires that each city, county and city and county receive certain additional property tax revenues in the form of a vehicle license fee adjustment amount and which requires that these additional allocations be funded from ad valorem property tax revenues otherwise required to be allocated to educational entities. Modifies certain reduction and transfer provisions for a city incorporating on or before a specified date by providing for a vehicle license fee adjustment. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Charles Turner, Debby Cherney
SB 119 Hill (D)	Protection of Subsurface Installations Makes changes relating to a regional notification center and subsurface installations. Provides for delineation of areas to be excavated, preservation of certain plans, excavator damages for improperly inaccurate field mark, pipeline safety, an exemption for certain residential property owners using hand tools, the creation of an advisory committee, the use of moneys collected as a result of the issuance of citations, gas corporations' damage prevention programs, sewer line tagging, and related reports. EMWD's Position: Concerns Priority: A Reviewed by: John Daverin, John Ward
SB 334 Leyva (D)	Pupil Health: Drinking Water Deletes the provision authorizing a school district to adopt a resolution stating that it is unable to provide access to free, fresh clean drinking water during meal times. Specifies a district shall provide access to free, fresh, and clean drinking water during meal time through the use of drinking water access points. Requires the use of other water sources if the main water sources are contaminated. Requires daily flushing. Relates to drinking water quality in schools and flushing of certain systems. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Jayne Joy
SB 406 Jackson (D)	Employment: Leave Amends the Moore-Brown-Roberti Family Rights Act concerning unpaid leave. Expands the persons and purposes for which leave is required to be provided under the Act. Redefines the term child to include specified types of relatives not directly related by blood to the employee requesting leave. Removes the restriction on age and dependent status. Expands the definition of leave with regard to caring for persons with a serious health condition. Includes parent-in-law in the definition of parent. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Denise Bowman

SB 481

Hueso (D)

Local Government: Auditors: Independence

Prohibits the general counsel of the city, county, or city and county, or district, or the employees of the general counsel from having direct oversights over employees that conduct audits or that conduct audit activities of those responsive agencies.

EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C**Reviewed by: Heidi Schrader**

SB 660

Leno (D)

Public Utilities Commission: Ex Parte Communications

Authorizes the Public Utilities Commission to delegate oversight of specified committees. Relates to the appointment and duties of an internal administrative law judge. Requires procedures on the disqualification of commissioners. Revises provisions governing ratesetting hearings and proceedings. Requires maintaining a log of all oral and written ex parte communications. Repeals provisions regarding ex parte communication meetings and adjudicatory or ratesetting proceedings. Authorizes civil penalties.

EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C**Reviewed by: Jolene Walsh**

Activity on State Issues

Year-One, 2015 - 2016 State Legislative Session

Title	Letters Sent	Purpose of Letters
<i>Opposition to a State Imposed Public Goods Charge</i>	9.....	Communicate Opposition
<i>Coalition Letter Opposing State Water Resources Control Board Drinking Water Program Fee</i>	7.....	Communicate Opposition
<i>Thank you for meeting with Eastern Municipal Water District during State Legislative Day on March 11, 2015</i>	8.....	Thank You
<i>Thank you for meeting with water district representatives to discuss a legislative proposal to address tiered water rates on May 7, 2015</i>	4.....	Thank You
<i>District Director briefing thank you letter</i>	2.....	Thank You
<i>Comments on the Cap-and-Trade Auction Proceeds Draft Concepts for the Second Investment Plan</i>	5.....	Provide Comment
<i>EMWD 2014 Consumer Confidence Report</i>	8.....	Notify Delegation
<i>Congratulations on Selection as Assembly Republican Leader</i>	1.....	Congratulate Representative
<i>Congratulations on Appointment to the Riverside County Board of Supervisors</i>	1.....	Congratulate Representative
<i>BDCP/California WaterFix RCEIR/SDEIS Comment Letter</i>	40.....	Provide Comment
<i>2014 EMWD Water Champion Award Recognition</i>	1.....	Congratulate Recipient
<i>State and Federal Legislator Letter on the Emergency Drought Regulations</i>	1.....	Provide Comment
<i>Conservation Pricing: Implementation of Directive 8 Comment Letter</i>	5.....	Provide Comment
<i>Solar Cup Thank You</i>	12.....	Thank You
<i>Riverside County Water Task Force Thank You Letters</i>	8.....	Thank You
<i>2014 Annual Report Cover Letter</i>	13.....	Notify
<i>County Water Company Dedication Event Thank You</i>	5.....	Thank You
<i>Election Congratulations</i>	2.....	Congratulations
<i>Support for the University of California Riverside Proposal for Designation as a “Manufacturing Community”</i>	1.....	Express Support

Letters sent November 2014 - November 2015

Actively Supported State Legislation

Year-One, 2015-2016 State Legislative Session

Bill Number	Title	Letters Sent	Outcome
AB 291 (Medina)	Environmental Quality Act: Notices of Determination: Water	53	Two-year
AB 585 (Melendez)	Outdoor Water Efficiency: Personal Income Tax Credits	38	Two-year
AB 786 (Levine)	Common Interest Developments: Property Use	16	Chaptered
AB 888 (Bloom)	Waste Management: Plastic Microbeads	40	Chaptered
AB 1201 (Salas)	Predation by Nonnative Species	123	Two-year

Actively Opposed State Legislation

Year-One, 2015-2016 State Legislative Session

Bill Number	Title	Letters Sent	Outcome
AB 1173 (Williams)	Water Equipment: Backflow Prevention Devices Testing: Certification	13	Two-year
SB 88 (Budget Trailer Bill)	Water System Consolidation Budget Trailer Bill 825	14	Chaptered
SB 143 (Stone)	Diamond Valley Reservoir: Recreational Use	43	Two-year



Governor's Veto Messages

Year-One, 2015 - 2016 State Legislative Session

Bill Number: SB 119 - Protection of Subsurface Installations

Vetoed Date: October 10, 2015

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 119 without my signature.

This bill would create the California Underground Facilities Safe Excavation Advisory Committee, within the Contractors' State Licensing Board, in order to enforce existing and new provisions related to safe excavation.

I understand that the telecommunications and cable companies have resisted providing explicit enforcement authority to the Public Utilities Commission over excavation safety. However, it is the Public Utilities Commission, and not the Contractors' State Licensing Board, that has the technical expertise and funds and should be given full authority to enforce and regulate excavation activities near subsurface installations.

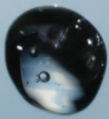
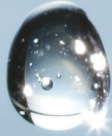
This is a matter of public safety, and I look forward to working closely with the author to achieve our mutual goal.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.



POLICY PRINCIPLES



Introduction

Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD) has adopted a strategic objective to “Conduct a highly productive and effective federal, state and local advocacy representation program to effectively influence legislation, regulation and outside funding in a manner that benefits the District and consistently demonstrates industry leadership.” To achieve this goal, the Public and Governmental Affairs Department builds and maintains relationships with legislative leaders, their staff, and other opinion leaders, and involves all appropriate EMWD disciplines to formulate positions on legislative and policy issues.



EMWD monitors and, where appropriate, seeks to influence federal and state legislation to provide EMWD's ratepayers safe and reliable potable and recycled water supply and wastewater services in an economical manner. Guided by the Legislative Policy Principles established by EMWD's Board of Directors and the professional opinion of EMWD's staff, the Legislative Affairs Team communicates EMWD's position and takes action on pertinent legislative issues.

The EMWD Legislative Policy Principles represent those areas of public policy in which the Board of Directors has established an EMWD position. These principles are consistent with EMWD's mission statement, values and beliefs and are developed with careful consideration of EMWD's strategic plan. Furthermore, the EMWD Legislative Policy Principles are dynamic in nature. As new legislative issues affecting the potable and recycled water and wastewater industries arise, EMWD will respond accordingly and update its Policy Principles.



During the review, analysis, and development of each Legislative Policy Principle, EMWD involves all appropriate EMWD disciplines and also takes into consideration the broader policy objectives of related associations to foster a synchronized advocacy effort. The final process for policy principle development includes formulating the principles with input of EMWD specialists in the various policy fields; analyzing and editing the principles in the Legislative Review Committee, examining and critiquing the policy in the appropriate Board Committee, and finally, the Board of Directors adopt the principles.

These Legislative Policy Principles reflect the proactive steps that EMWD takes in providing potable and recycled water supply and wastewater services in an economical, efficient, and responsible manner. With this proactive approach to legislation, EMWD continually enhances its partnership with the community and quality of service to its customers.

Water Recycling

EMWD Policy: The District seeks to develop and implement strategies to achieve the highest beneficial use of recycled water.

This policy principle supports the District's Strategic Objectives to "Implement on-going treatment, storage, and distribution systems projects and programs to utilize 100 percent of treated effluent for the highest beneficial use possible," and "Develop and implement a portfolio of projects and management techniques to achieve a reliable and cost-effective balance of water supplies utilizing imported, local, and recycled water sources."

EMWD and its Board of Directors support legislation that:

1. Recognizes that recycled water is a beneficial resource and should be permitted and managed as such.
2. Increases public education and awareness of water recycling, its benefits and safety.
3. Advances recycled water-marketing efforts.
4. Investigates or encourages safe, new uses of recycled water.
5. Provides grants or cost-share funds for recycled water demonstration and permanent projects and the treatment needed for use of recycled water in certain applications (e.g. construction, industrial uses, or specialty manufacturing, etc.).
6. Provides assistance and training for design, construction, and operation of recycled water systems.
7. Funds the use of recycled water at all public buildings, facilities and other developments when such supply is available.
8. Develops new financing for water recycling consistent with the following objectives:
 - Increased water recycling and recycled water quality in California and the Colorado River Basin.
 - Research leading to advances in science and technology, health effects assessments, and facility, regional, and watershed planning.
 - Streamlining administrative procedures for state low interest-rate loans and federal grants for projects and research.
9. Encourages voluntary cooperation and partnership among involved agencies to foster strategies for recycled water project implementation.
10. Supports continuous review, appropriate revision and streamlining of water recycling regulations and uniform administration consistent with experience gained in operations, public health and environmental protection.
11. Aids in the development of pressurized recycled water systems and dual water supply systems.
12. Advances development, permitting and implementation of direct and indirect potable reuse (reservoir augmentation and groundwater recharge) while ensuring water quality that protects public health.
13. Provides for recreational use of recycled water in a manner that protects public health and safety, and acknowledges local agency policies.
14. Acknowledges salinity management as a strategy to improve the sustainability and reliability of recycled water resources.



EMWD and its Board of Directors oppose legislation that:

1. Inhibits the safe application of recycled water.
2. Continues to define recycled water as a waste.

ADOPTED BY EASTERN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON DECEMBER 15, 2004 AND UPDATED ON JANUARY 22, 2014.

Biosolids

EMWD Policy: It is the policy of EMWD to practice and support efforts to encourage sustainable, cost effective, responsible and environmentally sound management of biosolids as an integral component of its wastewater treatment program.

This policy principle supports the District's Strategic Plan Objective to "Implement cost-effective projects and programs to manage biosolids and achieve long-term disposal independence through environmentally sustainable reuse."

EMWD and its Board of Directors support legislation that:

1. Promotes the utilization of biosolids for land application, providing that it is applied in a responsible manner.
2. Provides appropriate funding mechanisms, including grants and low-interest loans to treat, use, and/or recycle biosolids.
3. Provides financial incentive for research and development of new and/or improved methods and technologies for biosolids management.
4. Protects biosolid producers from frivolous and costly lawsuits that could damage the producers' ability to effectively and efficiently manage biosolids.
5. Promotes biosolids composting as a means of responsibly and effectively recycling the product.
6. Encourages efforts to promote biosolids as an alternative, renewable fuel source (i.e. biofuel conversions).
7. Increases the District's local management options, self-sufficiency and independence in managing biosolids.
8. Protects the public health and groundwater supply by providing increased funding and research for comprehensive management techniques.
9. Creates a market for advanced technologies by promoting the use of innovative products derived from biosolids, including biosolids pellets.
10. Fosters cooperation among governmental agencies, regulators, private corporations, and the agriculture community related to biosolids use and management.
11. Promotes cost effective management of biosolids.

EMWD and its Board of Directors oppose legislation that:

1. Unreasonably restricts local and regional biosolids management including land application.
2. Increases the financial burden of managing biosolids without demonstrated equivalent environmental and/or public health benefit related thereto.
3. Duplicates existing programs and requirements.
4. Causes an unfounded negative public perception of biosolids and biosolid producers.
5. Requires unreasonable treatment of biosolids for specific applications, without adequate scientific justification.



Groundwater Management

EMWD Policy: It is the policy of EMWD to maximize the use of groundwater while protecting groundwater quality and enhancing the basin yield in an environmentally and economically responsible manner in collaboration with local groundwater users.

This policy principle supports the District's Strategic Plan Objective to "Develop and implement a portfolio of projects and management techniques to achieve a reliable and cost-effective balance of water supplies utilizing imported, local, and recycled water sources."

EMWD and its Board of Directors support legislation that:

1. Advances assimilation of local groundwater management plans into regional plans for stronger integrated regional water management planning.
2. Provides appropriate funding mechanisms, including grants and low-interest loans, for groundwater projects, including groundwater cleanup to preserve the integrity of groundwater resources, and protect communities from water shortages.
3. Acknowledges salinity management as a strategy to improve the sustainability and reliability of local water resources.
4. Improves groundwater monitoring programs and technology (i.e. Geographic Information Systems) for resource development and groundwater management purposes and empowers water districts to collect and manage local groundwater data.
5. Provides oversight and monitoring of hydraulic fracturing (fracking) operations that are protective of groundwater and surface water resources.
6. Encourages cooperation and partnerships with local groundwater producers and other community stakeholders.
7. Enhances local water supply reliability to reduce dependence on imported water.
8. Provides protection for groundwater recharge areas.
9. Provides local stakeholders flexibility to protect water rights.
10. Promotes integrity of groundwater basins, including long-term overdraft protection.
11. Facilitates transfers and exchanges of groundwater supplies with appropriate safeguards.
12. Encourages storage of imported water through conjunctive use programs.
13. Protects groundwater quality and enhances groundwater cleanup and recovery for beneficial use, including strategies to mitigate and prevent contamination.
14. Provides groundwater cleanup funds and/or grants to preserve the quality of groundwater resources.
15. Promotes agricultural and irrigational use of recycled water and/or other suitable non-potable water in-lieu of groundwater.
16. Requires those who cause or contribute to pollution of a groundwater basin to make restitution for damage caused.
17. Provides for indirect potable reuse in groundwater basins while ensuring water quality that protects public health.

EMWD and its Board of Directors oppose legislation that:

1. Restrains local stakeholder flexibility in the use of groundwater resources.
2. Imposes new water quality regulations or control actions that are not based on thorough consideration of scientific and technical evidence.
3. Does not provide demonstrated operational, environmental, or public health benefits.
4. Does not allow reasonable schedules for development, implementation, and compliance of new laws and regulations.
5. Duplicates existing programs and requirements.



Desalination

EMWD Policy: It is the policy of EMWD to utilize desalination for salinity management, to protect local groundwater quality and include desalted brackish water as an element of EMWD's balanced water supply portfolio to achieve long-term water supply reliability.

This policy principle supports the District's Strategic Plan Objective to "Achieve salinity balance through cost effective supply management, source control, desalination, and optimization of brine management to maximize recycled water use and improve the water quality of local resources."

EMWD and its Board of Directors support legislation that:

1. Acknowledges salinity management as a strategy to improve sustainability and reliability of groundwater production, and use of recycled water.
2. Acknowledges and promotes salinity management as a tool for economic development and recognizes that desalination can play a major role in meeting California's future water needs.
3. Improves communication, cooperation, and consistency in the desalination permitting processes.
4. Provides grants, low interest loans and/or other funding for desalination research and development and implementation projects.
5. Recognizes the significance of energy costs for desalination and provides for strategies that optimize energy cost savings.
6. Promotes the development of renewable energy alternatives in conjunction with desalination facilities.
7. Creates a statewide desalination information database and data sharing opportunities (i.e. operational data, water quality data, research).
8. Provides funding for brine management projects, and recognizes that brine disposal is a major cost for implementation of inland brackish groundwater desalination.
9. Fosters partnerships with universities, state and federal agencies, and other institutions for the development of improved desalination and brine disposal and minimization technologies.
10. Encourages desalination stakeholder work groups and outreach programs.
11. Promotes water use efficiency and reuse through desalination of recycled water for direct and/or indirect reuse.
12. Encourages technology transfers among groups, agencies including state and federal government entities that have specialized expertise with new or emerging desalination technologies.
13. Encourages regional collaboration within watersheds to manage salt impacts to surface and ground waters.

EMWD and its Board of Directors oppose legislation that:

1. Unreasonably restricts EMWD's flexibility and authority to make decisions regarding desalination operation.
2. Imposes new water quality and related desalination regulations or control actions that are not based on thorough consideration of scientific and technical evidence.
3. Does not allow reasonable schedules for development, implementation, and compliance of new laws and regulations.
4. Duplicates existing programs and requirements.



Water Use Efficiency

EMWD Policy: It is the policy of EMWD to promote efficient use of water in order to provide the most reliable supply at a reasonable cost.

This policy principle supports the District's Strategic Plan Objective to "Promote efficient use of water resources through the implementation of industry-leading programs and practices combined with customer education and awareness."

EMWD and its Board of Directors support legislation that:



1. Encourages the expanded and efficient use of recycled water.
2. Encourages planning agencies to require water efficient landscape in new development.
3. Implements cost-effective new-product water efficiency standards.
4. Creates or expands appropriate educational and informational programs to encourage conservation among water users (including the integration of water-use efficiency in state and federal energy-efficiency public outreach).
5. Enables flexibility in achieving the statewide urban conservation goals of twenty percent by 2020.
6. Encourages water use efficiency and use of recycled water during hydraulic fracturing (fracking) operations.
7. Removes state and local barriers to implementation of the Best Management Practices of the California Urban Water Conservation Council's Memorandum of Understanding (i.e. within the general plan, plumbing code constraints, homeowner association requirements for turf, etc.).
8. Supports local efforts to increase on-site water retention and reduce runoff.
9. Implements and/or enforces local ordinances governing:
 - Water waste.
 - Implementation of/and funding for the retrofit of indoor and outdoor systems to water efficient models upon the resale of real property.
 - Statewide installation and reading of water meters and customer billing based on recorded usage.
 - Water efficient landscaping.
10. Increases landscaping water-use efficiency by:
 - Urging landscape irrigation device manufacturers to develop and market more efficient equipment.
 - Encourages retailers to market and carry a broad array of water efficient devices, plants, and equipment.
 - Calling for architects to design more efficient landscapes and/or irrigation systems.
 - Funding education/training on properly operating water-efficient irrigation systems and installing and maintaining water-efficient landscape.
 - Limiting the use of turf and/or encouraging the application of native/water efficient plant life installed in yards.
 - Promoting the concept of "water budgeting" and the application of budget based tiered rate structures.
11. Increases agricultural water-use efficiency by:
 - Supporting studies and actions to improve agricultural water-use efficiency.
 - Supporting development of irrigation timing strategies to reduce peak demand on water supply systems.
 - Supporting implementation of water-use audits for agricultural irrigation.
12. Promotes Commercial, Institutional and Industrial (CII) programs such as:
 - Providing grants for water survey programs.
 - Establishing or expanding appropriate rebate programs, such as replacing excessive water consuming appliances and fixtures.
 - Evaluating new technologies and their implementation via new programs.
 - Offering incentives for the construction of water efficient buildings and communities.

EMWD and its Board of Directors oppose legislation that:

1. Establishes water districts as land-use decision-makers, rather than city and county government as related to development and enforcement of programs requiring submetering of multi-family housing.

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Bay Delta/State Water Project

EMWD policy: Implement the co-equal goals of water supply reliability and environmental sustainability in the Delta to ensure the delivery of adequate and reliable supplies of water to all Californians, while water districts simultaneously develop long lasting and robust local water supply portfolios.

This policy principle supports the District's Strategic Plan Objectives to "Develop and implement a portfolio of projects and management techniques to achieve a reliable and cost-effective balance of water supplies utilizing imported, local, and recycled water sources," and "Develop adaptable buffer supplies, water storage, and delivery system improvements to manage uncertain supply delivery conditions and emergency outages."

EMWD and its Board of Directors support legislation that:

1. Ensures that all beneficiaries of the Delta pay their fair share towards environmental restoration, flood management, and water quality.
2. Recognizes all beneficiaries of the Delta including water exporters, recreational, and environmental interests.
3. Requires that all stressors on the Delta be considered and addressed in a manner that is fair and equitable.
4. Identifies that entities that contribute to adverse environmental impacts should pay proportionally for mitigating those impacts.
5. Enables the timely implementation and funding for the completion of critical studies necessary to establish a comprehensive and long term fix in the Delta.
6. Would establish state and federal funding opportunities to complete the environmental studies, planning, mitigation projects and construction of vital restoration projects.

EMWD and its Board of Directors oppose legislation that:

1. Does not consider the full scope of the co-equal goals in terms of identification of a long term solution in the Delta.
2. Seeks to overturn or prohibit implementation of the 2009 Comprehensive Water Package.
3. Delays the adoption and/or implementation of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan or the Delta Plan.
4. Establishes inequitable cost-sharing for those stakeholders responsible for program and project costs.



Integrated Regional Water Management Plans

EMWD Policy: It is the policy of EMWD to utilize the State's Integrated Regional Water Management Planning (IRWMP) process to maximize water use efficiency as well as the quality and quantity of water available to meet the State's domestic, agriculture, industrial and environmental needs.

This policy principle supports the District's Strategic Plan Objectives to "Promote efficient use of water resources through the implementation of industry-leading programs and practices combined with customer service," and "Conduct planning and environmental permitting activities for water, wastewater, and other relevant facilities in a timely manner that supports the District's strategic objectives and ensures the availability of services for future growth."

EMWD and its Board of Directors support legislation that:

1. Provides flexibility and discretion to regions throughout California to determine the governance and implementation of IRWMP.
2. Improves multi-jurisdictional, multi-benefit coordination related to the IRWMP program.
3. Uses IRWMP to support the goals and objectives of the State, as outlined in the State Water Plan Update, as well as local priorities as defined by each region.
4. Encourages a robust stakeholder process but recognizes the need to leave decision making authority with the agencies, or steering committees comprised of those agencies, that have the statutory authority to provide IRWMP related services.
5. Promotes proactive, transparent communication and partnerships.
6. Provides increased funding for IRWMP.
7. Streamlines IRWMP grant administration and minimizes the cost of utilizing IRWMP grants.
8. Defines integrated water resource planning regions as those regions that have been accepted through the California Department of Water Resources Regional Acceptance Process.
9. Requires changes to IRWMP be vetted through a stakeholder driven, publicly reviewed process.
10. Utilizes IRWMP information to improve land use decision making.
11. Employs IRWMP process to develop adaptive water management strategies that address climate change and other long term influences on water supply conditions.

EMWD and its Board of Directors oppose legislation that:

1. Weakens the intent, purpose and process of IRWMP.
2. Hinders improved coordination among agencies related to IRWMP.



Water Infrastructure Financing

EMWD policy: Capital improvement projects and infrastructure financing should be accomplished in a manner that is beneficial, economical, and facilitates a means in which all beneficiaries pay for the goods and services they receive.

This policy principle supports the District's Strategic Plan Goal to "Provide a safe and reliable water supply portfolio that achieves an optimum balance of imported, local, and recycled water at a reasonable cost."

EMWD and its Board of Directors support legislation that:

1. Establishes grants or funding opportunities for local water infrastructure projects.
2. Prioritizes a "beneficiaries pay" principle over a public goods charge; which can allow for "free riders" and does not establish a clear nexus to the benefits received.
3. Establishes that investments resulting in broad public benefits should be funded by state and federal resources and not through local resources.
4. Provides flexibility in the manner in which the District may finance public infrastructure projects (e.g., community financing districts, public-private partnerships, etc.).
5. Provides flexibility in the structure and repayment of state loans, including
 - Repayment terms up to thirty-years on state loans for infrastructure projects, which is similar to existing loan terms on disadvantaged community projects;
 - Partial prepayment options;
 - Subordinate lien structure; and
 - Alternative principal repayment options (other than "level debt service").

EMWD and its Board of Directors oppose legislation that:

1. Establishes a fee or tax that does not result in clear benefit to the District and its customers.
2. Minimizes opportunities to fund water infrastructure through the passage of statewide or local bonds.
3. Eliminates the tax-exempt status of municipal bonds.



Governance

EMWD policy: It is the policy of the District to function and operate in an open and transparent way while providing superior services to the community in a safe, reliable, and cost-effective manner.

This policy principle supports the District's Strategic Plan Goal to "Promote and sustain timely and effective two-way communication between the District and the communities it serves and continue to be a trusted resource for the communities on all water, wastewater, and recycled water issues."

EMWD and its Board of Directors support legislation that:

1. Streamlines state reporting requirements and establishes opportunities to utilize technology that could result in more timely and open communication.
2. Establishes funding sources to host educational opportunities and awareness campaigns to promote water conservation, water quality, and water recycling expansion.
3. Encourages local governments to seek innovative means to service delivery (e.g., cost sharing, alternative energy pursuits, and technology advancements).
4. Enables the District to recruit and retain a diverse and high quality workforce.
5. Streamlines contracting procedures, while at the same time maintains the District's legal and safety obligations.
6. Enables Local Agency Formation Commissions (LAFCOs) to obtain service and boundary related information on private and mutual water companies to ensure the delivery of clean and reliable water supplies and compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act.
7. Streamlines or exempts water, recycled water, and/or wastewater projects from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) if the project is in an existing roadway or median.
8. Provides liability protections to public water districts seeking to consolidate troubled water systems that cannot consistently demonstrate that they are able to provide safe, clean and reliable water supplies to their customers.
9. Eliminates or minimizes redundant reports and studies on environmental impacts covered through subsequent state and federal regulatory efforts.

EMWD and its Board of Directors oppose legislation that:

1. Takes a broad brush approach to local government reforms that would confer unnecessary burden to all local governments in an effort to capture a small number of public trust offenders.
2. Would seek to limit local control.
3. Transfers responsibilities to local governments absent funding.
4. Adds additional costs for the District and its ratepayers absent a clear and necessary benefit.
5. Resolves state budget shortfalls through shifts in the allocation of property tax revenues, special district reserves, or through fees/fines that will impact EMWD and its operations.
6. Reduces or eliminates a local government's ability to establish price and parameters for cost-sharing activities.
7. Reduces or eliminates the state's obligation to compensate local governments on reimbursable mandate related activities.
8. Arbitrarily forces or restricts consolidations of special districts.
9. Implements redundant and costly compliance measures.
10. Results in additional challenges to CEQA compliance or could result in opportunities for additional delays or legal challenges to projects.



Renewable Energy / Energy Management

EMWD policy: It is the District's policy to seek opportunities to expand energy conservation and renewable energy production efforts in a cost effective manner that will improve operational efficiency, reduce operating expenses, and maximize existing available resources in an effort to achieve state and local regulatory compliance and reduce energy costs for the District.

This policy principle supports the District's Strategic Plan Goal and Strategic Objectives to "Plan and cost-effectively implement local renewable energy projects with sufficient generation to meet the District's entire net energy demands while minimizing the District's carbon footprint."

EMWD and its Board of Directors support legislation that:

1. Provides incentives and funding opportunities for voluntary and regulatory compliance actions to expand renewable energy resources.
2. That enables the District to maximize available energy resources that includes, but is not limited to, solar energy, biodiesel, digester gas, and bio-methane.
3. Facilitates connection and capacity availability to gas pipeline and electricity transmission lines.
4. Enables the District to access Proposition 39 (2012) Clean Energy and Energy Efficiency Funds and similar funding opportunities that will enable EMWD to pursue expansion/ development of energy efficiency/ renewable energy projects.
5. Facilitates opportunities where revenues generated from the auction of cap-and-trade credits in the state's Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund would be allocated to special districts and/or the water community for the development of energy efficiency and renewable energy projects/programs, as well as energy saving water use efficiency programs and alternative water supplies with lower embedded energy.
6. Requires or encourages electrical corporations to procure electrical generating capacity from small scale biomass and biogas projects.
7. Establishes similar efforts to level the playing field between large biogas producers and smaller generators, especially in light of the initial investment costs for small scale projects.

EMWD and its Board of Directors oppose legislation that:

1. Penalizes water districts for early adoption of energy efficiency and cost saving actions.
2. Requires the District to invest in technology that would generate excessive costs for the District and its ratepayers and/or is unproven/unreliable.
3. Infringes on water/sewage districts ability to dispose of biomethane through flaring or other means until technological solutions to treat and use biogas are available and cost effective.
4. Enacts changes to existing renewable energy project net energy metering contracts or utility incentive agreements mid-contract.

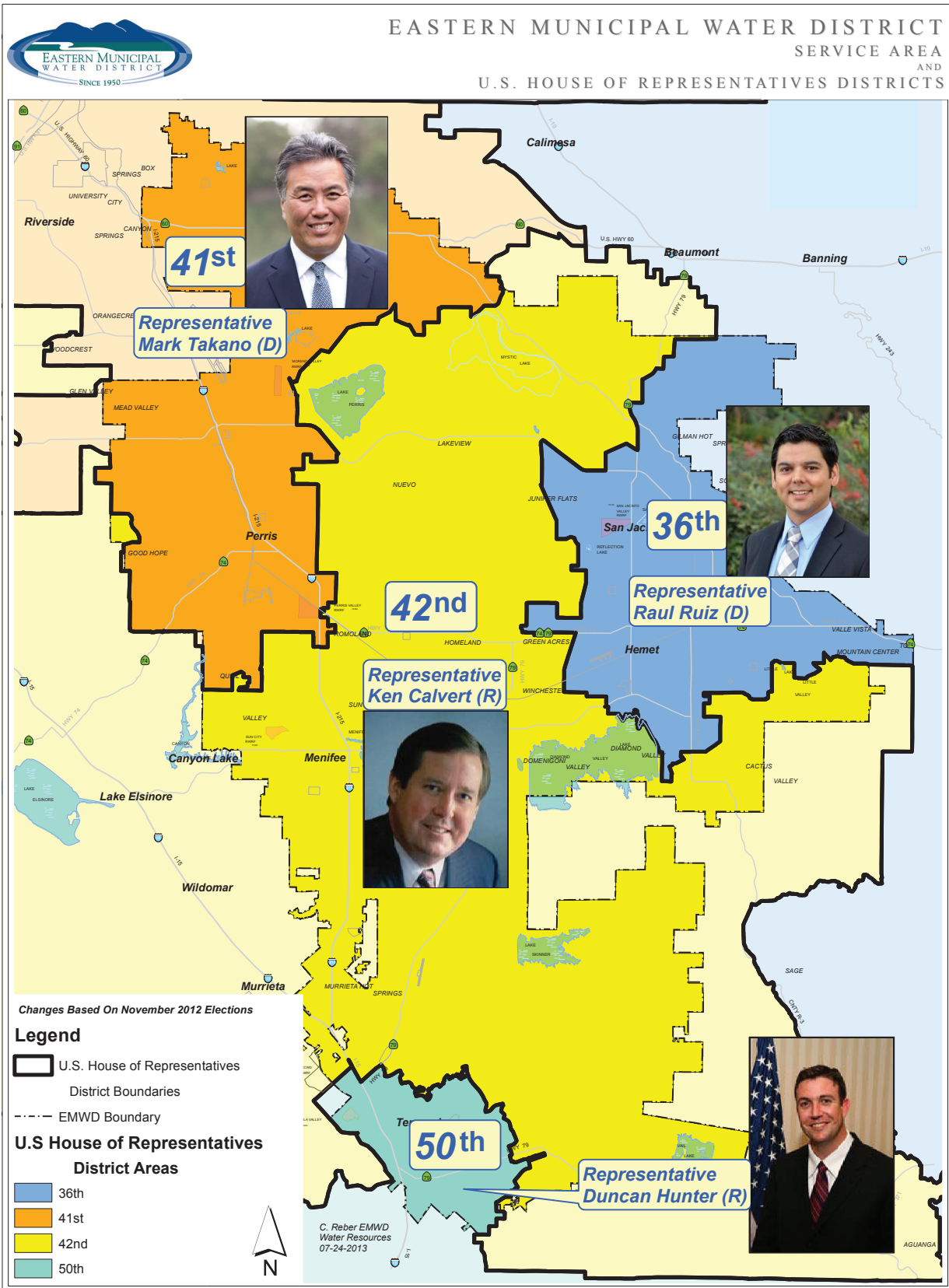


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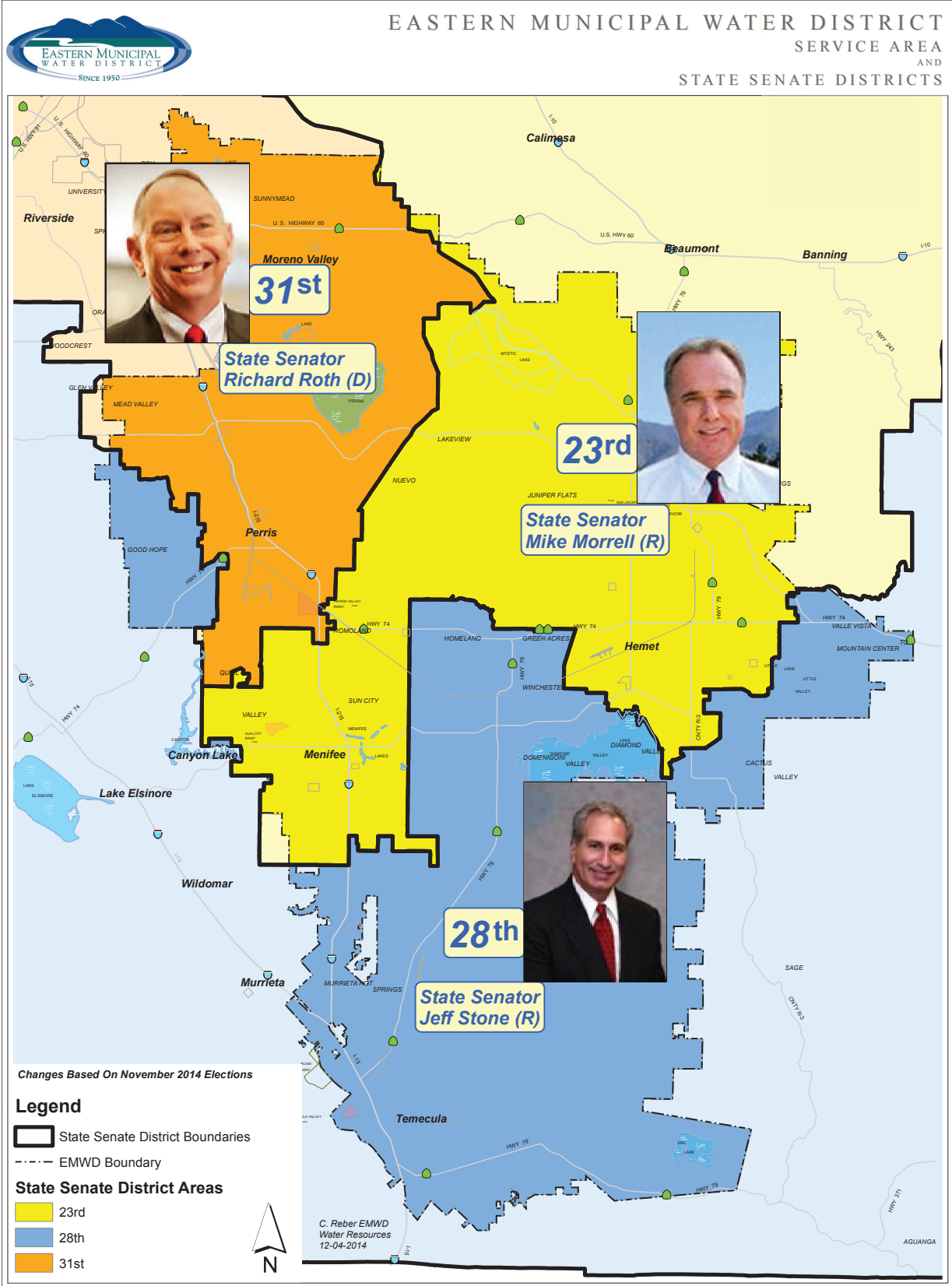


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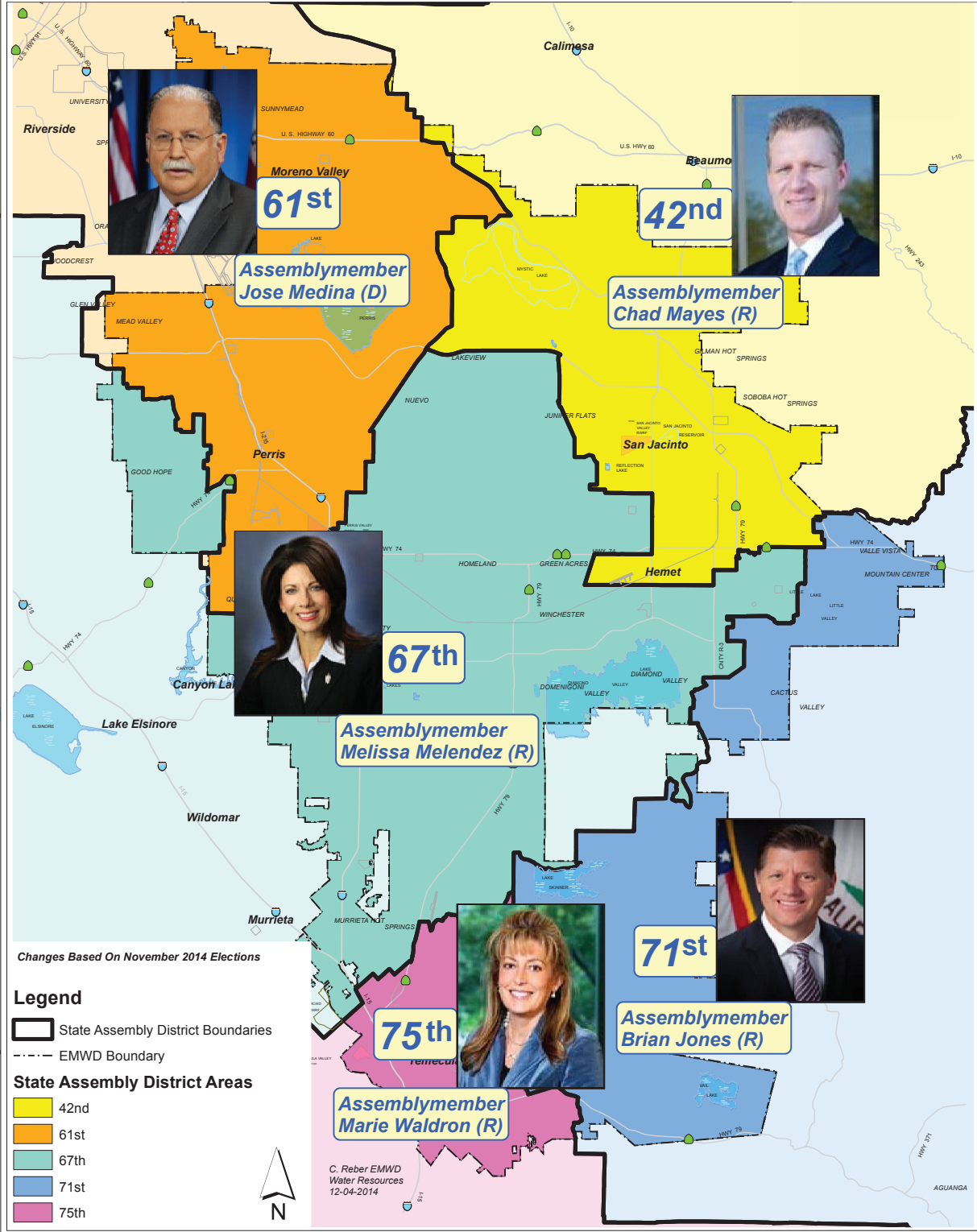


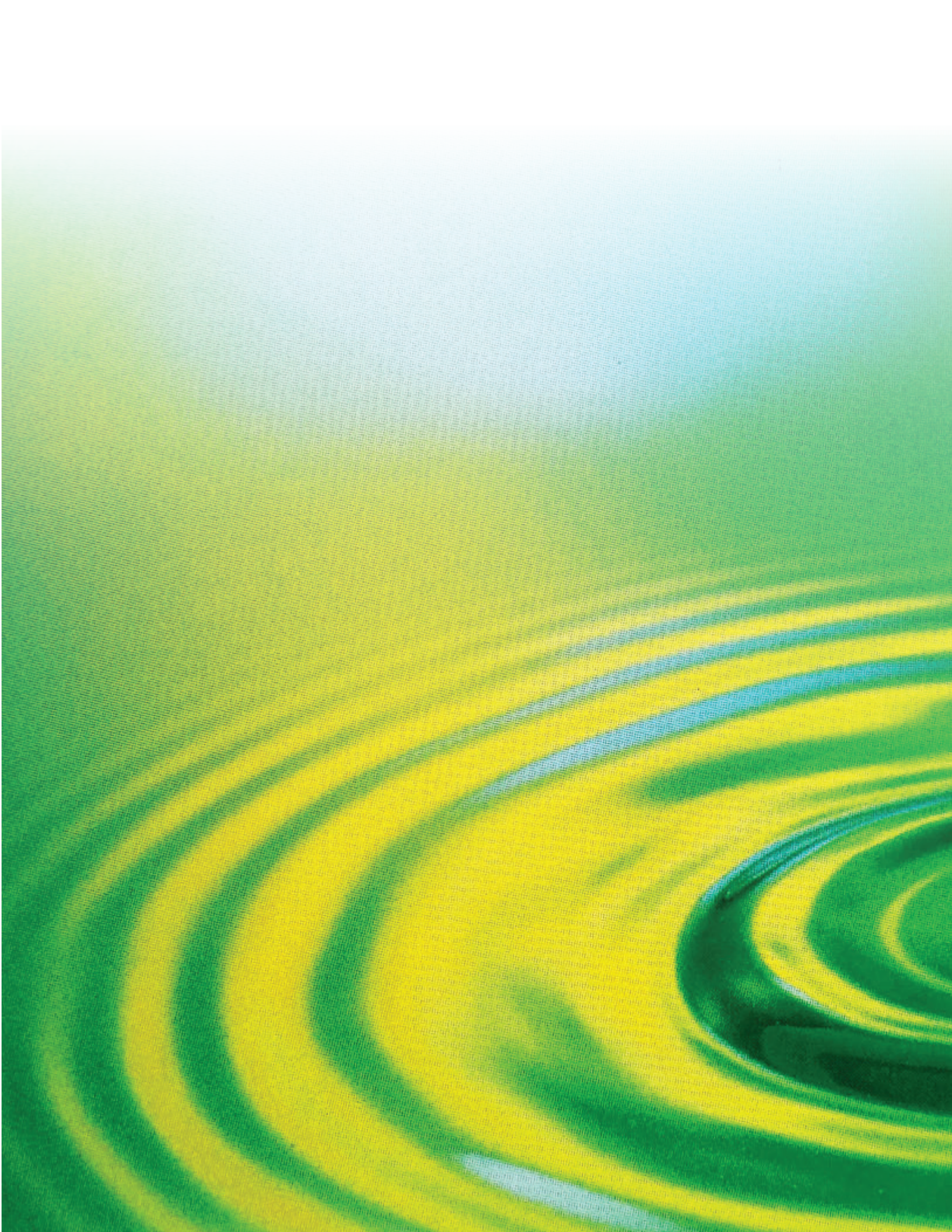
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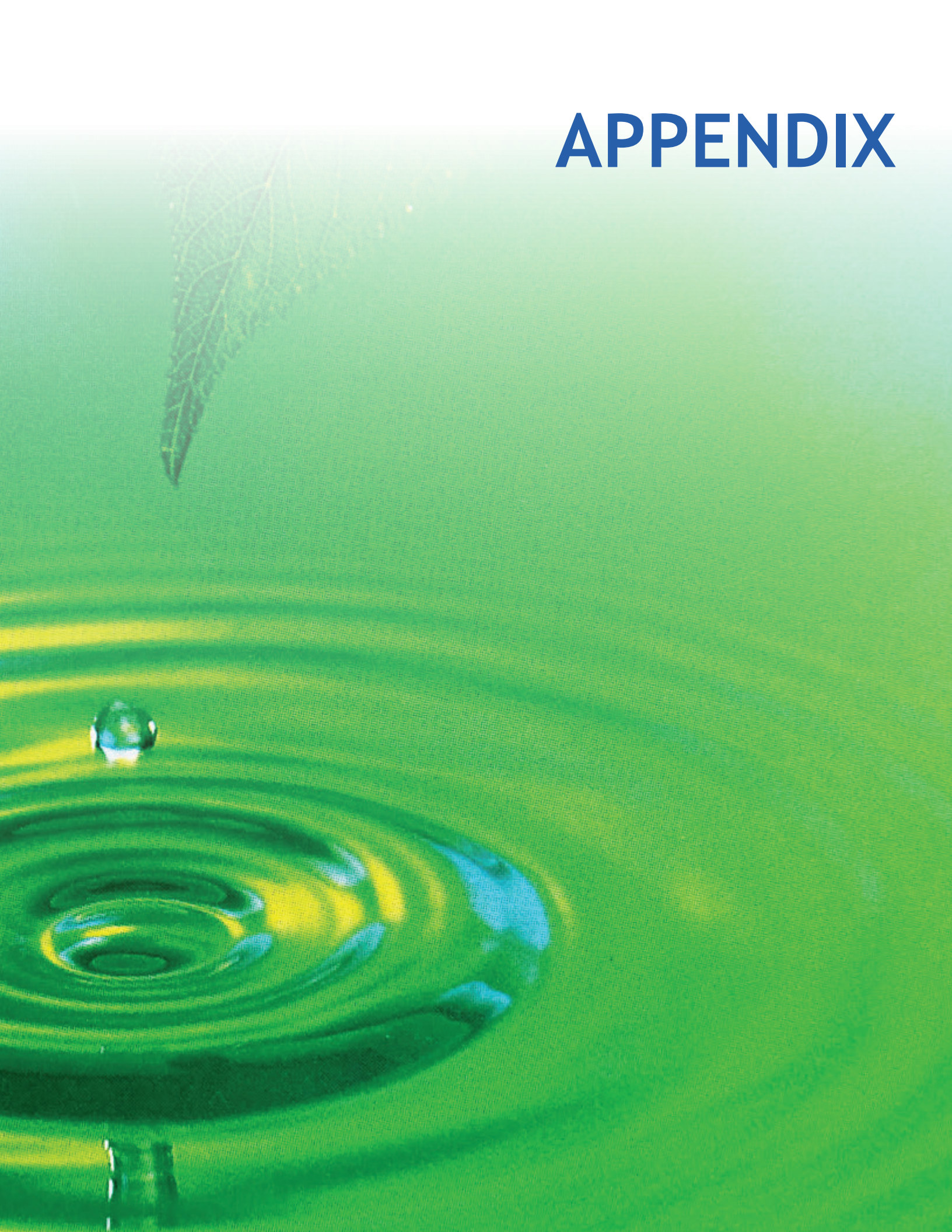


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APPENDIX



Glossary of Terms

AB

State Assembly Bill

ACA

Assembly (authored) Constitutional Amendment: A proposed change in the state Constitution, which, after approval of two-thirds of the legislators, is submitted to the voters

ACR

Assembly Concurrent Resolution: A measure that can be introduced in either house but must be approved by both houses and filed with the Secretary of State to take effect. These measures usually involve the business of the Legislature

AJR

Assembly Joint Resolution: A legislative opinion on matters pertaining to the federal government, often urging passage or defeat of legislation pending before Congress

Chaptered

When a bill has been passed by the Legislature and enacted into law, the Secretary of State assigns the bill a “chapter number” which is subsequently used to refer to the measure in place of the bill number

(D)

Democratic Party Affiliated

Failed

A bill that does not pass the Legislature

Gutted and Amended

When amendments to a bill remove the current contents in their entirety and replace them with different provisions

HR

Bill originating in the House of Representatives

(I)

Independent

LRC

Legislative Review Committee (EMWD)

Measure

A bill, resolution or constitutional amendment that is considered by the Legislature

(R)

Republican Party Affiliated

S

A bill originating in the United States Senate

SB

State Senate Bill

SCA

Senate (authored) Constitutional Amendment (see ACA)

SCR

Senate Concurrent Resolution (see ACR)

SJR

Senate Joint Resolution (see AJR)

SR

Senate Resolution

Two-year Bill

A bill that does not pass the Legislature in the first year of the two-year session, can be considered in the second year

Veto

The Governor’s formal rejection of a measure passed by the Legislature

Legislative Bill Positions

Position	Position Definition and Action
Sponsor Priority: A	The legislation is initiated by EMWD. District staff/counsel drafts the bill, requests ACWA, CASA, or another organization to co-sponsor the bill, and then finds a member of the Legislature to introduce the bill. Staff works to advance the measure through the legislative process by writing letters and contacting legislators and the Governor's office; negotiates with stakeholders to address concerns and solicits support. Attends committee hearings to provide testimony and technical information.
Support Priority: A	The legislation furthers the goals of the District and is consistent with its Strategic Plan. District staff notifies the author and sponsor of the bill, in writing, that the District supports the measure, then sends support letters, and contacts other members of the Legislature and committee consultants to solicit support. Monitors progress of the bill, watches for amendments that may change the District's position. Works with coalitions or organizations such as ACWA, CASA, CSDA, MWD, and SAWPA to encourage the bill's passage.
Support if Amended Priority: A	Generally positive legislation, however if amendments were made the District could support it. District staff works with the author and sponsor of the bill, and organizations such as ACWA, CASA, CSDA, MWD, and SAWPA to incorporate amendments that will align the bill to the District's mission and goals. Monitors the bill for amendments that may change the District's position.
Oppose Priority: A	The legislation will have a detrimental effect on the District and its constituents. District staff notifies the bill's author and sponsor, members of the Legislature, committee consultants, and the Governor's office of District concerns and requests opposition. Staff works with coalitions and/or organizations such as ACWA, CASA, CSDA, MWD, and SAWPA to kill the bill. Testifies at hearings against the bill and continues to monitor and urge opposition.
Oppose unless Amended Priority: A	Generally negative legislation; however with specific amendments the District may remove its opposition. District staff works with the bill's author and sponsor, and organizations such as ACWA, CASA, CSDA, MWD, and SAWPA to amend the bill so the District is not negatively impacted by the measure.
Favor/Support Not Favor/Oppose Priority: B	The District agrees or disagrees with certain provisions, but the bill will not have a significant impact on the District. District staff monitors, as well as supports or opposes these bills in concept; no action is taken.

Position	Position Definition and Action
Concerns Priority: A	The legislation includes elements that are concerning or could negatively impact the District, however the author has expressed an interest in working with stakeholders on the issue. Provides an opportunity for the District to engage in conversations on legislation with a willingness to modify the position if the circumstances or outstanding language is addressed. Submits letters, engages on working groups, and works with coalitions to draft amendments to the bill language.
Watch Priority: C	The bill does not have a direct impact on the District. District staff monitors the bill and watches for amendments that may alter the bill and prompt District action.
Neutral Priority: D	The bill has no impact on the District. No action or monitoring is required.

Standing Committee Abbreviations

Senate Committees

Agriculture	AGRI
Appropriations	APPR
Banking and Financial Institutions	BF&I
Budget and Fiscal Review	B&FR
Business Professions and Economic Development	BP&ED
Education.....	ED
Elections and Constitutional Amendments.....	ELEC&CA
Energy, Utilities and Communications	EU&C
Environmental Quality	EQ
Governance and Finance	GOV&FIN
Governmental Organization.....	GO
Health	HEALTH
Human Services	HUMANSVS
Insurance	INS
Judiciary	JUD
Labor and Industrial Relations.....	L&IR
Legislative Ethics.....	LEGETHICS
Natural Resources and Water	NR&W
Public Employment and Retirement	PE&R
Public Safety.....	PUBSAFE
Rules	RULES
Transportation and Housing	T&H
Veterans Affairs	VA

Assembly Committees

Accountability and Administrative Review	ACTBTY&ADMR
Aging and Long-Term Care	A<C
Agriculture	AGRI
Appropriations	APPR
Arts, Entertainment, Sports Tourism and Internet Media	AEST&IM
Banking and Finance	B&F
Budget	BUDG
Business, Professions and Consumer Protection	BP&CH
Education	ED
Elections and Redistricting	E&R
Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials	ENVS&TOXM
Governmental Organization	GO
Health	HEALTH
Higher Education	HIED
Housing and Community Development	H&CD
Human Services	HUMANSVS
Insurance	INS
Jobs, Economic Development and the Economy	JED&E
Judiciary	JUD
Labor and Employment	L&E
Local Government	LGOV
Natural Resources	NATRES
Public Employees, Retirement and Social Security	PERS&SS
Public Safety	PUBSAFE
Revenue and Taxation	REV&TAX
Rules	RULES
Transportation	TRANS
Utilities and Commerce	U&C
Veterans Affairs	VA
Water, Parks and Wildlife	WP&W



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