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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

“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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FEDERAL PROGRAM



Federal Overview

Highlights from the Second Session of the 114th Congress

A number of changes on the Federal front occurred at the eleventh-hour, including: Title XVI, Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians Water Rights Settlement Act, Water Resources Development Act, the Drought Bill, and Federal Appropriations. An updated summary of these issues is inserted in the back of this book.

Current Status of the Fiscal Year 17 Appropriations Bills



As has been the case in previous years, Congress was once again unable to complete its work on the fiscal year (FY) 2017 appropriations bills before the end of the fiscal year, which was September 30, 2016. As a result, Congress passed a Continuing Resolution (CR) to keep the federal government funded at its current levels through December 9, 2016.

Congress has decided to forego negotiations over the remaining FY17 appropriations bills and punt until the 115th Congress, when Republicans will have control of Congress and the White House. Congress will pass another Continuing

Resolution that will run until March 31, 2017. This will give them enough time to negotiate with the new President on spending priorities.

The FY 2017 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. To date, the Perris II Desalter has received almost \$10 million from the Army Corps via a Section 219 Authorization (\$25 million total).

The FY17 House Energy and Water Appropriations bill contains \$10 million for Section 219 projects under the Corps construction budget. The FY17 Senate Energy and Water Appropriations bill includes almost

\$69 million for Section 219 projects funding under the Corps construction budget. The Senate bill also includes language to prioritize Section 219 projects in drought stricken areas that have brackish water.

EMWD has encouraged Congress each year to specify funding for Section 219 projects in the Corps' annual work plan. Without Congressional 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 in the FY17 workplan.

FY 2017 Bureau of Reclamation Programs

Over the years, EMWD has successfully accessed federal funding through certain Bureau of Reclamation grant programs. Of specific interest to EWWD are the Bureau's WaterSMART and Desalination Research and Development grant programs. While the final FY17 funding levels for these programs are still pending, outlined below are the FY17 Administration, FY17 House, and FY17 Senate proposed funding levels:

- WaterSMART Grant Program
 - FY17 Admin Request- \$23.365 million
 - FY17 House- \$24 million
 - FY17 Senate- \$23.365 million
- WaterSMART Drought Response and Comprehensive Drought Planning
 - FY17 Admin Request- \$4 million
 - FY17 House- \$4 million
 - FY17 Senate- \$4 million
- Title XVI
 - FY17 Admin Request- \$21.5 million
 - FY17 House- \$24 million
 - FY17 Senate- \$21.5 million
- BurRec R&D Desalination and Water Purification Program
 - FY 17 Admin Request- \$5.803 million
 - FY 17 House- \$4.653 million
 - FY 17 Senate- \$4.653 million
- BurRec R&D Science and Technology Program
 - FY17 Admin Request- \$22.765 million
 - FY17 House- \$22.765 million
 - FY17 Senate- \$22.765 million

Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRDA)

In September, both the House and the Senate passed their respective WRDA bills (HR 5303 and S 2484 respectively). The House bill is a much smaller bill, both in size and dollar amount. HR 5303 only focuses on Army Corps of Engineers related projects and issues.

The Senate bill contains several provisions outside of the scope of the WRDA bill, related to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and providing aid for Flint, Michigan. Below are some provisions on interest to EMWD in the House and Senate bills:

House Bill (HR 5303) – Rep. Shuster (R-PA)

Environmental Infrastructure Eligibility through Section 7001: The House bill contains language clarifying that environmental infrastructure projects are eligible for consideration under Section 7001. Section 7001 of WRRDA 2014 requires that the Secretary of the Army to annually submit to the Congress a report that identifies proposed projects or studies which could be eligible for future Army Corps funding.



Senate Bill (S 2848) – Sen. Inhofe (R-IA)

- Innovative Water Technology Grant Program: Provides \$50 million for a new EPA innovation water technology grant program to accelerate the development of innovative technologies to address pressing water challenges.
- Section 219 Provision: A provision that states that for any project authorized under Section 219, the authorization of appropriations is increased by the amount, including in increments, necessary to allow completion of the project under certain conditions.
- WaterSense Authorization: Authorizes EPA's WaterSense program which allows water efficient products, buildings, landscapes, facilities, processes, and services to bear a WaterSense label. EMWD worked on language to ensure the program has no detrimental water quality impacts.
- Water Desalination Act Reauthorization: Reauthorizes the Water Desalination Act of 1996 at \$8 million for each of fiscal years 2015 through 2020, for a total of \$48 million. Water Desalination Act funding is administered by the Bureau of Reclamation which allocates those dollars for desalination research and pilot demonstration programs.
- Grant Program to Reduce Lead in Drinking Water: Authorizes \$300 million over five years for an EPA grant program for replacement of lead service lines, testing, planning, corrosion control, and education.
- Sewer Overflow Control Grants: Authorizes \$1.8 billion over five years for the EPA to make grants to help municipalities pay for controlling sewer overflows and storm water discharges.
- Water Infrastructure Investment Trust Fund: Creates a new dedicated trust fund that would be funded by a new "voluntary labeling system" that allows the producers of consumer goods to apply a label that states that they are contributing to the trust fund at a cost of 3 cents per unit.
- Small and Disadvantaged Community Grants: Authorizes \$1.43 billion over five years for EPA to create a grant program to assist small and disadvantaged communities to defray the cost of complying with the requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act regulations.
- Drinking Water State Revolving Fund: Waives the 20 percent cap on use of funding for principle forgiveness. Provides \$100 million to assist states with emergency drinking water situations through the drinking water state revolving loan fund program.
- WIFIA: Provides \$70 million in credit subsidies to allow EPA to make secured loans for infrastructure investments under the WIFIA program.



The prospects for a WRDA bill being signed into law before the end of the year are slim. Rep. Peter DeFazio, Ranking Member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, stated that the prospects of getting a WRDA bill passed before the end of the year have become dimmer. Also, Senator Jim Inhofe, Chairman of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, has indicated that the House may not accept some provisions that are must-haves for the Senate. Both the House and Senate are continuing to meet to work on the bill.

Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians Water Rights Settlement Act

Senator Boxer's Pechanga legislation (S 1983) was included in the Senate-passed WRDA bill in September 2016. In the same month, Rep. Ken Calvert introduced Pechanga legislation on the House side (HR 5984). Calvert's bill was marked up and passed out of the House Natural Resources Committee and is awaiting consideration on the House floor. The Calvert bill could be brought to the House floor on the expedited "suspension" calendar, which is reserved for non-controversial legislation and requires a two-thirds vote for approval (no amendments are allowed). EMWD has continued to update the Congressional Delegation on the status of the legislation, as well as meeting with the House Natural Resources Committee staff to help move the bill towards passage.



WaterSense

EMWD has been advocating for the authorization of the Environmental Protection Agency WaterSense program with language that disallows the WaterSense stamp of approval on products that can harm water quality, such as self-regenerating water softeners. The Senate Environment and Public Works Committee has included language in the Senate-passed WRDA bill, and the House has included language in their Energy bill. EMWD has been working with a coalition to advocate for changes to the program. Earlier this year, EMWD met with staff from Representative Bob Latta's (R-OH), the lead sponsor of WaterSense language in the House, and offered an amendment to his language, which was accepted. EMWD is also working to ensure this WaterSense language is included in either the final WRDA or Energy bill before the end of the year.

Clean Water Rule, a.k.a. Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS)

The final Clean Water Rule took effect on August 28, 2015. Multiple lawsuits have been filed in federal district and circuit courts, and 34 states have joined as plaintiffs. Currently, the rule has been stayed nationwide by the Sixth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals. On November 1, 2016, through the coordination of Best Best and Krieger, EMWD joined an amicus curiae brief arguing that the rule would extend federal authority to fresh and recycled water reservoirs, underground water distribution systems, treatment plants and hundreds of miles of open aqueducts. (Amicus brief available, document #95-161110-023B.)

In October 2016, the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee released a Majority staff report detailing findings from its two-year investigation into the Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rulemaking process entitled the "Politicization of the Waters of the United States Rulemaking." The report includes the following findings:

- The agencies pushed the rule through on an accelerated timeline that appeared to have been motivated by political considerations.
- The Army Corps of Engineers was cut out of the rule development process.
- The EPA made no effort to ensure the rule was based on sound science.
- The agencies did not consider alternatives to the rule, as they are required to do.

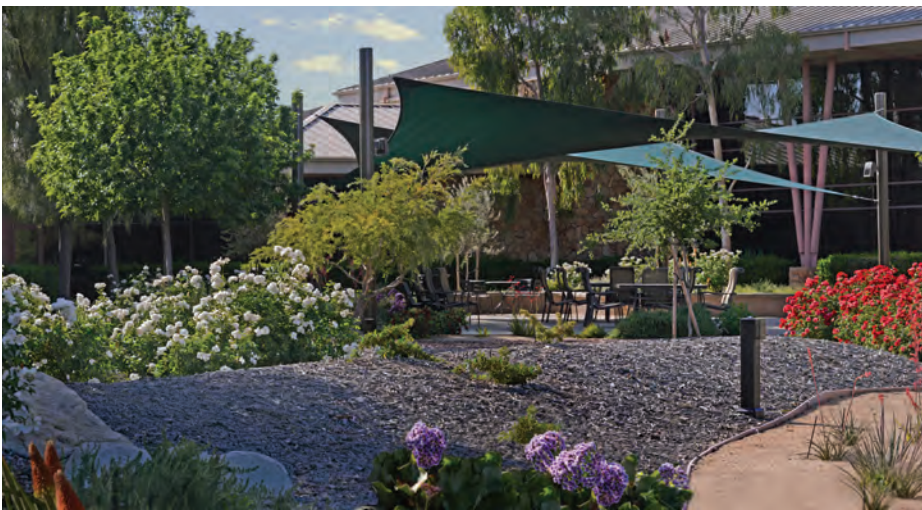
- The Corps went to unusual lengths to avoid completing an Environmental Impact Statement after Corps experts recommended such analysis was necessary, in violation of NEPA.
- Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) and EPA intentionally avoided compliance with the Regulatory Flexibility Act and the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act.
- Public comments were not fully reviewed and considered before agencies drafted the final rule.
- The agencies failed to comply with various rulemaking obligations, including Executive Orders requiring consultation with states, local governments and tribes.

It is unclear at this time what impact this report will have on the status of the rule.

EMWD's federal legislative advocates 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 the last several years, the House and 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.

During his campaign, President-elect Trump vowed to repeal the regulation. There are several possible scenarios under which this could be accomplished:

1. President Trump could request a voluntary remand before the court makes its decision. In this instance the court would need to agree to return the rule to the agency and provide a legal justification.
2. The Sixth Circuit court could issue a decision on the rule either vacating it or sending it back to be rewritten. The new Administration could then choose to do nothing or draft a new rule.
3. The 115th Congress could defund the EPA's activities in the appropriations bills, or pass legislation to get the rule.



Drought Legislation

In February 2016, Senator Feinstein introduced her drought legislation, the “California Long-Term Provisions for Water Supply and Short-Term Provisions for Emergency Drought Relief Act” (S. 2533). The Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee held a hearing on the bill in May, but did not take further action on the bill. EWMD has continued to advocate for the issue of Title XVI

reform as part of a comprehensive drought package. Senator Feinstein’s drought bill included language regarding Title XVI reform.

The House also acted on drought legislation. The House included the language from Representative David Valadao’s drought bill (HR 2898) in several pieces of legislation: the FY17 Energy and Water Appropriations bill, the FY17 Interior and Environment Appropriations bill, and the House Energy bill.

Negotiations are still ongoing between the House and the Senate regarding the drought bill.

Turf Program Rebates

EMWD has been advocating for water conservation tax credits to receive the same tax-exempt status as energy conservation rebates. EMWD recently signed onto a coalition letter to the White House and the Council on Environmental Quality expressing the importance of this issue. Earlier this year, Senator Feinstein introduced an amendment to the Federal Aviation Administration reauthorization bill that would have addressed the issue regarding water conservation tax rebates. Unfortunately, the amendment was not considered. It is possible Senator Feinstein could get her language included on an end of the year tax extenders package.

EMWD and VSA have also participated on Western Urban Water Coalition (WUWC) conference calls on this effort. WUWC is still pushing an administrative fix. The latest strategy is to develop a legal determination for the definition of the term “energy conservation.” WUWC is reaching out to the Department of the Interior and the Department of Energy to try and get these agencies to weigh in with the Department of Treasury that they believe the definition of energy conservation includes water conservation.

California WaterFix

EMWD’s Washington D.C. advocacy efforts have continued to include educating the District’s Congressional delegation on the benefits of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) to Southern California water agencies, as well as updating them on the current status of the proposal. The BDCP, or as it is now known as the California WaterFix, is awaiting the completion of federal environmental reviews. Once all of the involved federal agencies have completed their environmental reviews, the U.S. government would then issue a record of decision and notice of determination. At present, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has not completed its biological assessment of the project, which is now expected to occur sometime in the first or second quarter of 2017. With these critical federal environmental milestones ahead, EMWD’s federal advocacy efforts in support of advancing the California WaterFix will be an important priority in the 115th Congress.





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.
<i>State: PA</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
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.
<i>State: TN</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
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	Sunshine for Regulatory Decrees and Settlements
Collins D (R)	Creates the Sunshine for Regulatory Decrees and Settlements Act of 2016, 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	Sacramento Valley Water Infrastructure
LaMalfa (R)	Directs the Secretary of the Interior to take actions to support non-Federal investments in water infrastructure improvements in the Sacramento Valley.
<i>State: CA</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
HR 1093	EPA Municipal Wastewater Program
Chabot (R)	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.
<i>State: OH</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
HR 1107	Bureau of Reclamation Infrastructure Assets Report
Gosar (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: AZ</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
HR 1155	Searching for and Cutting Unnecessary Regulations
Smith J (R)	Creates the Searching for and Cutting Regulations that are Unnecessarily Burdensome Act of 2015, establishes the Retrospective Regulatory Review Commission to review rules and sets of rules in accordance with specified criteria to determine if a rule or set of rules should be repealed to eliminate or reduce the costs of regulation to the economy.
<i>State: MO</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
HR 1278	Water System Adaptability Grants
Capps (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 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: CA</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
HR 1623	Federal Water Pollution Control Permit Length
Graves S (R)	Amends the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to increase the length of time for a certain permit.
<i>State: MO</i>	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 to preserve existing rights and responsibilities with respect to waters of the United States under the Clean Water Act and as used in the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, appropriates funds, relates to permit compliance periods, relates to limitations on statutory construction.
<i>State: PA</i>	EMWD's Position: Support Priority: B
HR 1775	Innovative Stormwater Control Infrastructure
Edwards D (D)	Establishes centers of excellence for innovative stormwater control infrastructure.
<i>State: MD</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
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: Watch Priority: C
HR 2647	Resilient Federal Forests Act of 2015
Westerman (R)	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.
<i>State: AR</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
HR 2705	Federal Regulatory Certainty for Water Act
Thornberry (R)	Provides for the Federal Regulatory Certainty for Water Act.
<i>State: TX</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
HR 2853	Technical Assistance to Small Public Water Systems
Harper (R)	Amends the Safe Drinking Water Act to reauthorize technical assistance to small public water systems.
<i>State: MS</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C

HR 2983	Drought Assistance and Water Supply Reliability
Huffman (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
HR 2993	Funding For Water Recycling Projects
Matsui D (D)	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.
<i>State: CA</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
HR 3045	Recycled Water Projects
McNerney (D)	Amends the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize certain recycled water projects.
<i>State: CA</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
HR 3143	Smart Water Resource Management Pilot Program
McNerney (D)	Provides for a smart water resource management pilot program.
<i>State: CA</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
HR 3337	National Infrastructure Development Bank
DeLauro (D)	Facilitates efficient investments and financing of infrastructure projects and new job creation through the establishment of a National Infrastructure Development Bank.
<i>State: CT</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
HR 3819	Surface Transportation Extension Act
Shuster (R)	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.
<i>State: PA</i>	EMWD's Position: Support Priority: A
HR 5303	Water Resources Development Act of 2016
Shuster (R)	Relates to the Water Resources Development Act of 2016, provides for improvements to United States rivers and harbors for conservation and development, provides for fees, relates to youth services and conservation corps, breakwaters, jetties, donor ports, energy transfer ports, floating cabins, tribal displacement study and cost share requirements for ecosystem restoration and recreation for the Los Angeles River in California, provides for coastal Texas ecosystem protection and watercraft inspections.
<i>State: PA</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
HR 5538	Department of the Interior Environment
Calvert (R)	Provides for the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2017, provides for government contracts.
<i>State: CA</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C

HR 5595 **Water Manuals of Flood Control Projects**

Huffman (D) Directs the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief of Engineers, to revise the water manuals of certain flood control projects.

State: CA **EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C**

HR 5860 **Addressing Insect or Disease Infestation**

McClintock (R) Makes a categorical exclusion available to the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to develop and carry out a forest management activity on Federal lands to address insect or disease infestation declared as an emergency in a State by the Governor of such State.

State: CA **EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C**



Senate Legislation

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<p>S 106 Vitter (R) <i>State: LA</i></p>	<p>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</p>
<p>S 112 Heller (R) <i>State: NV</i></p>	<p>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</p>
<p>S 176 Boxer (D) <i>State: CA</i></p>	<p>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</p>
<p>S 263 Crapo (R) <i>State: ID</i></p>	<p>Rights to Bear Arms Protects the right of individuals to bear arms at water resources development projects. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p>

S 268	Infrastructure of the United States
Sanders (I)	Improves the infrastructure of the United States.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
<i>State: VT</i>	
S 280	Federal Permitting Process Reform
Portman (R)	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
<i>State: OH</i>	
S 292	Endangered Species Act
Cornyn (R)	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
<i>State: TX</i>	
S 293	Endangered Species Settlement Approval
Cornyn (R)	Amends the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to establish a procedure for approval of certain settlements.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
<i>State: TX</i>	
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.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
<i>State: OH</i>	
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.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
<i>State: WY</i>	
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.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
<i>State: MS</i>	

S 612	Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act
Cornyn (R)	Provides for the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act or the WIIN Act; provides for water resources development, youth services, conservation corps, navigation safety, harbors, dredging, funding, harbors of refuge, donor ports, energy transfer ports, water conservation, drought emergencies, leveraging federal infrastructure, Indian tribes, fisheries, unmanned aircraft, flood damage reduction, multistate activities, electronic permits, wetlands and purchase of foreign manufactured items.
<i>State: TX</i>	
	EMWD's Position: Support Priority: A
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: Watch Priority: C
S 896	Stormwater Control Infrastructure
Udall T (D)	Establishes centers of excellence for innovative stormwater control infrastructure.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
<i>State: NM</i>	
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: Watch Priority: C
S 2848	Water Resources Development Act of 2016
Inhofe (R)	Provides for the Water Resources Development Act of 2016, provides for water conservation, authorizes the Secretary of the Army to construct improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, provides for funding, relates to munitions disposal, leveraging the federal infrastructure for increased water supply, completion of ecosystem restoration projects and easements for electric, telephone, or broadband service facilities eligible for financing under the Rural Electrification Act of 1936.
<i>State: IA</i>	EMWD's Position: Support Priority: A
S 2902	Water Supplies and Water Rights
Flake (R)	Provides for long-term water supplies, optimal use of existing water supply infrastructure, and protection of existing water rights.
<i>State: AZ</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
S 2907	Colorado River System Water
Reid (D)	Amends the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015, to strike the termination date for funding for pilot projects to increase Colorado River System water in Lake Mead.
<i>State: NV</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C

Activity on Federal Issues

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Title	Letters Sent	Purpose of Letters
<i>Amicus Curiae Brief, U.S. Court of Appeals, 6th Circuit</i>	1	<i>Weighing in on WOTUS Lawsuit</i>
<i>Delta Smelt Resiliency Strategy</i>	1	<i>Express Support</i>
<i>Federal Tax Penalties for Local Water Efficiency Rebates</i>	10	<i>Request Support</i>
<i>Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians Water Rights Settlement Act</i>	8	<i>Express Support</i>
<i>Proposed National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System: Applications and Program Rules</i>	1	<i>Provide Comment</i>
<i>Request to Maintain EMWD's Technical, Planning and Design Authorization</i>	8	<i>Provide Comment</i>
<i>Revitalize Title XVI</i>	1	<i>Provide Comment</i>
<i>EMWD Supports Passage of the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act</i>	8	<i>Express Support</i>
<i>U.S. EPA's Progress on the "2015 Workplan: National Water Program Response to Climate Change"</i>	1	<i>Provide Comment</i>
<i>Notice of Proposed Revisions to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Mitigation Policy</i>	1	<i>Provide Comment</i>
<i>U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Endangered Species Act Compensatory Mitigation Policy</i>	1	<i>Provide Comment</i>

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Activity on Federal Bills

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Title	Letters Sent	Purpose of Letters
<i>H.R. 2209 – Classify Municipal Bonds as High Quality Liquid Assets</i>	7.....	<i>Express Support</i>
<i>S. 2012 – Energy Modernization Policy Act of 2016/North American Energy Security and Infrastructure Act of 2016</i>	8.....	<i>Request Amendments</i>
<i>S. 2533 (Feinstein) Water Supplies for California and Drought Resiliency</i>	1.....	<i>Thank You</i>

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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 2016 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 2,500 bills that were introduced this year by the Legislature. In total, 1,059 bills were submitted to Governor Brown for consideration, where he signed 900 bills and vetoed 159. EMWD reviewed 184 bills and submitted 703 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 2016 Session

Governor Jerry Brown, firmly entrenched in his fourth and final term as Governor, reaffirmed his commitment to addressing water issues through the release of the 2016 California Water Action Plan update and through early and vigorous support of the California WaterFix. Underscoring the importance of water policy as a priority for the Administration, the Governor during his 2016 California State of the State Address declared that, “Water goes to the heart of what California is and what it has been over the centuries...” and he further stated that “We have to recharge our aquifers, manage the groundwater, recycle, capture stormwater, build storage and reliable conveyance, improve efficiency everywhere, invest in new technologies – including desalination – and all the while recognize that there are some limits.” This early declaration by the Governor of the importance of prudent water management set the stage for 2016 to be a major year for water policy and water sustainability initiatives.

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and what it has been over the centuries...”

– Governor Jerry Brown
2016 State of the State Address

Mandatory Water Conservation Compliance Strategies Shift In-Light of Continued Drought

Forecasts for severe winter rainstorm events due to El Niño went unrealized, prompting the Governor to extend mandatory conservation orders and further resulted in some water use restrictions being made permanent. The State Water Resources Control Board provided some relief to water providers struggling with “drought fatigue” by reformulating the conservation percentages in February 2016 to better align with local scenarios related to climate, growth, and the establishment of new water supplies that have come on-line since 2013. This new formula translated into a reduction in EMWD’s mandatory conservation target



from twenty-eight percent below 2013 figures, to twenty percent below 2013 figures. Following a series of meetings and workshops on the mandatory conservation efforts, the State Board again shifted to a self-certified supply-based reporting system on May 18, 2016. This method favors diverse water supply investments and represents a more reasonable approach to conservation than previous efforts did for agencies that have actively invested in local water supply development. Further highlighting the permanent shift in water management in California, the State Board held a series of meetings with select stakeholders to pursue concepts for permanent conservation mandates which they intend to address legislatively in 2017.

The State Legislature also worked to address the drought through the introduction of a number of bills aimed at encouraging conservation. Early efforts were geared towards pursuing public disclosure of customer water usage data. These efforts to force public scrutiny of water use were ultimately phased-out, however the Legislature was successful in passing bills intended to address excessive water use during times of drought. After several years of pursuing legislation to require the mandatory sub-metering of new multi-family housing structures, Senator Lois Wolk was successful in getting SB 7 (Wolk) Submeters: Multiunit Structures signed into law. This bill requires the installation of submeters on any new multiunit housing structure completed after January 1, 2018, with limited exceptions. The response by the Administration and the Legislature to the on-going drought has set California on a path to make permanent changes to how Californians address water usage.

Implementation of the Resilient, Affordable, Safe Drinking Water Framework

In June of 2015 the Legislature passed and the Governor signed SB 88; a controversial Budget Trailer bill which allows the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) to mandate the consolidation of small failing water systems within disadvantaged communities. The State Board has continued to prioritize consolidations of failing water systems throughout the state and released a framework to guide this effort. The framework, called The Resilient, Affordable, Safe Drinking Water Framework, calls for the elimination of new water systems that rely on unsustainable water supply sources, encourages new development to connect to existing public water systems before creating a new potentially unsustainable system, and looked to reduce the threshold trigger for a water supply assessment. Senators Pavley, Wolk, and Wieckowski shepherded these and other sustainable water supply related bills through the legislature where all three; SB 552 (Wolk) Public Water Systems: Disadvantaged Communities, SB 1262 (Pavley) Water Supply Planning, and SB 1263 (Wieckowski) Public Water Systems: Permits were signed into law.

California WaterFix and California EcoRestore



In early 2015 the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) was divided into two separate, yet closely linked efforts which have been designated as California WaterFix and California EcoRestore. California WaterFix addresses the need for water supply reliability through an improved conveyance system, and California EcoRestore features habitat and restoration needs within the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. State agencies recirculated draft environmental impact report (EIR)/supplemental draft environmental impact statements (EIS) for the BDCP/California WaterFix and followed-up with a lengthy public comment period. Following the close of the comment period,

state and federal regulators have been working on completing the required studies and permitting approvals necessary to move forward with the California WaterFix. Stakeholders in support of the WaterFix had been hopeful that federal administrators would weigh-in on the California WaterFix prior to the end of the Obama Administration. However, this ultimately was not the case, and State Water Contractors have been actively trying to educate the next Administration on the importance of the California WaterFix. Several determinations from both the state and federal governments are anticipated to be made in mid-2017, indicating that 2017 will be a high profile year for defining the future of imported water supply reliability for Southern California.

Early in 2016 members of the Legislature representing the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta territory introduced bills aimed at either prolonging the determination process of a water fix by adding additional studies, requirements, and permitting structures to the process or by mandating additional water conveyance options be voted on by all Californians through the statewide ballot process, regardless of financial interest or access to these water supplies. Those bills, which ultimately failed to make it out of the first house of the Legislature included AB 1713 (Eggman) Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta: Peripheral Canal and AB 2583 (Frazier) Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Reform Act of 2009. In addition to the Legislative process, opponents of the California WaterFix also took to the ballot box to stop the advancement of a conveyance alternative in the Delta. Dean Cortopassi, a wealthy farmer from the Delta region financed Proposition 53: Revenue Bonds, which was informally known as the “No Blank Checks Initiative”, which ultimately failed to pass with 50.8 percent of voters voting against the measure. Proposition 53 joined sixteen other initiatives on the November 8, 2016 general election ballot and had it passed it would have amended the California Constitution to require statewide voter approval on all infrastructure projects that are financed, owned, operated or managed by the state or any joint powers authority created by or including the state, if the revenue bonds for the project exceed \$2 billion. The California WaterFix and the California High Speed Rail are the only projects that currently met the qualifications for potential voter approval, although instead of specifically calling out one or both of these projects, initiative backers intentionally failed to identify a “project” to facilitate contemplation by voters of all projects above \$2 billion in cost.

Climate Change and Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction

In 2015 Governor Brown actively and very publicly weighed-in on the legislative process as it related to climate change legislation. He vowed to pursue additional regulations on air quality and mandating reductions on petroleum demand in the state. Senator Fran Pavley, author of AB 32, Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, was eager to author the second phase of implementation by further ratcheting up the greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reductions necessary



for the state to reduce GHG emissions of forty-percent below 1990 levels by 2030. The Senator was successful in passing SB 32, California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: Emissions Limit by the close of session and the Governor enthusiastically signed this new statewide requirement. In addition to SB 32, Senator Pavley also authored SB 1425, Water-Energy Nexus Registry, the first statewide requirement for the voluntary reporting of GHG emissions resulting from the water-energy nexus. EMWD, a pioneer in this area, has been voluntarily reporting its emissions for over a decade, and will continue to do so as requested under SB 1425.

Cap-and-trade; a market based compliance mechanism for achieving GHG emissions reductions, and a cornerstone of implementing the original AB 32 (Pavley, 2006) Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, addressing GHG emissions which took effect in 2012, suffered a significant setback in 2016 as auction sales declined due to on-going legal and political hurdles. An on-going lawsuit has gained new steam as the courts determine if cap-and-trade is an unconstitutional tax, and the abrupt downward trend in auction sales have left some questioning the viability of this program which serves to deliver a revenue stream for various statewide efforts. This uncertainty could continue to cause havoc at future permit auctions, as emitters are hesitant to invest in a program that could be repealed in the future. Proceeds from the cap-and-trade auctions have been allocated to a variety of programs which have included the California High Speed Rail Project, Transformative Climate Communities implementation, the State Water Efficiency and Enhancement Program (SWEEP), water-energy efficiency programs, urban greening efforts, and dairy methane capture efforts.



Efforts to Reform Proposition 218 to Address Tiered Rates



Proposition 218 was passed by California voters in 1996 and added Article XIII C (governing taxes) and Article XIII D (governing property related fees) to strengthen the nexus between property-related fees that are imposed by local public agencies and the cost of providing those services. Proposition 218 has been challenged in courts a number of times over the years and the rulings have impacted the method in which rates and charges are applied by government agencies and special districts. Arguably one of the most controversial rulings on Proposition 218 in recent years came 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. While this case was not the first time that tiered rates have been challenged in court, 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."

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- Governor Brown's comment on the SJCTA vs. City of San Juan Capistrano court ruling

Recognizing the critical implications that this decision could have on ratemaking in California, EMWD partnered with Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD) in 2015 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. A need exists to clarify

this aspect of the law, 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. Although a bill was not formally introduced, this effort did serve as a springboard for broader conversations on Proposition 218 reform.

Following these conversations a statewide coalition was formed in late 2015 with representatives from the League of California Cities, the California State Association of Counties, and the Association of California Water Agencies to introduce a ballot initiative that would enhance the ability of a local agency to finance stormwater and flood control infrastructure and provide more flexibility for the establishment of conservation based tiered rates and lifeline water rates for low-income residents. After significant research and analysis this effort was ultimately postponed in the spring of 2016 as more consideration was needed on the proposal.

In early summer of 2016, Senator Bob Hertzberg introduced SB 1298, Local Government: Fees and Charges with the intent of amending the Proposition 218 Omnibus Implementation Act; which prescribes the specific procedures and parameters for local jurisdictions to adhere to as they seek to implement Proposition 218, in order to provide local governments with the flexibility to pursue lifeline rates, tiered rates, and stormwater management. The Senator held meetings with select stakeholders, including EMWD and IRWD – both expressing concern over the legality of the identified method - to determine the feasibility of pursuing legislation to address these issue areas. Senator Hertzberg ultimately held SB 1298 in committee prior to the end of session.

Opportunities for 2017

2017 will see additional legislative activity on conservation and drought management as the longest drought in California’s recorded history continues. As previously stated, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) has signaled that they intend to pursue legislation to implement a mandatory conservation framework building off of the twenty-by-2020 framework established in the historic 2009 water package. The State Board has been meeting with stakeholders and other interested parties in the fall of 2016 to identify and refine a preferred method for managing on-going conservation mandates. EMWD will be actively working with the State Board and the Legislature to ensure that any future mandate is fairly developed to account for growth, climate, and prior conservation activities to facilitate the development of requirements that are more equitable than prior efforts.

Water supply availability and access to safe, clean, and reliable water supplies by disadvantaged communities are areas that the Administration and the Legislature have expressed interest in continuing to explore. Following the passage of legislation enacting a majority of the State Board’s Resilient, Affordable, Safe Drinking Water Framework, one area that remains for consideration includes reforming the water supply assessment process

that was established in 2001 through the passage of SB 221 (Kuehl) Land Use: Water Supplies and SB 610 (Costa) Water Supply Planning. The Legislature may introduce legislation to reduce the threshold triggering a Water Supply Assessment (WSA), as identified in the Framework, however alternative methods for identifying water supply reliability and availability may emerge. Legislative leadership have indicated that addressing gaps in water supply reliability continues to be an area of high priority, however the enactment of legislation from 2016; specifically SB 1262 (Pavley) Water Supply Planning, and SB 1263 (Wieckowski) Public Water Systems: Permits, will aide in addressing some of these concerns. Identifying any potential service gaps that remain following the implementation of these bills have yet to be detected, time will reveal if more work remains on this issue area.

Another potential source for legislation is The Little Hoover Commission (LHC) and their recent efforts to address special districts. The LHC initiated hearings on special districts in August 25, 2016 as an effort to examine the proliferation of special districts in California and to examine the progress that special districts have made towards addressing budget reserves, property taxes, and transparency recommendations originally outlined in the 2000 LHC report titled *Special Districts: Relics of the Past or Resources for the Future?* The LHC shifted gears following the August 25, 2016 to examine how special districts; especially water and sewer districts, are addressing climate change. The LHC held two more meetings on special districts, one related to special districts and climate change readiness on Thursday, October 27, 2016 and an Advisory Committee hearing was held on how healthcare districts are rethinking their roles and relevance in the post-Affordable Care Act era on Wednesday, November 16, 2016. The LHC will be releasing their report on special districts in early 2017 and it is anticipated that legislation will follow to implement the recommendations of the report. EMWD staff has attended all of the hearings that the LHC has held on this issue and will continue to track the Commissions efforts as they develop their recommendations.

As the 2017-2018 legislative session gets underway 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

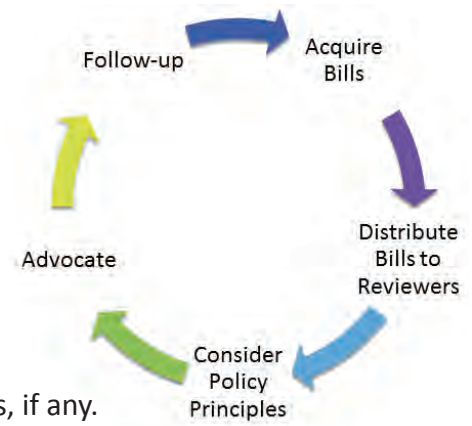
Consider related Board adopted Policy Principles. Ten policy principles have been adopted by the EMWD Board of Directors: Water Recycling, Biosolids, Groundwater Management, Desalination, Water Use Efficiency, Bay Delta/State Water Project, Integrated Regional Water Management Plans, Water Infrastructure 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 197	Garcia E (D)	State Air Resource Board: Greenhouse Gases: Regulations	Enacted
AB 590	Dahle (R)	Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund	Failed
AB 678	O'Donnell (D)	Energy Efficiency and Greenhouse Gas Reductions	Failed
AB 761	Levine (D)	Carbon Sequestration: Working Lands	Failed
AB 1550	Gomez (D)	Greenhouse Gases: Investment Plan: Communities	Enacted
AB 1555	Gomez (D)	Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund	Failed
AB 1629	Budget Cmt	Greenhouse Gas Emissions	Failed
AB 1717	Hadley (R)	Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund	Failed
AB 1780	Medina (D)	Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: Trade Corridors	Failed
AB 1815	Alejo (D)	Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006	Failed
AB 1851	Gray (D)	Vehicular Air Pollution: Reduction Incentives	Failed
AB 1989	Jones (R)	Water and Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction	Failed
AB 2094	Obernolte (R)	Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: State and Local Funds	Failed
AB 2109	Dahle (R)	Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction: State Agencies	Failed
AB 2181	Brown (D)	Public Contracts: Contract Specifications	Failed
AB 2223	Gray (D)	Dairy Methane Reduction	Failed
AB 2276	Brown (D)	Greenhouse Gases: Emission Reduction	Failed
AB 2292	Gordon (D)	Global Warming Solutions Act: Disadvantaged Communities	Failed
AB 2323	Ridley-Thomas S (D)	Electricity: Rates: Low-Carbon Fuel Production	Failed
AB 2343	Garcia (D)	Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: Study	Failed
AB 2653	Garcia E (D)	Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: Report	Failed
AB 2702	Atkins (D)	Greenhouse Gases: Study	Failed
AB 2800	Quirk (D)	Climate Change: Infrastructure Planning	Enacted
SB 32	Pavley (D)	Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: Emissions Limit	Enacted
SB 91	B&FR	Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: Investment Plan	Failed
SB 105	B&FR	Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: Investment Plan	Failed
SB 207	Wieckowski (D)	Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund	Failed
SB 859	B&FR	Public Resources: Greenhouse Emissions and Biomass	Enacted
SB 925	Gaines T (R)	State Air Resources Board	Failed
SB 1383	Lara (D)	Short-Lived Climate Pollutants: Methane: Landfills	Enacted
SB 1387	De Leon (D)	South Coast Air Quality Management District Board	Failed
SB 1453	De Leon (D)	Greenhouse Gases Emission Performance Standard	Failed
SB 1464	De Leon (D)	Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction	Enacted

Bonds / Implementation

AB 935	Salas (D)	Water Projects	Enacted
AB 954	Mathis (R)	Water and Wastewater Loan and Grant Pilot Program	Failed
AB 1062	Bonta (D)	Environmental Justice Small Grant Program	Failed
AB 1649	Salas (D)	State Water Policy: Storage: Joint Powers Authorities	Failed
AB 1866	Wilk (R)	High-Speed Rail Bond Proceeds: Water Projects	Failed

Bonds / Implementation (continued)

AB 2444 Garcia E (D)..... Water, Climate, Coastal Protection and Outdoor Access Failed
 AB 2657 Chu (D)..... Water Quality and Infrastructure Improvement Failed

CEQA

AB 291 Atkins (D) Environmental Quality Act: Local Agencies: Water Gut and Amend
 AB 1473 Salas (D)..... California Environmental Quality Act..... Failed
 AB 1589 Mathis (R) Environmental Quality Act: Exemption: Drought Mitigation Failed
 AB 1647 Waldron (R) Environmental Quality: Water Storage Facilities Failed
 AB 1749 Mathis (R) Environmental Quality Act: Exemption: Recycled Water ... Gut and Amend
 AB 1886 McCarty (D) Environmental Quality Act: Transit Priority Projects Failed
 AB 1981 Mayes (R)..... Environmental Quality Act: Impact Report..... Failed
 AB 2026 Hadley (R) Environmental Quality Act: Contributors Identification Failed
 AB 2038 Gaines B (R) Environmental Quality Act: Environmental Impact Report Failed
 AB 2431 Linder (R) Environmental Quality Act: Subsequent Projects Failed
 AB 2438 Waldron (R) Environmental Quality Act..... Failed
 AB 2578 Bigelow (R)..... Environmental Quality Act: Exemptions: Water Service..... Failed
 AB 2778 Salas (D)..... California Environmental Quality Act: Lead Agency Failed
 SB 122..... Jackson (D)..... Environmental Quality Act: Record of Proceedings..... Enacted
 SB 1415..... Bates (R) Environmental Quality Act: Local Water Projects..... Failed

Conservation

AB 723 Chiu (D)..... Rental Property: Plumbing Fixtures: Replacement..... Gut and Amend
 AB 1520 Stone (D)..... Public Records..... Failed
 AB 1928 Campos (D) Water Efficiency Landscape Irrigation Equipment..... Enacted
 AB 2076 Garcia (D)..... Water and Energy Use Efficiency: Breweries..... Failed
 AB 2515 Weber (D)..... Water Conservation in Landscaping Act Enacted
 AB 2543 Gordon (D)..... State Buildings: Efficiency and Conservation Failed
 AB 2555 Levine (D)..... Building Standards: Water Conserving Plumbing Fixtures..... Failed
 AB 2617 Mayes (R)..... Water Efficiency Measures Failed
 SB 7..... Wolk (D)..... Housing: Water Meters: Multi-Unit Structures Enacted
 SB 1173..... Hertzberg (D) Plumbing Fixtures: CalConserve Water Use Efficiency Failed
 SB 1233..... McGuire (D) Joint Powers Authority: Water Bill Savings Act..... Failed
 SB 1340..... Wolk (D)..... Water Conservation in Landscaping Act Vetoed

Construction

AB 1233 Levine (D)..... Public Works: Public Subsidies..... Gut and Amend
 AB 1505 Hernandez R (D) Statute of Limitations: Public Contractors Vetoed
 AB 1552 Allen T (R) Public Contracts: Businesses Engaged in Boycott Failed
 AB 1669 Hernandez R (D) Displaced Employees: Service Contracts Enacted
 AB 1926 Cooper (D) Public Works: Prevailing Wage: Apprentices Enacted
 AB 2844 Bloom (D)..... Public Contracts: Discrimination..... Enacted
 SB 885..... Wolk (D)..... Contracts: Design Professionals: Indemnity Failed
 SB 954..... Hertzberg (D) Public Works: Prevailing Wage: Per Diem Wages Enacted

Delta

AB 501 Levine (D)..... Resources: Delta Research..... Gut and Amend

Delta (continued)

AB 1061	Gallagher (R)	Sacramento and San Joaquin Drainage District: Powers	Failed
AB 1201	Salas (D)	Delta: Predation by Nonnative Species	Failed
AB 1713	Eggman (D)	Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta: Peripheral Canal	Failed
AB 2583	Frazier (D)	Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Reform Act of 2009	Failed
AJR 36	Mathis (R)	Overflow Water: Beneficial Use	Failed
SB 554	Wolk (D)	Delta Levee Maintenance	Vetoed

Drought

AB 2040	Melendez (R)	Outdoor Water Efficiency Act of 2016: Tax Credits	Failed
AB 2525	Holden (D)	Water Efficient Landscaping	Failed
SB 814	Hill (D)	Drought: Excessive Water Use: Urban Retail Water Supply	Enacted
SB 1294	Pavley (D)	Community Climate and Drought Resilience Program	Failed

Energy / Renewable Energy

AB 33	Quirk (D)	Energy Storage Systems: Bulk Energy Storage Resources	Enacted
AB 577	Bonilla (D)	Biomethane: Grant Program	Failed
AB 645	Williams (D)	California Renewables Portfolio Standard	Failed
AB 1030	Ridley-Thomas S (D)	Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: Greenhouse Gas	Failed
AB 1144	Rendon (D)	Renewables Portfolio Standard Program: Credits	Failed
AB 1330	Bloom (D)	Energy Efficiency Resource Standard Act	Gut and Amend
AB 1612	Budget Cmt	Public Resources: Energy	Failed
AB 1637	Low (D)	Energy: Greenhouse Gas Reduction	Enacted
AB 1683	Eggman (D)	Alternative Energy Financing	Failed
AB 1697	Bonilla (D)	Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology	Enacted
AB 1698	Hadley (R)	Renewable Energy	Failed
AB 1773	Obernolte (R)	Local Government Renewable Energy Program	Enacted
AB 1775	Obernolte (R)	Public utilities: Rates	Gut and Amend
AB 1832	Dahle (R)	Renewables Portfolio Standard Program	Failed
AB 1923	Wood (D)	Bioenergy Feed-In Tariff	Enacted
AB 1966	Allen T (R)	Energy: Conventional Power Sources	Failed
AB 1979	Bigelow (R)	Renewable Feed-In Tariff: Hydroelectric Facilities	Enacted
AB 2206	Williams (D)	Renewable Gas	Failed
AB 2339	Irwin (D)	Net Energy Metering	Failed
AB 2395	Low (D)	Electrical Restructuring: Cogeneration	Gut and Amend
AB 2426	Low (D)	Workplace Charging Station Grant Program	Failed
AB 2428	Ting (D)	Property Assessed Clean Energy Resource Program	Gut and Amend
AB 2454	Williams (D)	Energy: Procurement Plans	Enacted
AB 2585	Williams (D)	Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: Biomethane	Failed
AB 2769	Patterson (R)	Renewable Energy	Failed
AB 2773	Quirk (D)	Biomethane	Failed
AB 2868	Gatto (D)	Energy Storage	Enacted
SB 471	Pavley (D)	Water, Energy, Reduction of Greenhouse Gas Emissions	Failed
SB 551	Wolk (D)	State Water Policy: Water and Energy Efficiency	Failed
SB 840	B&FR	Public Resources: Energy	Enacted
SB 886	Pavley (D)	Electricity: Energy Storage Systems	Failed
SB 919	Hertzberg (D)	Water Supply: Creation or Augmentation of Local Water	Vetoed

Energy / Renewable Energy (continued)

SB 993.....	Fuller (R)	Renewable Energy Resources	Failed
SB 1043.....	Allen (D)	Biogas and Biomethane	Failed
SB 1153.....	Cannella (R)	Greenhouse Gases: Scoping Plan: Biomethane	Failed
SB 1393.....	De Leon (D)	Energy Efficiency and Pollution Reduction	Enacted
SB 1425.....	Pavley (D)	Water Energy Nexus Registry	Enacted

Finance / Fees

AB 168.....	Maienschein (R)	Local Government Finance	Gut and Amend
AB 1033.....	Garcia E (D)	Economic Impact Analysis: Small Business Definition	Enacted
AB 1180.....	Garcia (D)	Rates and Charges for Water Service: Fees	Enacted
AB 1362.....	Gordon (D)	Assessments, Fees, and Charges: Stormwater Definition...	Gut and Amend
AB 1666.....	Brough (R)	Community Facilities Districts: Reports	Enacted
AB 1757.....	Waldron (R)	Local Government Finance	Gut and Amend
AB 1804.....	Melendez (R)	Land Use: Development Fees	Failed
AB 1861.....	Kim (R)	Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank Fund	Failed
AB 2142.....	Steinorth (R)	Local Government Finance	Failed
AB 2270.....	Bonta (D)	Infrastructure and Development Bank: Surety Bond	Failed
AB 2277.....	Melendez (R)	Property Tax Revenue Allocation	Failed
AB 2319.....	Gordon (D)	Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank	Failed
AB 2328.....	Gipson (D)	Infrastructure Financing	Failed
AB 2450.....	Achadjian (R)	Property Taxation	Enacted
AB 2475.....	Gordon (D)	Loan Program: Infrastructure and Economic Development	Failed
AB 2476.....	Daly (D)	Local Governments: Parcel Taxes: Notice	Enacted
AB 2618.....	Nazarian (D)	Community Facilities Districts: Powers	Enacted
AB 2691.....	Holden (D)	Monthly Property Tax Payment Program	Vetoed
AB 2833.....	Cooley (D)	Public Investment Funds: Disclosures	Enacted
SB 975.....	GOV&FIN	Tax Increment: Property Tax Override Rates	Enacted
SB 1298.....	Hertzberg (D)	Local Government: Fees and Charges	Failed
SCA 5.....	Hancock (D)	Local Government Finance	Failed

Flood / Reclamation

AJR 44.....	Holden (D)	Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Permits	Adopted
SB 1260.....	Allen (D)	Stormwater: Municipalities: Online Resource Center	Enacted

Grants and Loans

AB 1588.....	Mathis (R)	Water and Wastewater Loan and Grant Program	Vetoed
AB 1694.....	Lackey (R)	Grant Program for School Drinking Water	Failed
SB 1213.....	Wieckowski (D)	Renewable Energy: Biosolids: Matching Grants	Failed
SB 1456.....	Galgiani (D)	Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Law	Enacted

Graywater

AB 1463.....	Gatto (D)	Onsite Treated Water	Gut and Amend
AB 1738.....	McCarty (D)	Building Standards: Dark Graywater	Failed
AB 2601.....	Eggman (D)	Building Standard: Residential Property: Graywater	Failed

Groundwater

AB 453	Salas (D)	Groundwater: Semitropic Water Storage District	Enacted
AB 647	Eggman (D)	Beneficial Use: Storing of Water Underground	Failed
AB 937	Salas (D)	Groundwater Plan/Assistance: Disadvantaged Communities	Failed
AB 938	Rodriguez (D)	Sustainable Groundwater Management Act: Basins	Failed
AB 1242	Gray (D)	Water Quality and Storage	Failed
AB 1587	Mathis (R)	Groundwater	Failed
AB 1882	Williams (D)	Oil and Gas: Groundwater Monitoring	Failed
AB 2756	Thurmond (D)	Oil and Gas Operations: Enforcement Actions	Enacted
AB 2874	Gaines B (R)	Groundwater Sustainability Agencies: Fees	Enacted
SB 37	Vidak (R)	Kings River East Groundwater Sustainability Agency Act	Enacted
SB 248	Pavley (D)	Oil and Gas	Failed
SB 887	Pavley (D)	Natural Gas Storage Wells	Enacted
SB 995	Pavley (D)	Well Standards	Failed
SB 1164	Cannella (R)	Sustainable Groundwater Management Act	Failed
SB 1317	Wolk (D)	Groundwater Extraction Permit	Failed
SB 1469	Stone (R)	Groundwater Sustainability Agencies	Failed

Human Resources

AB 67	Gonzalez (D)	Double Pay on the Holiday Act of 2016	Failed
AB 241	Gordon (D)	Bankruptcy: Retired Employees: Disclosure	Enacted
AB 874	Santiago (D)	Collective Bargaining: Judicial Council	Vetoed
AB 898	Gonzalez (D)	Employee Wages	Gut and Amend
AB 1676	Campos (D)	Employers: Wage Discrimination	Enacted
AB 1843	Stone (D)	Applicants for Employment: Criminal History	Enacted
AB 1890	Dodd (D)	Discrimination: Equal Pay: State Contracting	Vetoed
AB 1948	Wagner (R)	Compensation: Meal and Rest or Recovery Periods	Failed
AB 2261	Hernandez R (D)	Division of Labor Standards Enforcement: Duties	Failed
AB 2288	Burke (D)	Apprenticeship Programs: Building and Construction	Enacted
AB 2363	Low (D)	Payment of Wages	Gut and Amend
AB 2405	Gatto (D)	Employment: Employees: Time Off	Failed
AB 2418	Jones (R)	Compensating Time Off	Failed
AB 2461	Grove (R)	Labor Code Private Attorneys General Act of 2004	Failed
AB 2462	Grove (R)	Labor Code Private Attorneys General Act of 2004	Failed
AB 2463	Grove (R)	Labor Code Private Attorneys General Act of 2004	Failed
AB 2464	Grove (R)	Labor Code Private Attorneys General Act of 2004	Failed
AB 2465	Grove (R)	Labor Code Private Attorneys General Act of 2004	Failed
AB 2535	Ridley-Thomas S (D)	Employment: Wages: Itemized Statements	Enacted
AB 2573	Gaines B (R)	Unemployment Compensation Benefits	Failed
AB 2735	Jones-Sawyer (D)	Public Employees Unused Leave Credit	Failed
AB 2753	Grove (R)	Public Employment: Employment Bargaining	Failed
AB 2754	Grove (R)	Public Employee Bargaining Representatives: Elections	Failed
AB 2835	Cooper (D)	Public Employees: Orientation Programs	Failed
AB 2895	Hernandez R (D)	Employee Safety: Injury Prevention Programs	Failed
AB 2898	Hernandez R (D)	Private Attorneys General Act of 2004	Failed
AB 2899	Hernandez R (D)	Minimum Wage Violations: Challenges	Enacted
SB 1167	Mendoza (D)	Employment Safety: Indoor Workers: Heat Regulations	Enacted
SB 1297	Pan (D)	Public Employee Retirement Plans: Automatic Enrollment	Failed

Information Technology

AB 83	Gatto (D)	Personal Data	Failed
AB 1881	Chang (R)	Director of Technology: State Baseline Security	Failed
AB 2595	Linder (R)	State Cybersecurity Integration Center	Failed
AB 2720	Chau (D)	State Government: Office of Information Security	Failed

Metal Theft

AB 2059	Garcia E (D)	Junk Dealers and Recyclers: Nonferrous Materials	Failed
AB 2378	Achadjian (R)	Theft Legislation	Failed

Miscellaneous

AB 22	Rodriguez (D)	Office of Emergency Services: Oil-by-Rail Spills	Failed
AB 54	Olsen (R)	Disability Access: Construction-Related Claims	Enacted
AB 115	Budget Cmt	Budget Act of 2015	Failed
AB 122	Budget Cmt	Budget Act of 2015	Failed
AB 320	Wood (D)	Engineers	Failed
AB 350	Alejo (D)	District-Base Municipal Elections: Preapproval Hearings	Enacted
AB 435	Chang (R)	Environmental Protection Agency	Failed
AB 806	Dodd (D)	Successor Agencies to Redevelopment Agencies	Gut and Amend
AB 988	Stone (D)	Outdoor Environmental Education and Recreations	Failed
AB 1346	Gray (D)	State Emergency Plan: Update	Failed
AB 1585	Alejo (D)	Monterey County Water Resources Agency: Lakes	Failed
AB 1586	Mathis (R)	Environmental Quality Act: Temperance Flat Reservoir	Failed
AB 1608	Budget Cmt	State Government	Failed
AB 1611	Budget Cmt	Public Resources	Failed
AB 1661	McCarty (D)	Local Government: Sexual Harassment Prevention	Enacted
AB 1716	McCarty (D)	Lower American River Conservancy Program	Enacted
AB 1732	Ting (D)	Single-User Restrooms	Enacted
AB 1755	Dodd (D)	Open and Transparent Water Data Act	Enacted
AB 1794	Garcia (D)	Central Basin Municipal Water District	Enacted
AB 1816	Dahle (R)	Tulelake Irrigation District	Enacted
AB 1845	Dahle (R)	Protected Species: Take: Rough Sculpin	Enacted
AB 1871	Waldron (R)	Coastal Resources: Development: Water Supply Projects	Failed
AB 1873	Holden (D)	Board of Infrastructure Planning, Development, Finance	Failed
AB 2001	Mathis (R)	Protected Fish: State Safe Harbor Agreement Program	Enacted
AB 2087	Levine (D)	Regional Conservation Investment Strategies	Enacted
AB 2100	Calderon I (D)	The 21st Century Infrastructure Act of 2016	Failed
AB 2118	Jones-Sawyer (D)	Meyers Miliias Brown Act: Regulations	Failed
AB 2342	Linder (R)	General Plans	Gut and Amend
AB 2358	Gonzalez (D)	Tribal Gaming: Compact Ratification	Enacted
AB 2373	Gray (D)	Merced Irrigation District	Failed
AB 2389	Ridley-Thomas S (D)	Special Districts: District-Based Elections	Enacted
AB 2413	Thurmond (D)	Sea Level Rise Preparation	Failed
AB 2470	Gonzalez (D)	Municipal Water Districts: Water Service: Indian Tribes	Enacted
AB 2488	Dababneh (D)	Protected Species: Stickleback: Possession	Enacted
AB 2534	Nazarian (D)	Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy: Los Angeles River	Failed

Miscellaneous (continued)

AB 2612	Brown (D)	Urban Open-Space and Recreation Program	Failed
AB 2613	Achadjian (R)	County Auditor: Audits: Special Districts	Enacted
AB 2627	Bloom (D)	Department of General Services	Failed
AB 2651	Gomez (D)	Greenway Easements: Amenities	Enacted
AB 2722	Burke (D)	Transformative Climate Communities Program	Enacted
AB 2781	Garcia E (D)	Supplemental Environmental Projects	Failed
AB 2801	Gallagher (R)	Local Government: Fees and Charges: Protest	Enacted
AB 2823	Gatto (D)	Public Records	Failed
AB 2851	Maienschein (R)	State Mandates	Failed
AB 2890	ENVS&TOXM	Drinking Water and Wastewater Operator Certification	Enacted
ACA 8	Bloom (D)	Local Government Financing: Water Facilities: Voters	Failed
ACA 9	Gomez (D)	Legislature: Legislative Vacancies	Failed
SB 20	Pavley (D)	State Water Resiliency Investment Act	Gut and Amend
SB 330	Mendoza (D)	Public Officers: Contracts: Financial Interest	Failed
SB 423	Bates (R)	Surplus Household Consumer Product Waste: Management	Enacted
SB 831	B&FR	Monterey County Water Resources Agency: Lake Nacimiento	Enacted
SB 849	B&FR	Oil Spills	Failed
SB 949	Jackson (D)	Emergency Services: Critical Infrastructure	Failed
SB 953	Lara (D)	Central Basin Municipal Water District	Enacted
SB 956	Anderson (R)	Identity Theft	Failed
SB 971	GOV&FIN	Validations	Enacted
SB 972	GOV&FIN	Validations	Enacted
SB 973	GOV&FIN	Validations	Enacted
SB 974	GOV&FIN	Local Government: Omnibus	Enacted
SB 1020	Wieckowski (D)	Land Use: Mitigation Lands	Failed
SB 1026	Nielsen (R)	Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreements	Failed
SB 1069	Wieckowski (D)	Land Use: Zoning	Enacted
SB 1085	Roth (D)	Professional Engineers: Geologist: Land Surveyors	Enacted
SB 1112	Cannella (R)	Utilities: Water and Sewer Systems Corporations	Enacted
SB 1229	Jackson (D)	Home-Generated Pharmaceutical Waste	Enacted
SB 1264	Cannella (R)	Monterey County Water Resources Agency	Failed
SB 1276	Moorlach (R)	Local Agencies	Failed
SB 1292	Stone (R)	Grand Juries: Reports	Failed
SB 1303	Huff (R)	Legislature: Legislative Proceedings	Failed
SB 1378	Morrell (R)	San Geronio Pass Water Agency: Board of Directors	Failed
SB 1440	Cannella (R)	Water Supply and Infrastructure Improvement	Failed
SCA 14	Wolk (D)	Legislative Procedure	Failed

PERS / Pension Reform

AB 1640	Stone (D)	Retirement: Public Employees	Failed
AB 1812	Wagner (R)	Public Employees' Retirement	Failed
AB 2375	PERS&SS	Public Employees Retirement System: Omnibus Bill	Enacted
AB 2456	Cooley (D)	Public Employee Retirement Benefits: Prefunding	Failed
AB 2468	Hadley (R)	Public Employees' Retirement System	Failed
ACA 3	Gallagher (R)	Public Employees' Retirement	Failed

PERS / Pension Reform (continued)

SB 24..... Hill (D).....	Public Employees’ Pension Reform: Joint Powers	Enacted
SB 1086..... Morrell (R)	Public Employees: Retirement.....	Failed
SB 1319..... Pan (D).....	Public Employees’ Retirement System	Failed

Public Works

AB 326	Frazier (D).....	Prevailing Wage Rates: Wage and Penalty Assessments....	Gut and Amend
AB 626	Chiu (D).....	Public Contracts: Claim Resolution	Enacted

Records / Information

AB 259	Dababneh (D)	Personal Information Privacy.....	Failed
SB 1275.....	Moorlach (R).....	Public Records.....	Failed
AB 1707	Linder (R)	Public Records: Response to Request.....	Failed
AB 2347	Allen T (R)	Legislature: Legislative Session Information	Failed
AB 2843	Chau (D).....	Public Records: Employee Contact Information	Enacted
AB 2853	Gatto (D).....	Public Records.....	Enacted

Recycled Water

AB 824	Gatto (D).....	Recycled Water: Recycling Criteria	Gut and Amend
SB 163.....	Hertzberg (D)	Wastewater Treatment: Recycled Water	Gut and Amend

Redevelopment

AB 113	Budget Cmt.....	Local Government.....	Failed
AB 1969	Steinorth (R)	Redevelopment.....	Gut and Amend
AB 2514	Brown (D)	Redevelopment: Successor Agencies to Redevelopment.....	Failed
AB 2697	Bonilla (D).....	Successor Agencies: Disposal of Assets and Properties.....	Failed

State Water Resources Control Board

AB 1244	Gray (D)	Water Rights: Small Irrigation Use.....	Gut and Amend
AB 1590	Mathis (R)	State Water Resources Control Board: Appointments	Failed
AB 1986	Wilk (R)	Water Resources: Permit to Appropriate: Application	Failed
AB 2446	Gordon (D).....	State Water Resources Control Board: Judicial Review.....	Enacted

Stormwater

AB 2594	Gordon (D).....	Stormwater Resources: Use of Captured Water.....	Enacted
SB 1328.....	Lara (D)	Water Delivery: Greenhouse Gas Emissions: Funding	Vetoed

Transparency

AB 12	Cooley (D)	State Government: Administrative Regulations: Review.....	Failed
AB 779	Garcia (D).....	Local Government: Financial Disclosures	Vetoed
AB 1200	Gordon (D).....	Political Reform Act of 1974: Procurement Contracts.....	Vetoed
AB 1787	Gomez (D).....	Open Meetings: Public Comments: Translation	Enacted
AB 2002	Stone (D).....	Political Reform Act of 1974: Coastal Commission	Failed
AB 2257	Maienschein (R).....	Local Agency Meeting: Agenda: Online Posting	Enacted
AB 2271	Quirk (D)	Electricity: Research Programs: Peer Review.....	Failed
AB 2628	Levine (D).....	Political Reform Act of 1974: Employment Restrictions	Failed
SB 573.....	Pan (D)	Statewide Open Data Portal	Failed
SB 1436.....	Bates (R)	Local Agency Meetings: Oral Report of Final Action.....	Enacted

Water Rights

AB 1704 Dodd (D) Water Rights: Irrigation: Lake or Streambed Agreements..... Failed

Water Supply / Water Rights

AB 1925 Chang (R) Desalination: Statewide Goal..... Failed
 AB 2022 Gordon (D) Advanced Purified Demonstration Water..... Enacted
 AB 2042 Harper (R) Water Desalination Facilities Failed
 AB 2043 Harper (R) Desalination Failed
 AB 2304 Levine (D) State Water Market Clearinghouse Failed
 AB 2357 Dahle (R) Water Rights: Monitoring and Reporting Failed
 AB 2480 Bloom (D) Source Watersheds: Financing..... Enacted
 AB 2550 Patterson (R) Instream Flow Curtailments and Compensation Failed
 AB 2551 Gallagher (R) Contract Procurement: Surface Storage Projects Enacted
 AB 2561 Irwin (D) Water Supply Planning: Projects: Energy Generation..... Enacted
 AB 2909 Levine (D) Water: Transfer or Exchange: Expedited Review..... Failed
 SB 789 Wieckowski (D) Sale of Water by Local Public Entities: Excise Tax..... Failed
 SB 930 Gaines T (R) Bear Lake Reservoir: Recreational Use Enacted
 SB 1262 Pavley (D) Water Supply Planning..... Enacted
 SB 1263 Wieckowski (D) Public Water System: Permits..... Enacted

Water Quality

AB 45 Mullin (D) Household Hazardous Waste..... Failed
 AB 300 Alejo (D) Safe Water and Wildlife Protection Act of 2016..... Failed
 AB 581 Gomez (D) Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement..... Failed
 AB 615 Rendon (D) Office of Sustainable Water Solutions: Assistance Failed
 AB 1173 Williams (D) Water Equipment: Backflow Prevention Devices Testing..... Failed
 AB 1759 Bonta (D) Hydrogen Fluoride: Notice of Use: Substitution Failed
 AB 1842 Levine (D) Water: Pollution: Fines Enacted
 AB 2039 Ting (D) Solid Waste: Home-Generated Sharps Failed
 AB 2099 Stone (D) Safe Drinking Water Benefit Failed
 AB 2111 Dahle (R) Household Hazardous Waste..... Failed
 AB 2112 Dahle (R) Safe Drinking Water Act..... Failed
 AB 2124 Garcia E (D) Water: Testing and Reports Failed
 AB 2241 Dahle (R) State Policy for Water Quality Control..... Failed
 AB 2409 Wagner (R) Water Quality Standards: Trash; Single Use Bags..... Failed
 AB 2639 Garcia E (D) Water Quality: Porter-Cologne Water Quality..... Failed
 AB 2891 ENV&TOXM Hazardous Waste: Funding Enacted
 SB 552 Wolk (D) Public Water Systems: Disadvantaged Communities Enacted
 SB 839 B&FR Public Resources Enacted
 SB 1096 Berryhill (R) Waste Discharge Requirements..... Failed
 SB 1170 Wieckowski (D) Public Contracts: Water Pollution Prevention Plans..... Failed
 SB 1318 Wolk (D) Local Government: Drinking Water and Wastewater Service Failed
 SB 1398 Leyva (D) Public Water Systems: Lead User Service Lines Enacted

Workers Compensation

AB 1922 Daly (D) Worker's Compensation Policies: Agreements..... Vetoed
 AB 2407 Chavez (R) Workers' Compensation Failed

Workers Compensation (continued)

AB 2503	.....	Obernolte (R)	.....	Workers Compensation: Utilization Review	.....	Enacted
AB 2634	.....	Gaines B (R)	.....	Workers' Compensation	.....	Failed
SB 563	.....	Pan (D)	.....	Workers' Compensation: Utilization Review	.....	Failed
SB 897	.....	Roth (D)	.....	Worker's Compensation	.....	Vetoed
SB 914	Mendoza (D)	Workers Compensation: Medical Provider Networks	Enacted
SB 1175	Mendoza (D)	Workers' Compensation: Requests for Payment	Enacted

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<p>AB 33 Quirk (D)</p> <p><i>Chapter No. 680</i></p>	<p>Energy Storage Systems: Bulk Energy Storage Resources</p> <p>Requires the Public Utilities Commission to evaluate and analyze the potential for all types of long duration bulk energy storage resources to help integrate renewable generation into the electrical grid. Requires the commission shall assess the potential costs and benefits of all type of long duration bulk energy storage resources, including impacts to the transmission and distribution system of location-specific long duration bulk energy storage resources.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Jayne Joy</p>
<p>AB 54 Olsen (R)</p> <p><i>Chapter No. 872</i></p>	<p>Disability Access: Construction-Related Claims</p> <p>Relates to standards for construction-related accessibility for persons with disabilities and claims for violations of those standards. Requires that information about a certain demand letter and complaint be submitted to the Commission on Disability Access in a standard format specified by the Commission on the Commission's Internet Web site. Requires the Commission to post a new standard format on its Internet Web site at minimum number of days before requiring information be in the new standard format..</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Doug Hefley</p>
<p>AB 197 Garcia E (D)</p> <p><i>Chapter No. 250</i></p>	<p>State Air Resource Board: Greenhouse Gases: Regulations</p> <p>Requires the State Air Resources Board to make available, and update annually, on its Internet Web site, the emissions of greenhouse gases, criteria pollutants, and toxic air contaminants for each facility that reports to the board and air districts. Requires an information report to be presented annually. Makes changes concerning the adoption of rules and regulations and alternative compliance and market-based mechanisms.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Jayne Joy, Jeff Wall, Dan Howell</p>
<p>AB 241 Gordon (D)</p> <p><i>Chapter No. 252</i></p>	<p>Bankruptcy: Retired Employees: Disclosure</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, in list form, 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 under specified conditions. Imposes a civil penalty on said organization for violations of the use of this information.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Denise Bowman</p>

AB 291	Tribal Gaming: Compact Ratification
Atkins (D)	Ratifies the tribal-state gaming compact entered into between the State and the Barona Band of Mission Indians, executed on a specified date. Provides that, in deference to tribal sovereignty, certain actions are not projects for the purposes of CEQA.
<i>Chapter No. 284</i>	EMWD's Position: Support Priority: A Reviewed by: Beth Lovsted, Jayne Joy
AB 326	Public Works: Prevailing Wage Rates
Frazier (D)	Relates to civil wage and penalty assessments for contractors in violation of public works contract laws, including prevailing wage laws. Relates to an exception from liability for liquidated damages if a contractor, subcontractor, or surety deposits an amount of an assessment or notice, including penalties, to be held in escrow pending review. Requires the release of such funds plus interest within a specified time period, upon the meeting of specified requirements.
<i>Chapter No. 345</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Bruce Mitzel, John Ward
AB 350	District-Base Municipal Elections: Preapproval Hearings
Alejo (D)	Requires a political subdivision that changes or establishes district-based elections to hold public hearings before and after drawing a preliminary map of proposed district boundaries. Requires a prospective plaintiff under the California Voting Rights Act (CVRA) to first send a written notice indicating that the method of election used by the political subdivision may violate the CVRA. Permit the political subdivision to correct the alleged violation before the prospective plaintiff commenced litigation.
<i>Chapter No. 737</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Danielle Coats
AB 453	Groundwater: Semitropic Water Storage District
Salas (D)	Authorizes the Semitropic Water Storage District to collect groundwater extraction information and to require the reporting of groundwater information. Authorizes the district to impose fees on the extraction of groundwater from the basin.
<i>Chapter No. 439</i>	EMWD's Position: Support Priority: B Reviewed by: John Daverin
AB 626	Public Contracts: Claim Resolution
Chiu (D)	Establishes a claim resolution process applicable to any claim by a contractor in connection with a public works project. Specifies the details and procedures to be followed in the processing of such claims. Requires the text of these provisions, or a summary, be set forth in the plans or specifications of any public work which may give rise to a claim.
<i>Chapter No. 810</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Bruce Mitzel

AB 935	Water Projects
Salas (D)	Requires, upon appropriation by the Legislature, the Department of Water Resources to provide funding for a certain project, provided that certain conditions are met.
<i>Chapter No. 601</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Bonnie Wright
AB 1033	Economic Impact Analysis: Small Business Definition
Garcia E (D)	Authorizes a State agency when preparing the economic impact assessment, to use a consolidated definition of small business to determine the number of small businesses within the economy, a specific industry sector, or geographic region. Defines small business. Provide exceptions.
<i>Chapter No. 346</i>	EMWD's Position: Neutral Priority: D Reviewed by: Charles Turner, Debby Cherney, Heidi Schrader
AB 1180	Rates and Charges for Water Service: Fees
Garcia (D)	Authorizes certain water corporations to seek approval, through its general rate case application, to operate pilot programs designed to evaluate customer interest in, and utilization of, certain bill payment options, including, but not limited to, credit card, debit card, and prepaid card payment options. Provides such corporation shall be allowed to recover expenses incurred in providing its customers with such options, and to not impose a transaction fee. Requires certain customer notification.
<i>Chapter No. 254</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Charles Turner, Heidi Schrader
AB 1550	Greenhouse Gases: Investment Plan: Communities
Gomez (D)	Relates to greenhouse gases and investments in communities. Requires the Greenhouse Investment Fund plan to allocate a percentage of moneys in the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund to projects located within disadvantaged communities, an additional minimum percentage to projects that benefit low-income households or to certain projects located within low-income communities and within a specified distance of disadvantaged communities.
<i>Chapter No. 369</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Danielle Coats
AB 1637	Energy: Greenhouse Gas Reduction
Low (D)	Amends existing law requiring the Public Utilities Commission to administer a self-generation incentive program for distributed generation resources and energy storage technologies to increase the maximum annual collection amount which may be authorized. Makes changes concerning fuel cell customer-generators and fuel cell electrical generation facility tariffs. Provides for greenhouse gas reduction standards. Requires fuel cell electrical generation resources to comply with emission standards.
<i>Chapter No. 658</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Dan Howell

AB 1661	Local Government: Sexual Harassment Prevention
McCarty (D)	Requires local agency officials to receive sexual harassment training and education if the local agency provides any type of compensation, salary, or stipend to those officials, and allows a local agency to require employees to receive sexual harassment prevention training or information. Requires an entity that develops curricula to satisfy this requirement to consult with the city attorney regarding the sufficiency and accuracy of the proposed content.
<i>Chapter No. 816</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Denise Bowman
AB 1666	Community Facilities Districts: Reports
Brough (R)	Requires a legislative body having a Internet Web site to display prominently on that Web site, a copy of an annual report of a community facilities district, if requested, and a copy of the report to State Debt and Investment Advisory Commission, and a copy of the report to the Controller.
<i>Chapter No. 93</i>	EMWD's Position: Support Priority: B Reviewed by: Debby Cherney, Heidi Schrader
AB 1669	Displaced Employees: Service Contracts
Hernandez R (D)	Expands the provisions of existing law regarding retention of current public employees under a contract for specified public services and the related requirements of contractor, to cover exclusive contracts for the collection and transportation of solid waste. Provides the time period for notification of such retention requirements prior to the submission of bids. Provides these provisions are application to solid waste related contracts only, include limits on employee retention. Provides exempt contracts.
<i>Chapter No. 874</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Denise Bowman
AB 1676	Employers: Wage Discrimination
Campos (D)	Amends existing law that prohibits an employer from paying an employee at wage rates less than the rates paid to employees of the opposite sex in the same establishment for equal work on jobs that performance of which requires equal skill, effort, and responsibility, and which are performed under similar working conditions. Specifies that prior salary cannot, by itself, justify any disparity in compensation under the bona fide factor exception to the prohibition.
<i>Chapter No. 856</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Denise Bowman
AB 1697	Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology
Bonilla (D)	Amends the Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program. Adds a project's ability to transition workers to, or promote employment in, the alternative and renewable fuels and vehicle technology sector as an additional preference criteria. Requires the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission to collaborate with entities that have expertise in workforce development to implement the workforce development components of the program.
<i>Chapter No. 446</i>	EMWD's Position: Neutral Priority: D Reviewed by: Danielle Coats

AB 1716	Lower American River Conservancy Program
McCarty (D)	Requires the Wildlife Conservation Board to implement and administrator the Lower American River Conservancy Program to receive and expend moneys for the benefit of the Lower American River and related lands by providing grants to local public agencies and nonprofit organizations for projects benefiting the Lower American River. Requires an advisory committee. Establishes a related fund.
<i>Chapter No. 375</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Danielle Coats
AB 1732	Single-User Restrooms
Ting (D)	Requires all single-user toilet facilities in any business establishment, place of public accommodation, or government agency to be identified as all-gender toilet facilities. Authorizes inspectors, building officials or other local officials responsible for code enforcement to inspect for compliance with these provisions during any inspection.
<i>Chapter No. 818</i>	EMWD's Position: Neutral Priority: D Reviewed by: Jeff Wall, Brian Agner
AB 1755	Open and Transparent Water Data Act
Dodd (D)	Enacts the Open and Transparent Water Data Act. Requires the Department of Water Resources to create, operate, and maintain a statewide integrated water data platform that integrates existing water and ecological data information from multiple databases and provide data on completed water transfers and exchanges. Creates a related fund to provide money to specified entities for the improvement of water data or for certain other purposes of the Act.
<i>Chapter No. 506</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Beth Lovsted, Jolene Walsh
AB 1773	Local Government Renewable Energy Program
Obernolte (R)	Amends existing law that authorizes a local governmental entity to receive a bill credit to a designated benefiting account, for electricity exported to the electrical grid by an eligible renewable generating facility. Includes as a local governmental entity for this purpose a joint powers authority.
<i>Chapter No. 659</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Dan Howell
AB 1787	Open Meetings: Public Comments: Translation
Gomez (D)	Requires, if a local legislative body limits the time for public comment at open meetings, the body to provide a set amount of allotted time to a member of the public who utilizes a translator to ensure that non-English speakers receive the same opportunity to directly address the body, unless simultaneous translation equipment is use to allow the body to hear the public testimony simultaneously.
<i>Chapter No. 507</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Danielle Coats, Jolene Walsh

AB 1794	Central Basin Municipal Water District
Garcia (D)	Revises membership of the Central Basin Municipal Water District.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
<i>Chapter No. 401</i>	Reviewed by: Danielle Coats
AB 1816	Tulelake Irrigation District
Dahle (R)	Authorizes the Board of Directors of the Tulelake Irrigation District to adopt a resolution that authorizes a person to be a Director, if specified conditions are met. Authorizes the registered voters in the District to request and require that a director be a voter, landowner, and resident in the division of the District the Director represents.
<i>Chapter No. 377</i>	
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
	Reviewed by: Danielle Coats
AB 1842	Water: Pollution: Fines
Levine (D)	Relates to discharge of various pollutants into the waters of the state. Imposes an additional civil penalty for each gallon or pound of material discharged. Requires that the civil penalty be reduced for every gallon or pound of the illegally discharged material that is recovered and properly disposed of by the responsible party. Prohibits a person from being subject to multiple civil penalties for the same act or failure to act. Relates to the Lempert-Keene-Seastrand Oil Spill Prevention and Response Act.
<i>Chapter No. 349</i>	
	EMWD's Position: Support Priority: B
	Reviewed by: Jayne Joy
AB 1843	Applicants for Employment: Criminal History
Stone (D)	Prohibits an employer from asking an employment applicant to disclose, or from utilizing as a factor in determining any condition of employment, information concerning certain criminal processes while a person was subject to the juvenile court process and jurisdiction. Provides that a conviction excludes a certain adjudication. Prohibits an employer at a health facility from inquiring into certain events.
<i>Chapter No. 686</i>	
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
	Reviewed by: Denise Bowman
AB 1845	Protected Species: Take: Rough Sculpin
Dahle (R)	Permits the Department of Fish and Wildlife to authorize, under the Endangered Species Act, the take of the rough sculpin (<i>Cottus asperimus</i>) resulting from impacts attributable to replacing the Spring Creek Bridge in the County of Shasta if certain conditions are satisfied.
<i>Chapter No. 293</i>	
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
	Reviewed by: Jayne Joy

AB 1923	Bioenergy Feed-in Tariff
Wood (D)	Requires the Public Utilities Commission to direct electrical corporations to authorize a bioenergy electric generation facility with an effective generating capacity of up to a specified amount of megawatts to participate in the bioenergy feed-in tariff if the facility delivers no more than a specified number of megawatts to the grid at any time and complies with specified interconnection and payment requirements.
<i>Chapter No. 663</i>	EMWD's Position: Support Priority: B Reviewed by: Dan Howell, Joe Mouawad
AB 1926	Public Works: Prevailing Wage: Apprentices
Cooper (D)	Requires, when a contractor requests the dispatch of an apprentice to perform work on a public works project and requires compliance with certain preemployment activities as a condition of employment, that the apprentice be paid the prevailing wage rate for the time spent on any required preemployment activity.
<i>Chapter No. 746</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Bruce Mitzel
AB 1928	Water Efficiency Landscape Irrigation Equipment
Campos (D)	Postpones the date by which the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission must adopt performance standards and labeling requirements for landscape irrigation equipment. Prohibits the sale or the offer for sale of that equipment manufactured on or after the effective date of the standards and requirements unless the equipment meets the performance standards and labeling requirements and is certified by the manufacturers as meeting the performance standards.
<i>Chapter No. 326</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Beth Lovsted
AB 1979	Renewable Feed-In Tariff: Hydroelectric Facilities
Bigelow (R)	Authorizes a conduit hydroelectric facility with a specified effective capacity to participate in a renewable feed-in tariff if the facility meets certain requirements and complies with specified interconnection and payment requirements.
<i>Chapter No. 665</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Beth Lovsted
AB 2001	Protected Fish: State Safe Harbor Agreement Program
Mathis (R)	Authorizes the Department of Fish and Wildlife to permit the taking of Owens pupfish in the Owens River watershed if the take is authorized under a safe harbor agreement.
<i>Chapter No. 515</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Danielle Coats

<p>AB 2022 Gordon (D) <i>Chapter No. 408</i></p>	<p>Advanced Purified Demonstration Water</p> <p>Authorizes the operator of an advanced purified demonstration water facility to cause demonstration water to be bottled and distributed as samples for educational purposes and to promote water recycling. Prohibits the water in each bottle from exceeding a specified amount. Prohibits the water from being distributed unless it meets certain drinking water standards. Requires a recycling program for distributed bottles. Requires a bottler to submit sample labels and specified analyses.</p> <p>EMWD’s Position: Support Priority: A</p> <p>Reviewed by: Jayne Joy, Jolene Walsh</p>
<p>AB 2087 Levine (D) <i>Chapter No. 455</i></p>	<p>Regional Conservation Investment Strategies</p> <p>Authorizes the Department of Fish and Wildlife, or any other public agency, to propose a regional conservation investment strategy. Authorizes a conservation action and a habitat enhancement to fulfill compensatory mitigation requirements in an incidental take permit issued pursuant to the State Endangered Species Act to reduce adverse fish and wildlife impacts pursuant to a lake or streambed alteration agreement. Relates to mitigation credit agreements and the sale of mitigation credits.</p> <p>EMWD’s Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Kelley Gage</p>
<p>AB 2257 Maienschein (R) <i>Chapter No. 265</i></p>	<p>Local Agency Meeting: Agenda: Online Posting</p> <p>Amends the Ralph M. Brown Act, which enables the legislative body of a local agency to call both regular and special meetings. Requires online meeting agendas of specified legislative bodies to be posted on the agency’s Web site homepage accessible through a direct link. Provides the requirements that exempts those legislative bodies from this requirement. Relates to integrated agenda management. Defines terms for these purposes.</p> <p>EMWD’s Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Jolene Walsh</p>
<p>AB 2288 Burke (D) <i>Chapter No. 692</i></p>	<p>Apprenticeship Programs: Building and Construction</p> <p>Requires the Workforce Development Board and each local board to ensure that federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 funds respectively awarded for preapprenticeship training in the building and construction trades fund programs and services that follow the Multi-Craft Core Curriculum implemented by the State Department of Education that increase representation of women in those trades.</p> <p>EMWD’s Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Denise Bowman</p>
<p>AB 2358 Gonzalez (D) <i>Chapter No. 298</i></p>	<p>Tribal Gaming: Compact Ratification</p> <p>Ratifies the tribal-state gaming compact entered into between the State of California and the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians, executed on a specified date. Provides that, in deference to tribal sovereignty, certain actions are not projects for the purposes of CEQA.</p> <p>EMWD’s Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Danielle Coats, Jolene Walsh</p>

AB 2375 Pub Emp, Rtrmnt & Soc Sec Cmt <i>Chapter No. 415</i>	Public Employees Retirement System: Omnibus Bill Amends the Public Employees Retirement Law. Relates to enrolled actuaries. Relates to interest on payments due and unpaid, and a penalty for a contracting agency failing to pay installment when due. Provides procedures for assessing such penalty. Relates to a related report by the System Board. Relates to terminated agency pools. Relates to credit for unused sick or educational leave. Regards community college district employees. Relates to same gender surviving spouses. Relates to survivor notifications. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Denise Bowman
AB 2389 Ridley-Thomas S (D) <i>Chapter No. 754</i>	Special Districts: District-Based Elections Amends existing law relating to special districts, district-based elections and reapportionment. Authorizes a governing body of a special district, to require, by resolution, the election of the members of its governing body be elected using district-based elections without being required to submit the resolution to the voters for approval. Requires the resolution to include a declaration that the change in the method of election is being made in furtherance of the purposes of the Voting Rights Act of 2001. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Danielle Coats
AB 2446 Gordon (D) <i>Chapter No. 523</i>	State Water Resources Control Board: Judicial Review Updates provisions regarding the issuance of a order by the State Water Resources Control Board and an aggrieved party petitioning the superior court for a writ of mandate for review of a decision or order issued by the Board. Provides that a decision or order under the Safe Drinking Water Act by the Board is not subject to court review if no aggrieved party petitions for such writ within a specified time period after a service of a copy of the order or decision issued by the Board. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Jayne Joy, Steve O'Neill
AB 2450 Achadjian (R) <i>Chapter No. 300</i>	Property Taxation Relates to restrictions on property owned by the state or local governments. Requires contracts with governmental agencies that restrict the use of real property to owner-occupied housing available at affordable housing cost to be recorded. Provides that an assessor may consider a contract that restricts the use of the property to owner-occupied housing available at affordable housing cost, including under any locally adopted inclusionary housing program, for purposes of assessing real property. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Heidi Schrader

AB 2454	Energy: Procurement Plans
Williams (D)	Requires the Public Utilities Commission, prior to approving any new gas-fired generating unit, to require the electrical corporation to demonstrate compliance its approved procurement plan. Relates to meeting identified resources needs through available option that are cost effective, reliable and feasible regarding all available energy efficiency and demand reduction resources.
<i>Chapter No. 826</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Dan Howell
AB 2470	Municipal Water Districts: Water Service: Indian Tribes
Gonzalez (D)	Relates to municipal water districts. Requires, upon the request of an Indian tribe and the satisfaction of certain conditions, a district to provide services of water at the same terms applicable to the customers of the district to an Indian tribe's lands that are not within a district, if the tribe's lands meet certain requirements and the tribe satisfies prescribed conditions. Deems the service areas to include an tribe's land for a prescribed period of time if the district provides service of water.
<i>Chapter No. 301</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Danielle Coats, Jolene Walsh
AB 2476	Local Governments: Parcel Taxes: Notice
Daly (D)	Requires the legislative body of a local agency to provide notice of a new parcel tax to the owner of a parcel affected by the tax, if that owner does not reside within the jurisdictional boundaries of the taxing entity. Requires the notice to include specified information. Provides the agency may recover the costs of the notice from the proceeds of the tax.
<i>Chapter No. 269</i>	EMWD's Position: Oppose Priority: B Reviewed by: April Coady, Heidi Schrader
AB 2480	Source Watersheds: Financing
Bloom (D)	Declares it to be state policy that source watersheds are recognized and defined as integral water infrastructure components. States the importance to maintaining the reliability, quantity, timing, and quality of the State's environmental, drinking, and agricultural water supply as climate change advances of source watersheds that supply the majority of the state's drinking and irrigated agricultural water. States that maintenance and repair of source watersheds is eligible for certain forms of financing.
<i>Chapter No. 695</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Jayne Joy
AB 2488	Protected Species: Stickleback: Possession
Dababneh (D)	Permits the Department of Fish and Wildlife to authorize, under the State Endangered Species Act, the take of unarmored threespine stickleback attributable to the periodic dewatering, inspection, maintenance, modification, or repair of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's Foothill Feeder water supply facility from Castaic Dam to the Joseph Jensen Treatment Plant in the County of Los Angeles, if certain conditions are satisfied. Requires certain reporting by the District.
<i>Chapter No. 387</i>	EMWD's Position: Support Priority: A Reviewed by: Danielle Coats, Jolene Walsh

AB 2503	Workers Compensation: Utilization Review
Obernolte (R)	Relates to workers compensation. Requires a physician providing treatment to an injured worker to send any request for authorization for medical treatment, with supporting documentation, to the claims administrator for an employer, insurer, or other entity according to certain rules. Relates to utilization review.
<i>Chapter No. 885</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Doug Hefley, Susan Barnes
AB 2515	Water Conservation in Landscaping Act
Weber (D)	Requires the Department of Water Resources to either update the model water-efficient landscaping ordinance or make a finding that an update to such ordinance at that time is not a useful or effective means to improve the efficiency of landscape water use or the administrative of the ordinance. Requires the Department to submit an update to the Building Standards Commission during the triennial revision process of the State Green Building Standards Code.
<i>Chapter No. 576</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Beth Lovsted
AB 2535	Employment: Wages: Itemized Statements
Ridley-Thomas S (D)	Amends existing law that states specified information that is to be provided by employers to an employee includes showing total hours worked by the employee, unless the employee's compensation is solely based upon a salary and the employee is exempt from overtime. Exempts from the requirement for information on total hours worked an employee exempt from payment of minimum wage and overtime under specified statutes or any applicable order of the Industrial Welfare Commission.
<i>Chapter No. 77</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Denise Bowman
AB 2551	Contract Procurement: Surface Storage Projects
Gallagher (R)	Allows a local agency to use the construction manager at-risk, design-build, or design-build operate method of delivery on a surface storage project. Requires such contracts to be awarded on the best value basis or to the lowest responsible bidder. Establishes a procurement process for these contracts. Provides reasons which would prohibit a contracting entity from being prequalified or short-listed.
<i>Chapter No. 760</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Danielle Coats
AB 2561	Water Supply Planning: Projects: Energy Generation
Irwin (D)	Relates to the California Environmental Quality Act. Exempts certain photovoltaic or wind energy generation facilities from the definition of project under the Act. Extends the duties on local agencies with respect to determining whether a project is subject to water supply assessment requirements. Encourages the development of photovoltaic and wind generation facilities to meet the state's renewable portfolio standard and greenhouse gas emission reduction goals.
<i>Chapter No. 669</i>	EMWD's Position: Oppose Priority: A Reviewed by: Danielle Coats, Jolene Walsh

AB 2594	Stormwater Resources: Use of Captured Water
Gordon (D)	Authorizes a public entity that captures stormwater from urban areas, in accordance with a stormwater resource plan, before the water reaches a natural channel to use the captured water under certain circumstances.
<i>Chapter No. 526</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Jayne Joy
AB 2613	County Auditor: Audits: Special Districts
Achadjian (R)	Authorizes a special district by unanimous request of its governing board and with unanimous approval of the board of supervisors, to replace the annual audit with an annual financial compilation of the district to be performed by the county auditor, or an agreed-upon procedures engagement, in accordance with professional standards, if certain conditions are met.
<i>Chapter No. 164</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Danielle Coats
AB 2618	Community Facilities Districts: Powers
Nazarian (D)	Amends the Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act of 1982 that authorizes a district formed pursuant to an alternative procedure under which the district initially consists solely of territory proposed for annexation to the district in the future and territory is annexed and subjected to special taxes only upon unanimous approval of the owners, to finance and refinance energy efficiency, water conservation, and renewable energy to the alternative energy improvements. Authorizes financing seismic retrofitting.
<i>Chapter No. 796</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Charles Turner, Heidi Schrader
AB 2651	Greenway Easements: Amenities
Gomez (D)	Amends the Greenway Development and Sustainment Act that applies to creation and transfer provisions similar to those conversation easements to greenway easements. Requires a greenway to incorporate an array of amenities only within a urbanized area. Includes easements preserving greenways adjacent to urban waterways. Amends the Planning and Zoning Law to specify greenways be included in the land use element of a general plan.
<i>Chapter No. 471</i>	EMWD's Position: Neutral Priority: D Reviewed by: Beth Lovsted
AB 2722	Transformative Climate Communities Program
Burke (D)	Creates the Transformative Climate Communities Program. Requires the Strategic Growth Council to award competitive grants to specified eligible entities for development and implementation of transformative climate community plans, and give priority to projects that implement plans, improve air and water quality, contribute to the reduction of emissions of greenhouse gases and demonstrate potential environmental benefits in disadvantaged communities. Includes market-based compliance mechanisms.
<i>Chapter No. 371</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Danielle Coats

<p>AB 2756</p> <p>Thurmond (D)</p> <p><i>Chapter No. 274</i></p>	<p>Oil and Gas Operations: Enforcement Actions</p> <p>Requires the Oil and Gas Supervisor to consider specified additional circumstances when establishing the amount of the civil penalty. Sets a penalty range. Authorizes the Supervisor to treat each day as a separate violation. Authorizes allowing a supplemental environmental project in lieu of a portion of the penalty. Revises provisions regarding the appeal process of an order regarding a well or production facility, including related hearings. Relates to penalty liens.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: John Daverin</p>
<p>AB 2800</p> <p>Quirk (D)</p> <p><i>Chapter No. 580</i></p>	<p>Climate Change: Infrastructure Planning</p> <p>Requires State agencies to take into account the current and future impacts of climate change when planning, designing, building, and investing in State infrastructure. Requires the establishment of a Climate-Safe Infrastructure Working Group for the purpose of examining how to integrate scientific data from agencies and scientists with specified expertise from State Universities concerning projected climate change impacts into State infrastructure engineering.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Danielle Coats</p>
<p>AB 2801</p> <p>Gallagher (R)</p> <p><i>Chapter No. 248</i></p>	<p>Local Government: Fees and Charges: Protest</p> <p>Requires a local agency to keep written protests securely stored and sealed until a public hearing. Prohibits an agency from requiring such protest to include property identification other than street address unless there is not a street address, and from requiring such protest to be submitted on an agency form. Requires the agency maintain such protests for a minimum time period following the date of the hearing to consider the protests.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Danielle Coats, Debby Cherney</p>
<p>AB 2833</p> <p>Cooley (D)</p> <p><i>Chapter No. 361</i></p>	<p>Public Investment Funds: Disclosures</p> <p>Requires, for new contracts and existing contracts for which a new capital commitment is being made, a public investment fund to require alternative investment vehicles to make specified disclosures regarding fees, expenses, and carried interest in connection with those vehicles and the underlying investments, as well as other specified information. Requires a public investment fund to disclose certain information, and to take reasonable efforts to obtain specified information for any specified contract.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Charles Turner, Heidi Schrader</p>

AB 2843	Public Records: Employee Contact Information
Chau (D)	Extends the limitation under the State Public Records Act on the disclosure of the personal information to all employees of a public agency. Extends the limitation to include personal cellular telephone numbers and birth dates. Requires that information to be made available to an exclusive bargaining agent and to any labor organization seeking representation rights.
<i>Chapter No. 830</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Denise Bowman
AB 2844	Public Contracts: Discrimination
Bloom (D)	Requires a person submitting a bid or proposal to, or otherwise proposing to enter into or renew a contract with, a State agency with respect to any contract in a specified amount of more, to certify they are in compliance with the Unruh Civil Rights Act and the State Fair Employment and Housing Act and any policy adopted against any sovereign nation or peoples recognized by the United States, including Israel, is not used to discriminate in violation of those Acts. Provides certain exceptions.
<i>Chapter No. 581</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Chris Teague
AB 2853	Public Records
Gatto (D)	Authorizes a public agency that posts a public record on its Internet Web site to refer a member of the public that requests to inspect the public record to the public agency's Internet Web site where the public record is posted. Requires, if a member of the public requests a copy of the public record due to an inability to access or reproduce the records from the Web site where the records is posted, the agency to promptly provide a copy of the record to the member of the public.
<i>Chapter No. 275</i>	EMWD's Position: Support Priority: B Reviewed by: Michelle Herrington
AB 2868	Energy Storage
Gatto (D)	Requires the Public Utilities Commission to direct the state's three largest electrical corporations to file applications for programs and investments to accelerate widespread deployment of distributed energy storage systems. Requires the Commission to prioritize programs and investments that provide distributed energy storage systems to public sector and low-income customers. Provides for cost recovery from customers under certain conditions. Provides for behind-the-meter systems.
<i>Chapter No. 681</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Dan Howell
AB 2874	Groundwater Sustainability Agencies: Fees
Gaines B (R)	Requires a groundwater sustainability agency, before imposing or increasing a fee pursuant to the authority relating to a groundwater basin that includes a water corporation regulated by the Public Utilities Commission, to notify the Commission.
<i>Chapter No. 139</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: John Daverin

<p>AB 2890</p> <p>Env Safety & Toxic Material Cmt</p> <p><i>Chapter No. 305</i></p>	<p>Drinking Water and Wastewater Operator Certification</p> <p>Requires the State Water Resources Control Board to appoint an advisory committee to examine and certify people to operate water treatment plants and water distribution systems, and to review all proposed regulations and make recommendations to the Board. Relates to water treatment operator-in-training. Revises procedures for the suspension or revocation of a valid operator license. Authorizes certificate reciprocity. Provides certificate application fraud civil liability. Relates to an advisory committee.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Concerns Priority: A</p> <p>Reviewed by: Jeff Wall, Khos Ghaderi</p>
<p>AB 2891</p> <p>Env Safety & Toxic Material Cmt</p> <p><i>Chapter No. 704</i></p>	<p>Hazardous Waste: Funding</p> <p>Expresses the intent of the Legislature that funds deposited into the Toxic Substances Control Account be appropriated in the annual Budget Act to the Site Remediation Account to pay for site remediation at both Federal Superfund orphan sites and at state orphan sites. Repeals a Budget Act requirement regarding fees paid by organizations that handle hazardous materials that are necessary to fund the State's increased obligation under the Federal Superfund Act.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Jayne Joy</p>
<p>AB 2899</p> <p>Hernandez R (D)</p> <p><i>Chapter No. 622</i></p>	<p>Minimum Wage Violations: Challenges</p> <p>Relates to minimum wage violations and challenges. Requires a person seeking a writ of mandate contesting the Labor Commissioner's ruling, to post a bond with the Labor Commissioner in an amount equal to the unpaid wages assessed under the citation, excluding penalties. Requires that the bond be issued in favor of the unpaid employees, and ensure that the person seeking the writ makes prescribed payments pursuant to the proceedings. Relates to conditions warranting the forfeiture of the bond.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Neutral Priority: D</p> <p>Reviewed by: Denise Bowman</p>
<p>AJR 44</p> <p>Holden (D)</p> <p><i>Chapter No. 145</i></p>	<p>Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Permits</p> <p>Urges the federal government to provide greater financial support for local agencies implementing a federal mandate to improve stormwater quality, including by passing legislation strengthening the Clean Water State Revolving Fund and creating new grant programs to assist in funding stormwater projects.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Jayne Joy</p>

<p>SB 7 Wolk (D) <i>Chapter No. 623</i></p>	<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 requiring the installation of water submeters in multiunit residential buildings by licensed contractors. Relates to structural exemptions and the use of meters or submeters in new mixed-use residential and commercial structures as a condition for service. Requires water purveyors to measure the amount of water supplied.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Becky Rathbone, Beth Lovsted, Jayne Joy</p>
<p>SB 24 Hill (D) <i>Chapter No. 531</i></p>	<p>Public Employees' Pension Reform: Joint Powers</p> <p>Authorizes a specified joint powers authority to provide employees who are not new members under the Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2013 with the defined benefit plan or formula that was received by those employees from their respective employers on a specified date, if they are employed by the authority within a specified time period of the agency providing for the exercise of a common power, to which the employees are associated, by the authority.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Denise Bowman</p>
<p>SB 32 Pavley (D) <i>Chapter No. 249</i></p>	<p>Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: Emissions Limit</p> <p>Requires the State Air Resources Board to approve a statewide greenhouse gas emissions limits that are the equivalent to a specified percentage below the 1990 level to be achieved by a specified date and to adopt rules and regulations in an open public process to achieve the maximum, technologically feasible, and cost-effective greenhouse gas emissions reductions. Requires a report relating to the greenhouse gas emission reduction achieved towards those limits.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Danielle Coats, Jayne Joy</p>
<p>SB 37 Vidak (R) <i>Chapter No. 391</i></p>	<p>Kings River East Groundwater Sustainability Agency Act</p> <p>Amends the Kings River East Groundwater Sustainability Agency Act. Authorizes any local agency or combination of local agencies overlying a groundwater basin to decide to become a groundwater sustainability agency for that basin. Authorizes agencies to opt out. Deems the Kings River East Groundwater Sustainability Agency the exclusive local agency with powers to comply with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Jolene Walsh</p>

<p>SB 122</p> <p>Jackson (D)</p> <p><i>Chapter No. 476</i></p>	<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>
<p>SB 423</p> <p>Bates (R)</p> <p><i>Chapter No. 771</i></p>	<p>Surplus Household Consumer Product Waste: Management</p> <p>Requires the Department of Toxic Substances Control to convene a Retail Waste Working Group to consider and make findings and recommendations relating to requirements for the management of surplus household consumer products, waste reduction opportunities for those products, and waste management requirements. Requires a report on these recommendations and findings.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Support Priority: A</p> <p>Reviewed by: Jayne Joy</p>
<p>SB 552</p> <p>Wolk (D)</p> <p><i>Chapter No. 773</i></p>	<p>Public Water Systems: Disadvantaged Communities</p> <p>Authorizes the state water resources control board to order consolidation where a public water system or a state small water system, serving a disadvantaged community, fails to provide an adequate supply of safe drinking water. Limits authority of the state board to order consolidation or extension of service. Includes a mobilehome park. Relates to funding and public meetings regarding delivery of safe drinking water.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Danielle Coats, Jayne Joy</p>
<p>SB 814</p> <p>Hill (D)</p> <p><i>Chapter No. 230</i></p>	<p>Drought: Excessive Water Use: Urban Retail Water Supply</p> <p>Prohibits excessive water use during specified time periods. Requires each urban retail water supplier to establish a method to identify and discourage excessive water use. Authorizes the establishment of a rate structure that penalizes such excessive water users. Authorizes an excessive water use ordinance, rule, or tariff condition. Makes a violation thereof an infraction or administrative civil penalty. Authorizes the penalty for a violation to be based on conditions identified by the water supplier.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Oppose Priority: B</p> <p>Reviewed by: Beth Lovsted, Jolene Walsh</p>

<p>SB 831</p> <p>Budget and Fiscal Review Cmt</p> <p><i>Chapter No. 338</i></p>	<p>Monterey County Water Resources Agency: Lake Nacimiento</p> <p>Appropriates funds to the Department of Water Resources for a water conveyance tunnel between Lake Nacimiento and Lake San Antonio and spillway modifications at Lake San Antonio to increase storage. Requires the department to grant the appropriation for the water conveyance tunnel and spillway modifications to the Monterey County Water Resources Agency for the purposes of constructing the water conveyance tunnel and spillway modifications.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Danielle Coats</p>
<p>SB 839</p> <p>Budget and Fiscal Review Cmt</p> <p><i>Chapter No. 340</i></p>	<p>Public Resources</p> <p>Relates to provisions regarding public resources to include water flow violation penalties, water flow diversion application fees, permit fees for the incidental taking of endangered species and criminal penalties for such taking without a permit, seed law enforcement, the oil spill response fee and trust fund, environmental justice, treated wood waste management, hazardous waste facility fees, evaluating chemicals of concern, motor vehicle emissions standards, drinking water standards, forest restoration.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Danielle Coats, Jayne Joy</p>
<p>SB 840</p> <p>Budget and Fiscal Review Cmt</p> <p><i>Chapter No. 341</i></p>	<p>Public Resources: Energy</p> <p>Relates to provisions governing energy public resources to include a study prior to injecting biomethane into common carrier gas pipelines, electrical corporation procurement of a specified amount of megawatts of generating capacity, interconnection requirements, Green Tariff share renewables program, the State solar initiative, solar energy, energy savings contracts, pipeline safety and inspection, alternative fuel vehicle research, and appliance efficiency compliance assistance.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Dan Howell</p>
<p>SB 859</p> <p>Budget and Fiscal Review Cmt</p> <p><i>Chapter No. 368</i></p>	<p>Public Resources: Greenhouse Emissions and Biomass</p> <p>Makes changes concerning an advisory panel to the environmental farming program. Relates to on-farm greenhouse gas emissions reductions, a Healthy Soils Program, certain opportunities to Native American tribes, financial assistance for green infrastructure projects, clean vehicle rebates, forest health improvement, reduction of organic waste, public nuisance abatement actions, procurement of generating capacity from instate bioenergy projects, expansion of woody biomass markets, and other matters.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Danielle Coats</p>

SB 887	Natural Gas Storage Wells
Pavley (D)	Requires the operator of a gas storage well to have commenced a mechanical integrity testing regime. Requires the promulgation of regulations to establish standards for all gas storage wells. Requires a determination regarding reportable leaks. Requires reporting of leaks. Requires the drilling of a relief well in certain circumstances. Requires a training and mentoring program. Provides for inspections, air monitoring, annual charges and risk assessments.
<i>Chapter No. 673</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: John Daverin
SB 914	Workers Compensation: Medical Provider Networks
Mendoza (D)	Deletes the authorization to use the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine's Occupational Medicine Practice Guidelines as standards for independent medical reviews. Makes additional technical, nonsubstantive changes.
<i>Chapter No. 84</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Doug Hefley, Susan Barnes
SB 930	Bear Lake Reservoir: Recreational Use
Gaines T (R)	Requires the Lake Alpine Water Company to file the report on or before a specified date, and biennially thereafter, regarding existing law that prohibits recreational use involving bodily contact with the water in Bear Lake Reservoir unless certain conditions are satisfied.
<i>Chapter No. 149</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Danielle Coats
SB 953	Central Basin Municipal Water District
Lara (D)	Prohibits the Central Basin Municipal Water District from using sole source contracts. Requires the district to rebid a contract if the district significantly changes the scope of work. Requires the district general manager to submit a report detailing district contracts, contract amendments, and contract and amendment dollar amounts. Provides for board of director membership. Prohibits funding for community outreach activities. Requires district actions to pass only with affirmative vote of the board.
<i>Chapter No. 426</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Danielle Coats
SB 954	Public Works: Prevailing Wage: Per Diem Wages
Hertzberg (D)	Requires per diem wages to include industry advancement and collective bargaining agreements administrative fees if the payments are made pursuant to such agreement to which the employer is obligated. Excludes from per diem wages, if the payments are not pursuant to such agreement, employer payments for other purposes similar to certain apprenticeship or other training programs, worker protection and assistance programs or committees. Prohibits credit for certain payments if certain conditions are met.
<i>Chapter No. 231</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Denise Bowman, Bruce Mitzel

SB 971	Validations
Governance and Finance Cmt	Enacts the First Validating Act of 2016, which would validate the organization, boundaries, acts, proceedings, and bonds of the state and counties, cities, and specified districts, agencies, and entities.
<i>Chapter No. 15</i>	EMWD's Position: Support Priority: B Reviewed by: Danielle Coats
SB 972	Validations
Governance and Finance Cmt	Enacts the Second Validating Act of 2016, which would validate the organization, boundaries, acts, proceedings, and bonds of the state and counties, cities, and specified districts, agencies, and entities.
<i>Chapter No. 16</i>	EMWD's Position: Support Priority: B Reviewed by: Danielle Coats
SB 973	Validations
Governance and Finance Cmt	Enacts the Third Validating Act of 2016, which would validate the organization, boundaries, acts, proceedings, and bonds of the state and counties, cities, and specified districts, agencies and entities.
<i>Chapter No. 17</i>	EMWD's Position: Support Priority: B Reviewed by: Danielle Coats
SB 974	Local Government: Omnibus
Governance and Finance Cmt	Amends existing law regarding local government to include storing survey records, military discharge copy fees, notaries public, city financial condition reports, local sinking fund moneys investment, the Subdivision Map Act, local safety land use elements, Fort Ord reuse and redevelopment, sewage services and facilities fees, use of design-build, vehicle license fees, income tax collection, floating home taxation, synthetic grass, business assessments, and liquefied petroleum tax revenues.
<i>Chapter No. 366</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Danielle Coats
SB 975	Tax Increment: Property Tax Override Rates
Governance and Finance Cmt	Prohibits the division of revenues derived from a property tax rate approved by the voters, pursuant to specified provisions of the State Constitution and levied in addition to the general property tax rate limited by the State Constitution. Specifies this limitation does not apply to the allocation of property taxes pursuant to provisions relating to the wind down of the affairs of redevelopment agencies and the activities of successor agencies.
<i>Chapter No. 49</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Charles Turner

SB 1069	Land Use: Zoning
Wieckowski (D)	Amends the Planning and Zoning Law. Replaces the term second unit with accessory dwelling unit. Provides that allowing accessory dwelling units in single-family or multifamily residential zones provides additional rental housing stock. Relates to parking standards and lot density. Prohibits a local agency from requiring a permit applicant to install a new or separate utility connection directly between the unit and the utility or imposing a related connection fee or capacity charge.
<i>Chapter No. 720</i>	EMWD's Position: Concerns Priority: A Reviewed by: Maria Sambito
SB 1085	Professional Engineers: Geologist: Land Surveyors
Roth (D)	Requires an applicant for professional engineer, geologist, and land surveyor renewal to complete a board-administered online assessment to reinforce the certificate holder's or licenseholder's knowledge of laws applicable to his or her practice area. Authorizes the failure to complete the assessment within a specified period of time a cause of disciplinary action. Prohibits the Board of Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Geologists from charging a renewal fee. Relates to geophysicists licensure.
<i>Chapter No. 629</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: John Daverin
SB 1112	Utilities: Water and Sewer Systems Corporations
Cannella (R)	Provides that if a water or sewer system corporation with less than a specified number of service connections fails to receive the Public Utilities Commission approval before entering into any of specified transactions value at a specified amount or less, the transaction is voidable by the Commission until the Commission either retroactively or conditionally approves the transaction. Authorizes delegating approval authority to a specified Division Director.
<i>Chapter No. 631</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Danielle Coats
SB 1167	Employment Safety: Indoor Workers: Heat Regulations
Mendoza (D)	Requires the Division of Occupational Safety and Health to propose to the Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board, for the board's review and adoption, a heat illness and injury prevention standard applicable to workers working in indoor places of employment.
<i>Chapter No. 839</i>	EMWD's Position: Support Priority: B Reviewed by: Denise Bowman, Doug Hefley, Susan Barnes

SB 1175	Workers' Compensation: Requests for Payment
Mendoza (D)	Relates to workers' compensation requests for payment. Requires requests for payment with an itemization of services provided and the charge for each service be submitted to the employer within a specified time from the date of service or from date of discharge for inpatient facility services. Requires all bills for medical-legal evaluation or medical-legal expense be submitted to the employer within a specified time period in a prescribed manner. Provides such bills must be submitted in a timely manner.
<i>Chapter No. 214</i>	EMWD's Position: Support Priority: B Reviewed by: Doug Hefley, Susan Barnes
SB 1229	Home-Generated Pharmaceutical Waste
Jackson (D)	Provides that a collector is not liable for civil damages, or subject to criminal prosecution, for any injury or harm resulting from the collector maintaining a secure drug take-back bin on its premises if the collector acts in good faith to take specified steps, including that the collector regularly inspects the area surrounding the bin for potential tampering or diversion, to ensure the health and safety of consumers and employees and disposal in the waste stream of home-generated pharmaceutical waste.
<i>Chapter No. 238</i>	EMWD's Position: Support Priority: A Reviewed by: Danielle Coats
SB 1260	Stormwater: Municipalities: Online Resource Center
Allen (D)	Requires the State Water Resources Control Board to establish an online resource center that addresses measures available for municipalities to comply with municipal stormwater permit requirements. Authorizes the inclusion of certain information.
<i>Chapter No. 153</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Jayne Joy
SB 1262	Water Supply Planning
Pavley (D)	Requires a city or county that determines a project is subject to the California Environmental Quality Act to identify any water system whose service area includes the project site and any water system adjacent to the project site. Provides that hauled water is not a source of water for the purposes of an assessment. Revises the definition of sufficient water supply.
<i>Chapter No. 594</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Beth Lovsted, Danielle Coats
SB 1263	Public Water System: Permits
Wieckowski (D)	Requires a person submitting an application for a permit for a proposed new public water system to submit a preliminary technical report to the state Water Resources Control Board before initiating construction of any water-related improvement. Provides the bases for denial of such permit by the Board. Prohibits a building permit for residential development when the water supply is water transported by a water hauler, bottled water, a water-vending machine, or a retail water facility.
<i>Chapter No. 843</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Beth Lovsted, Danielle Coats, Steve O'Neill

SB 1383	Short-Lived Climate Pollutants: Methane: Landfills
Lara (D)	Requires the State Air Resources Board to adopt regulations that achieve specified targets for reducing organic waste in landfills. Authorizes local jurisdictions to charge fees to recover costs of compliance. Authorizes an analysis of progress in reducing such waste. Authorizes incentives or additional requirements, depending on the outcome of the analysis. Requires the adoption of regulations concerning livestock and dairy manure management. Relates to short-lived climate pollutants and recycling goals.
<i>Chapter No. 395</i>	EMWD's Position: Neutral Priority: D Reviewed by: Jayne Joy
SB 1393	Energy Efficiency and Pollution Reduction
De Leon (D)	Relates to energy efficiency, pollution reduction, renewable energy, combustion of solid waste and generation of electricity. Provides an exception for a facility located in Stanislaus County. Relates to the renewable energy portfolio. Modifies exceptions from the minimum renewable energy resources procurement requirements for hydroelectric generation. Provides that costs from nonperformance shall be borne by the electrical corporation or community choice aggregator that failed to perform.
<i>Chapter No. 677</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Dan Howell
SB 1398	Public Water Systems: Lead User Service Lines
Leyva (D)	Requires a public water system to compile an inventory of known lead user service lines in use in its system and identify areas that may have such service lines in use in its system. Requires a timeline for replacement of lead water service lines in the distribution system to the State Water Resources Control Board. Requires such system to determine the existence or absence of service lines in specified areas and provides information to the Board or provide a replacement timeline of pipes.
<i>Chapter No. 731</i>	EMWD's Position: Concerns Priority: A Reviewed by: Amy Mora
SB 1425	Water Energy Nexus Registry
Pavley (D)	Requires the State Air Resources Board to develop a registry of greenhouse gas emission resulting from the water-energy nexus using the best available data. Authorizes a contract with a qualified nonprofit organization to develop and administer the registry, including actions of the former California Climate Action Registry as they relate to the water-energy nexus.
<i>Chapter No. 596</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Beth Lovsted, Dan Howell
SB 1436	Local Agency Meetings: Oral Report of Final Action
Bates (R)	Amends the Ralph M. Brown Act, which requires that all meetings of a legislative body of a local agency be open and public. Requires the local legislative body, prior to taking final action, to orally report a summary of a recommendation for a final action on the salaries, salary schedules, or compensation paid in the form of fringe benefits of a local agency executive during the open meeting in which the final action is to be taken.
<i>Chapter No. 175</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Denise Bowman, Jolene Walsh

SB 1456

Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Law

Galgiani (D)

Chapter No. 488

Amends an existing law which establishes the Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund. Authorizes certain costs to be funded by loans or other repayable financing, grants, principal forgiveness, or a combination of grants and loans or other financial assistance, regardless of whether the community water system or not-for-profit noncommunity water system. Limits the principal forgiveness to capital improvements serving specified severely disadvantaged communities.

EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C

Reviewed by: Bonnie Wright

SB 1464

Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction

De Leon (D)

Chapter No. 679

Requires, in identifying priority programmatic investments under the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, that the related investment plan assess how proposed investments interact with current State regulations, policies, and programs and evaluate if and how the proposed investments could be incorporated into existing program. Requires the plan to recommend metrics that would measure progress and benefits from proposed programmatic investments.

EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C

Reviewed by: Dan Howell

Failed Legislation

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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 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 45 Mullin (D)	Household Hazardous Waste Requires the Department of Resources Recycling to adopt model ordinance for a comprehensive program for the collection of household hazardous waste. Authorizes a local jurisdiction proposing to enact an ordinance for the collection and diversion of such waste to adopt a Department model. Requires a determination as to whether a nonprofit organization has been created and funded to make grants to local entities for purposes related to the disposal of such waste.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Jayne Joy
AB 67 Gonzalez (D)	Double Pay on the Holiday Act of 2016 Enacts the Double Pay on the Holiday Act of 2016. Requires an employer to pay a specified rate of pay to employees at retail and grocery store establishments, except employees in specified categories, for work on a defined family holiday. Exempts retail food facilities from the Act unless these are specified facilities.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Denise Bowman

AB 83

Personal Data

Gatto (D)

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 certain tax, passport, military, government-issued employment identification, geolocation, or biometric information. Defines reasonable security procedures and practices.

EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C

Reviewed by: Jolene Walsh, Joe Gott

AB 113

Local Government

Budget Cmt

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

Budget Act of 2015

Budget Cmt

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 Act of 2015

Budget Cmt

Expresses the intent to make statutory changes to the Budget Act of 2015.

EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C

Reviewed by: Danielle Coats

AB 259

Personal Information Privacy

Dababneh (D)

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.

EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C

Reviewed by: Jolene Walsh, Debby Cherney

AB 300	Safe Water and Wildlife Protection Act of 2016
Alejo (D)	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 320	Engineers
Wood (D)	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 435	Environmental Protection Agency
Chang (R)	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 577	Biomethane: Grant Program
Bonilla (D)	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 581	Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement
Gomez (D)	Amends the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 that provides that it is the intent of the people that a project supported by the funds made available under the Act will include signage informing the public that the project received funds from the Act to require certain recipients of funding pursuant to the Act to post signs acknowledging the source of funds in accordance with guidelines that the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency would be required to develop.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
	Reviewed by: Bonnie Wright

AB 590	Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund
Dahle (R)	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, Dan Howell
AB 615	Office of Sustainable Water Solutions: Assistance
Rendon (D)	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 645	California Renewables Portfolio Standard
Williams (D)	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.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
	Reviewed by: Jayne Joy, Dan Howell
AB 647	Beneficial Use: Storing of Water Underground
Eggman (D)	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.
	EMWD's Position: Oppose unless amended Priority: A
	Reviewed by: Danielle Coats, John Daverin, Steve O'Neill

<p>AB 678 O'Donnell (D)</p>	<p>Energy Efficiency and Greenhouse Gas Reductions</p> <p>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.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Danielle Coats</p>
<p>AB 761 Levine (D)</p>	<p>Carbon Sequestration: Working Lands</p> <p>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.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Jayne Joy</p>
<p>AB 937 Salas (D)</p>	<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>
<p>AB 938 Rodriguez (D)</p>	<p>Sustainable Groundwater Management Act: Basins</p> <p>Amends the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. Authorizes a watermaster or local agency administering an adjudicated basin to elect that the basin be subject to the provisions of the Act. Authorizes a court with jurisdiction over the basin to issue and order to set a hearing to determine if the basin shall be subject to the Act. Requires written notice to the Department of Water Resources that the basin is subject to the Act. Requires the notice to be posted on the Department's Web site.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: John Daverin</p>
<p>AB 954 Mathis (R)</p>	<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 988	Outdoor Environmental Education and Receptions
Stone (D)	<p>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.</p>
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
	Reviewed by: Bonnie Wright
AB 1030	Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: Greenhouse Gas
Ridley-Thomas S (D)	<p>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.</p>
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
	Reviewed by: Danielle Coats
AB 1061	Sacramento and San Joaquin Drainage District: Powers
Gallagher (R)	<p>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.</p>
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
	Reviewed by: Jolene Walsh
AB 1062	Environmental Justice Small Grant Program
Bonta (D)	<p>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.</p>
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
	Reviewed by: Bonnie Wright
AB 1144	Renewables Portfolio Standard Program: Credits
Rendon (D)	<p>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.</p>
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
	Reviewed by: Jayne Joy, Jeff Wall, Dan Howell

<p>AB 1173 Williams (D)</p>	<p>Water Equipment: Backflow Prevention Devices Testing</p> <p>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.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Oppose unless amended Priority: A</p> <p>Reviewed by: Jim Lee</p>
<p>AB 1201 Salas (D)</p>	<p>Delta: Predation by Nonnative Species</p> <p>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.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Support Priority: A</p> <p>Reviewed by: Jolene Walsh</p>
<p>AB 1242 Gray (D)</p>	<p>Water Quality and Storage</p> <p>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.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Jayne Joy, John Daverin</p>
<p>AB 1346 Gray (D)</p>	<p>State Emergency Plan: Update</p> <p>Requires the Office of Emergency Services to update the State Emergency Plan on or before a specified date, and at a set intervals thereafter. Requires the plan to be consistent with specified State climate adaptation strategies.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Doug Hefley</p>
<p>AB 1473 Salas (D)</p>	<p>California Environmental Quality Act</p> <p>Extends the time by which the Governor may certify projects as environmental leadership projects and the time by which agencies are required to approve certified projects, in order for certified projects to benefit from the streamlining process.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Jayne Joy</p>

AB 1520 Stone (D)	Public Records Amends the State Public Records Act. Removes requests for usage rates of industrial, institutional, and commercial water users from that exception to required disclosure. EMWD's Position: Oppose Priority: A Reviewed by: Danielle Coats, Jolene Walsh, Debby Cherney
AB 1552 Allen T (R)	Public Contracts: Businesses Engaged in Boycott Prohibits a public entity from entering into a contract to acquire or dispose of goods, services, information technology, or construction unless the contract includes a representation that the contractor will not during the duration of the contract engage in the boycott of a person or entity based in or doing business with a jurisdiction with which the state can enjoy open trade. EMWD's Position: Oppose Priority: B Reviewed by: Chris Teague
AB 1555 Gomez (D)	Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund Appropriates funds from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund for the 2016-17 fiscal year to various state agencies in specified amounts for various purposes, including low carbon transportation and infrastructure, clean energy communities, community climate improvements, wetland and watershed restoration, and carbon sequestration. Reserves a portion from the fund to fund future legislative priorities. EMWD's Position: Support Priority: A Reviewed by: Danielle Coats
AB 1585 Alejo (D)	Monterey County Water Resources Agency: Lakes Appropriates a specified amount of funds from the General Fund to the Department of Water Resources. Requires the Department to grant a specified amount to the Monterey County Water Resources Agency for the purpose of constructing a water conveyance tunnel between Lake Nacimiento and Lake San Antonio and spillway modifications at Lake San Antonio. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Danielle Coats
AB 1586 Mathis (R)	Environmental Quality Act: Temperance Flat Reservoir Prohibits the court, in an action or proceeding alleging a violation of the California Environmental Quality Act, from staying or enjoining the construction or operation of the Temperance Flat Reservoir unless the court makes certain findings. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Danielle Coats

AB 1587	Groundwater
Mathis (R)	Requires, in implementing competitive grants under the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014, for projects that develop and implement groundwater planning requirements, special consideration be given to those projects that would create groundwater recharge basins in areas of fallow farmland. Appropriates a specified amount of funding from the proceeds of the Act for the purposes of the grant program.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
	Reviewed by: John Daverin, Bonnie Wright
AB 1589	Environmental Quality Act: Exemption:Drought Mitigation
Mathis (R)	Exempts from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act, for the duration of a state of emergency proclaimed by the Governor due to drought conditions, certain projects that are undertaken, carried out, or approved by a public agency to mitigate those drought conditions.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
	Reviewed by: Jayne Joy
AB 1590	State Water Resources Control Board: Appointments
Mathis (R)	Requires that additional members be appointed to the State Water Resources Control Board by the Legislature. Requires that vacancies be immediately filled by the appointing power.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
	Reviewed by: Beth Lovsted, Jayne Joy
AB 1608	State Government
Budget Cmt	Provides provisions regarding State government to include the regulation of dispensing opticians, school building construction, the Central Service Cost Recovery Fund, the Department of FISCal, travel and tourism marketing, government claims board revamp, State employee health care, State building construction, the Environmental Quality Act, employment of minors, public works prevailing wages, occupational safety and health, mine safety, economic development tax credits, and workforce development.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
	Reviewed by: Danielle Coats
AB 1611	Public Resources
Budget Cmt	Relates to provisions regarding public resources to include water flow violation penalties, water flow diversion application fees, permit fees for the incidental taking of endangered species and criminal penalties for such taking without a permit, seed law enforcement, the oil spill response fee and trust fund, environmental justice, treated wood waste management, hazardous waste facility fees, evaluating chemicals of concern, motor vehicle emissions standards, drinking water standards, forest restoration.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
	Reviewed by: Danielle Coats

AB 1612	Public Resources: Energy
Budget Cmt	Relates to provisions governing energy public resources to include a study prior to injecting biomethane into common carrier gas pipelines, electrical corporation procurement of a specified amount of megawatts of generating capacity, interconnection requirements, Green Tariff share renewables program, the State solar initiative, solar energy, energy savings contracts, pipeline safety and inspection, alternative fuel vehicle research, electric retrofit contracts, and appliance efficiency assistance.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
	Reviewed by: Dan Howell
AB 1629	Greenhouse Gas Emissions
Budget Cmt	Requires the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency to support the development of sustainable communities by managing and awarding financial assistance for the preparation and implementation of specified green infrastructure projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and provide multiple benefits. Requires completion of a greenhouse gas emissions inventory. Makes changes concerning the Clean Vehicle Rebate Project, forest resource improvement projects, forest conservation and fire prevention.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
	Reviewed by: Danielle Coats
AB 1640	Retirement: Public Employees
Stone (D)	Extends indefinitely a specified exemption under the Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2013 for those public employees, whose collective bargaining rights are subject to specified provisions of federal law and who became a member of a state or local public retirement system prior to specified date. Exempts these employees from the California Public Employees' Pension Reform Act without regard to date of hire upon issuance of a specified federal district court decision.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
	Reviewed by: Denise Bowman
AB 1647	Environmental Quality: Water Storage Facilities
Waldron (R)	Exempts from the Environmental Quality Act a project to expand the storage capacity of an existing surface water storage facility, or to replace an existing surface water storage facility, that is owned and operated by a public entity if that public entity adopts, by resolution, findings and declarations that the project meets specified criteria.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
	Reviewed by: Jayne Joy

AB 1649 Salas (D)	<p>State Water Policy: Storage: Joint Powers Authorities</p> <p>Requires the Department of Water Resources to develop a State water policy giving priority to the formation of joint powers authorities to address critical surface water storage needs and to funding of surface water projects. Provides that specified projects will meet statewide goals and provide specified public benefits to the greatest extent.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Danielle Coats</p>
AB 1683 Eggman (D)	<p>Alternative Energy Financing</p> <p>Provides that, if less than a specified total amount of funding is granted in a calendar year, the unallocated amount may roll over to the following calendar year. Increases the membership of the Alternative Energy and Advanced Transportation Financing Authority.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Danielle Coats</p>
AB 1694 Lackey (R)	<p>Grant Program for School Drinking Water</p> <p>Requires the State Water Resources Control Board to establish a grant program for grants to public elementary and secondary schools to improve access to, and the quality of drinking water. Specifies various types of projects for which the grants could be awarded. Provides the priority for such grants. Requires the establishment of grant application procedures. Appropriates funds therefor. Provides such funds would supplement not supplant other state funds apportioned to these local agencies.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Bonnie Wright</p>
AB 1698 Hadley (R)	<p>Renewable Energy</p> <p>Discontinues the Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC) surcharge and repeals the EPIC Fund. Creates the Green and Renewable Energy Enlisting New Technologies (GREEN) Fund to fund the GREEN program. Transfers the previously collected EPIC moneys to a specified account within the GREEN Fund.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Dan Howell, Joe Mouawad</p>
AB 1704 Dodd (D)	<p>Water Rights: Irrigation: Lake or Streambed Agreements</p> <p>Allows for a water use registrant to construct a facility to store water for small irrigation use during periods of high streamflow in exchange for the registrant reducing diversions during periods of low streamflow. Authorizes the issuance and renewal of registrations on those streamflow segments if the registration is consistent with applicable streamflow requirements. Relates updated procedures governing the diversion of water and notification of proposed registration.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: John Daverin</p>

AB 1707	Public Records: Response to Request
Linder (R)	Requires a public records denial of a request to be in writing regardless of whether the request was in writing. Requires such response to include a list that contains the title or other identification of each record requested but withheld due to an exemption and the specific exemption that applies to that record.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
	Reviewed by: Michelle Herrington
AB 1713	Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta: Peripheral Canal
Eggman (D)	Prohibits the construction of a peripheral canal in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta unless expressly authorized by an initiative voted on by the voters of California, and requires the Legislative Analyst's Office to complete a prescribed economic feasibility analysis prior to a vote authorizing the construction of a peripheral canal.
	EMWD's Position: Oppose Priority: A
	Reviewed by: Danielle Coats, Jolene Walsh
AB 1717	Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund
Hadley (R)	Reappropriates a specified percentage of the annual proceeds of the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund designated for the high-speed rail project to the Transportation Agency for the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program under specified conditions.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
	Reviewed by: Danielle Coats, Bonnie Wright
AB 1738	Building Standards: Dark Graywater
McCarty (D)	Defines dark graywater as a specified wastewater that comes from kitchen sinks and dishwashers. Requires the Department of Housing and Community Development, at the next triennial building standards rulemaking cycle, to develop and submit for approval building standards for the construction, installation, and alteration of dark graywater systems for indoor and outdoor uses.
	EMWD's Position: Oppose Priority: A
	Reviewed by: Jayne Joy, Jim Lee, Jeff Wall
AB 1759	Hydrogen Fluoride: Notice of Use: Substitution
Bonta (D)	Requires an owner or operator of an oil refinery that uses hydrogen fluoride, hydrofluoric acid, or modified hydrofluoric acid in its operations to send out biannual notices to each business, school, child care facility, library, church, community facility, senior facility, and residence within a specified radius of the refinery. Requires a business that handles, maintains, or stores more than a specified amount of hydrogen fluoride or hydrofluoric acid to convert to a known, much less hazardous substitute.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
	Reviewed by: Jayne Joy, Jeff Wall

AB 1780	Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: Trade Corridors
Medina (D)	Provides for a continuous appropriation of a percentage of the annual proceeds of the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund to the state Transportation Commission for the Sustainable Trade Corridors Program, with specified guidelines. Relates to transit, affordable housing, sustainable communities, and high-speed rail purposes.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
	Reviewed by: Danielle Coats
AB 1804	Land Use: Development Fees
Melendez (R)	Makes nonsubstantive changes to a provision requiring a local agency that establishes, increases, or imposes a fee as a condition of approval of a developmental project to, determine how there is a reasonable relationship between the fee's use and the type of development project on which the fee is imposed.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
	Reviewed by: Danielle Coats, Heidi Schrader
AB 1812	Public Employees' Retirement
Wagner (R)	Prohibits the retirement benefit paid to a member of any public retirement system whose service is not included in the federal social security system from exceeding a certain sum.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
	Reviewed by: Denise Bowman
AB 1815	Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006
Alejo (D)	Requires the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a comprehensive technical assistance program, upon the appropriation of moneys from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, for eligible applicants assisting eligible communities. Requires the Agency to provide technical assistance to communities based on a specified priority. Requires the Department of Finance to include in a specified investment plan an allocation to the Agency for the technical assistance program.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
	Reviewed by: Danielle Coats
AB 1832	Renewables Portfolio Standard Program
Dahle (R)	Makes a nonsubstantive revision to the provision that requires, to the extent feasible, that the renewable energy procurement plan be proposed, reviewed, and adopted as part of, and pursuant to, the general procurement plan process.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
	Reviewed by: Dan Howell

AB 1851	Vehicular Air Pollution: Reduction Incentives
Gray (D)	Requires the State Air Resources Board to provides specified rebate amount for battery electric vehicles, fuel-cell vehicles, and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles, implements a process to allow eligible applicants to obtain prompt pre-approval from the Board prior to purchasing an eligible vehicle. Authorizes moneys to disadvantaged communities for specified allocations. Provides that there shall be no limit on identifiers issued for use of HOV lanes.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
	Reviewed by: Jayne Joy
AB 1861	Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank Fund
Kim (R)	Makes nonsubstantive changes to the Bergeson-Peace Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank Act, which establishes the Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank Fund.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
	Reviewed by: Heidi Schrader
AB 1866	High-Speed Rail Bond Proceeds: Water Projects
Wilk (R)	Provides that no further bonds shall be sold for high-speed rail purposes pursuant to the Safe, Reliable High-Speed Passenger Train Bond Act for the 21st Century, except as specifically provided with respect to an existing appropriation for high-speed rail purposes for early improvement projects. Requires redirection of the unspent proceeds received from outstanding bonds issued for other high-speed rail purposes to fund capital expenditures for water projects.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
	Reviewed by: Danielle Coats
AB 1871	Coastal Resources: Development: Water Supply Projects
Waldron (R)	Limits the growth-inducing impacts the Coastal Commission may consider in its review of a coastal development permit for a water supply project.
	EMWD's Position: Neutral Priority: D
	Reviewed by: Danielle Coats
AB 1873	Board of Infrastructure Planning, Development, Finance
Holden (D)	Establishes, within the Office of Planning and Research, the Board of Infrastructure Planning, Development, and Finance to categorize and recommend the priority of the State's infrastructure needs and develop funding to finance those projects.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
	Reviewed by: Danielle Coats

AB 1881	Director of Technology: State Baseline Security
Chang (R)	Requires the Director of Technology to develop, tailor, and review and revise baseline security controls for the state based on emerging industry standards and specified baseline security controls. Requires state agencies to comply with, and prohibits state agencies from tailoring their individual baseline security controls to fall below the state baseline security controls. Requires that the director's annual information technology performance report assess and measure certain progress.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
	Reviewed by: Jolene Walsh
AB 1882	Oil and Gas: Groundwater Monitoring
Williams (D)	Requires the Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources to provide an opportunity and the information necessary for the State Water Resources Control Board and the appropriate regional water quality control board to review, comment on, and propose additional requirements for Class II underground injection well projects.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
	Reviewed by: John Daverin
AB 1886	Environmental Quality Act: Transit Priority Projects
McCarty (D)	Amends the Environmental Quality Act that specifies that a project is considered to be within a specified distance of a major transit stop or high quality transit corridor if all parcels within the project have no more than a specified percentage of their area farther than a specified distance from the stop or corridor. Increases, for a transit priority project to meet the requirements for limited Act review, the percentage of that area.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
	Reviewed by: Jayne Joy
AB 1925	Desalination: Statewide Goal
Chang (R)	Requires the State Department of Water Resources to establish a goal of a specific number of acre-feet of drinking water to be desalinated per year by a specified year and a greater number of acre-feet by a later year, as part of a comprehensive water plan that fully evaluates other, specified options.
	EMWD's Position: Support Priority: A
	Reviewed by: Jim Lee, Khos Ghaderi
AB 1948	Compensation: Meal and Rest or Recovery Periods
Wagner (R)	Amends existing law prohibiting an employer from requiring an employee to work during a meal or rest or recovery period. Makes that penalty the entire penalty amount to be awarded to an employee for a violation. Prohibits the imposition of civil or criminal penalties under specified statutes if an employee recovers these provisions, based on the same missed meal or rest period. Requires such payment to be considered a penalty for all purposes, including the statute of limitations on an action.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
	Reviewed by: Denise Bowman

AB 1966 Allen T (R)	Energy: Conventional Power Sources Amends existing law which states that a conventional power source includes, but is not limited to, power derived from the operation of a hydropower facility greater than a specified number of megawatts. Includes the operation of a hydropower facility greater than a specified increased number of megawatts. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Dan Howell, Joe Mouawad
AB 1969 Steinorth (R)	Affordable Housing: Home Purchase Assistance Appropriates a specified amount from the General Fund to the Homebuyer's Downpayment Assistance Program for such assistance. Conditions the application of these funds on an additional requirement the home for which assistance is provided be in a development project that is in a designated infill site, close to public transit, and is located in a city, county, or city and county that reduces developer or impact fees or reduces the regulatory barriers to housing construction for the project. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Charles Turner
AB 1981 Mayes (R)	Environmental Quality Act: Impact Report Makes nonsubstantive changes to existing law which requires the lead agency to determine whether a project may have a significant effect on the environment based on substantial evidence in light of the whole record. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Jayne Joy
AB 1986 Wilk (R)	Water Resources: Permit to Appropriate: Application Requires, if the State Water Resources Control Board has not rendered a final determination on an application for a permit to appropriate water within a specified time period from the date the application to appropriate water was filed, the Board to issue a notice and provide an opportunity for protests before rendering a final determination. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Jayne Joy
AB 1989 Jones (R)	Water and Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Requires the State Water Resources Control Board to develop and implement a grant and low-interest loan program for water projects that result in the net reduction of water-related greenhouse gas emissions. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Beth Lovsted

<p>AB 2002 Stone (D)</p>	<p>Political Reform Act of 1974: Coastal Commission</p> <p>Relates to the Political Reform Act of 1974, the California Coastal Commission and communications. Relates to actions relating to the review, approval, and appeal of permit actions and coastal plans and programs. Requires a Commission member to disclose in writing before a Commission hearing any ex parte communication relating to a matter that will be discussed at the hearing. Prohibits a Commission member or an interested person from conducting an ex parte communication before the Commission hearing.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Danielle Coats</p>
<p>AB 2026 Hadley (R)</p>	<p>Environmental Quality Act: Contributors Identification</p> <p>Requires a plaintiff or petitioner, in an action brought pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, to disclose the identity of a person or entity that contributes in excess of a specified amount toward the plaintiff's or petition's costs of the action. Requires the plaintiff or petitioner to identify any pecuniary or business interest relates to the project or issued involved in the action of any person who contributes in excess of a specified amount to the costs of the action.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Jayne Joy</p>
<p>AB 2038 Gaines B (R)</p>	<p>Environmental Quality Act: Environmental Impact Report</p> <p>Makes nonsubstantive changes to the California Environmental Quality Act.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Jayne Joy</p>
<p>AB 2039 Ting (D)</p>	<p>Solid Waste: Home-Generated Sharps</p> <p>Requires a producer of home-generated sharps or their stewardship organization to submit a home-generated sharps stewardship plan to the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery. Requires a recovery program to reduce the generation of, and manage the end of life of, home-generated sharps. Includes collection rates. Provides for review, plan approval and an administrative fee. Relates to health risk to the public, waste workers and janitors of transmission of HIV, hepatitis, tetanus and syphilis.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Support Priority: A</p> <p>Reviewed by: Danielle Coats</p>
<p>AB 2040 Melendez (R)</p>	<p>Outdoor Water Efficiency Act of 2016: Tax Credits</p> <p>Allows, under the Personal Income Tax Law, a credit for a percentage of the amount paid or incurred by a qualified taxpayer for water-efficiency improvements on qualified real property in the State. Limits the cumulative amount for each qualifying property. Requires the amount of the credit to be multiplied. Requires the taxpayer to obtain and retain a certification of the improvements from the appropriate water agency and to provide a copy of same to the Franchise Tax Board upon request.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Support if amended Priority: A</p> <p>Reviewed by: Beth Lovsted</p>

AB 2042	Water Desalination Facilities
Harper (R)	Declares the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation relating to water desalination facilities.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
	Reviewed by: Danielle Coats, Jeff Wall
AB 2043	Desalination
Harper (R)	States that the Legislature recognizes that desalination is an important local and regional sustainable water supply and reliability option.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
	Reviewed by: Danielle Coats
AB 2059	Junk Dealers and Recyclers: Nonferrous Materials
Garcia E (D)	Exempts from a certain payment by cash or check requirement those sellers of junk or recycling materials who carry a surety bond of a specified minimum sum which exclusively covers the cost of loss to the owner of stolen scrap metal purchased by the dealer or recycler and the cost to local law enforcement of investigating a theft. Defines recoverable cost of loss to the verifiable owner of the scrap metal to be specified damages. Requires a report on related metal theft reduction.
	EMWD's Position: Oppose Priority: A
	Reviewed by: Doug Hefley, Khos Ghaderi
AB 2076	Water and Energy Use Efficiency: Breweries
Garcia (D)	Requires the Department of Water Resources to develop water and energy use efficiency certification guidelines for the production of beer that includes certification seals. Requires the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to consult in label design and approval for the use of a seal on a beer bottle. Provides the procedures for the application of certification of a brewery. Requires the submission of a certification fee.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
	Reviewed by: Beth Lovsted, Danielle Coats
AB 2094	Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: State and Local Funds
Obernolte (R)	Transfers an specified amount of money from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund to the Retail sales Tax Fund annually. States that the transferred revenues shall be considered part of the revenues allocated to local transportation funds from the Retail Sales Tax Fund. Provides that, in each year of the above-stated transfer, a specified amount of money would be appropriated from the Retail Sales Tax Fund for allocation to State highway and local street and road purposes.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
	Reviewed by: Danielle Coats

<p>AB 2099 Stone (D)</p>	<p>Safe Drinking Water Benefit</p> <p>Requires the State Department of Social Services to convene a workgroup to develop recommendations for delivering a water benefit to supplement that purchase of drinking water for low-income households with inadequate access to safe drinking water. Requires a plan for identification of eligible households and the delivery of the benefit to those households. Requires the submission of a report with the recommendations to specified entities.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Jayne Joy</p>
<p>AB 2100 Calderon I (D)</p>	<p>The 21st Century Infrastructure Act of 2016</p> <p>Requires the Public Utilities Commission, the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission, the Independent System Operator, and the State Air Resources Board to review and evaluate their policies and plans for expansion of 21st Century infrastructure and to take other related actions.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Danielle Coats</p>
<p>AB 2109 Dahle (R)</p>	<p>Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction: State Agencies</p> <p>Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 which designates the State Air Resources Board as the state agency charged with monitoring and regulating sources of emissions of greenhouse gases, and requires the Board to adopt a statewide greenhouse gas emission limit equivalent to the statewide greenhouse gas emission level in 1990 to be achieved by 2020.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Danielle Coats</p>
<p>AB 2111 Dahle (R)</p>	<p>Household Hazardous Waste</p> <p>Makes nonsubstantive changes to existing law which authorizes public agencies to operate household hazardous waste collection facilities, and specifies conditions for the transportation of household hazardous waste.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Jayne Joy</p>
<p>AB 2112 Dahle (R)</p>	<p>Safe Drinking Water Act</p> <p>Makes nonsubstantive changes to the provisions vesting the State Water Resources Control Board with specified authorities, including deleting an obsolete subdivision.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Jayne Joy, Jim Lee</p>

<p>AB 2118 Jones-Sawyer (D)</p>	<p>Meyers Miliias Brown Act: Regulations</p> <p>Makes nonsubstantive changes to the Meyers-Miliias-Brown Act. Authorizes local public agencies to adopt reasonable rules and regulations after consultations in good faith with representatives of a recognized employee organization or organizations for the administration of employer-employee relations under the act, which may include specified provisions.</p> <p>EMWD’s Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Danielle Coats</p>
<p>AB 2124 Garcia E (D)</p>	<p>Water: Testing and Reports</p> <p>Requires a person operating a public water system to include samples from schools, day care facilities, and health care facilities, to the extent those locations are within the public water system. Requires reporting to the State Water Resources Control Board information regarding samples taken from those sites. Requires the posting of such information on the Board’s Web site. Requires a report to the entities from where the samples were taken.</p> <p>EMWD’s Position: Concerns Priority: A</p> <p>Reviewed by: Jayne Joy, Amy Mora</p>
<p>AB 2142 Steinorth (R)</p>	<p>Local Government Finance</p> <p>Makes nonsubstantive changes to the provisions pertaining to property tax revenue allocations to qualifying city that merges with a special district.</p> <p>EMWD’s Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Heidi Schrader</p>
<p>AB 2181 Brown (D)</p>	<p>Public Contracts: Contract Specifications</p> <p>Requires an awarding department to prepare and submit to the Legislature and the Governor a report on the greenhouse gas emissions that are associated with energy-intensive products in projects within the jurisdiction of the department. Requires that department to incorporate emission information into its procurement processes, including bid specifications, to procure emissions-intensive products.</p> <p>EMWD’s Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Jayne Joy</p>
<p>AB 2206 Williams (D)</p>	<p>Renewable Gas</p> <p>Requires the State Air Resources Board to consider and adopt a policy or programs to increase the production and use of renewable gas generated by an eligible resource that meets specified requirements.</p> <p>EMWD’s Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Jeff Wall, Dan Howell</p>

<p>AB 2223 Gray (D)</p>	<p>Dairy Methane Reduction</p> <p>Appropriates a specified amount of funds from the General Fund to the Department of Food and Agriculture to provide loans for the implementation of dairy digesters and other dairy methane reduction projects and management practices.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Danielle Coats</p>
<p>AB 2241 Dahle (R)</p>	<p>State Policy for Water Quality Control</p> <p>Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to the existing Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act, relative to the state policy for water quality control which is required to consist of water quality principles and guidelines for long-range resource planning, water quality objectives, and other principles and guidelines for water control.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Jayne Joy</p>
<p>AB 2261 Hernandez R (D)</p>	<p>Division of Labor Standards Enforcement: Duties</p> <p>Authorizes the Division of Labor Standards Enforcement to, with or without receiving a complaint from an employee, commence an investigation of an employer that it suspects to have discharged or otherwise discriminated against an individual in violation of any law under the jurisdiction of the Labor Commissioner.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Denise Bowman</p>
<p>AB 2270 Bonta (D)</p>	<p>Infrastructure and Development Bank: Surety Bond</p> <p>Relates to the California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank surety bond program. Adds private bonding companies to entities considered when calculating the probability that a surety bond would be granted. Authorizes a corporation to act as a guarantor on a surety bond for any small business contractor, including women, minority and disabled veteran contractors. Authorizes the bank to assign the program to another state entity. Continues the small business expansion fund.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Charles Turner, Heidi Schrader</p>
<p>AB 2271 Quirk (D)</p>	<p>Electricity: Research Programs: Peer Review.</p> <p>Requires the public utilities commission to establish an independent peer review of certain research programs proposed by an electrical corporation. Requires the independent peer review of a proposed research program to be conducted upon the commission's receipt of the proposed program. Requires the commission to make available to the public on its Internet Web site the results of the review upon approval of the program. Relates to enhanced seismic studies and surveys of a certain nuclear power plant.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Jolene Walsh, Dan Howell</p>

AB 2276	Greenhouse Gases: Emission Reduction
Brown (D)	Relates to greenhouse gases and emissions reduction. Makes nonsubstantive changes to existing law that requires a project eligible for funding pursuant to the program to be encouraged to promote specified objectives and economic growth, reduce public fiscal costs, support civic partnerships and stakeholder engagement, and integrate and leverage existing housing, transportation, and land use programs.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
	Reviewed by: Danielle Coats
AB 2277	Property Tax Revenue Allocation
Melendez (R)	Requires that each city, county, and city and county receive additional property tax revenues in the form of a vehicle license fee adjustment amount. Modifies transfer provision for a city incorporating after specified dates fiscal year and for each fiscal year thereafter, 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, Heidi Schrader
AB 2292	Global Warming Solutions Act: Disadvantaged Communities
Gordon (D)	Requires the State Environmental Protection Agency to update the State Communities Environmental Health Screening Tool that identifies disadvantaged communities regarding the monitoring and regulation of sources of emissions of greenhouse gases, when it comes to investment opportunities in the multiyear investment plan for moneys in the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
	Reviewed by: Danielle Coats
AB 2304	State Water Market Clearinghouse
Levine (D)	Establishes the State Water Market Clearinghouse within the Natural Resources Agency for making the water transfer and exchange process more transparent and more efficient and to enhance access to voluntary water market transactions. Requires a water market platform on the Clearinghouse's Internet Web site regarding water transfer or exchange. Requires convening a related task force, and requires the Clearinghouse to consider and act on the recommendations regarding transfers or exchanges.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
	Reviewed by: Beth Lovsted
AB 2319	Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank
Gordon (D)	Expands the authority of the California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank by adding affordable housing to the types of projects to which the bank is authorized to provide financial assistance.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
	Reviewed by: Charles Turner, Heidi Schrader

AB 2323 Ridley-Thomas S (D)	<p>Electricity: Rates: Low-Carbon Fuel Production</p> <p>Requires an electrical corporation that offers time-of-use rates, critical peak pricing, real-time pricing, or peak time rebates for the charging of electric vehicles, as part of a program to encourage transportation electrification, to offer similar rates to low-carbon fuel production facilities and public and private fueling stations dedicated to providing low-carbon fuels for transportation purposes. Requires performance accountability measures for such facilities that elect to use established rates.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Jayne Joy</p>
AB 2328 Gipson (D)	<p>Infrastructure Financing</p> <p>Makes a nonsubstantive change to the Bergeson-Peace Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank Act, which authorizes the bank to, among other things, issue revenue bonds for the purpose of financing projects that relate to infrastructure improvements.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Bonnie Wright, Heidi Schrader</p>
AB 2335 Gaines B (R)	<p>Suction Dredge Mining: Permits: Report</p> <p>Requires the state board and the department of fish and wildlife to report to the Legislature on the status of the suction dredge permitting program, relates to suction dredging for the extraction of minerals.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Jayne Joy</p>
AB 2339 Irwin (D)	<p>Net Energy Metering</p> <p>Defines aggregate customer peak demand for the purposes of calculating the net energy metering program limit for electric utilities that have more than a specified number of service connections but are not large electrical corporations. Dictates the manner of calculating aggregate customer peak demand if certain information is unavailable.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Dan Howell</p>
AB 2343 Garcia (D)	<p>Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: Study</p> <p>Amends existing law that requires the Department of Finance to annually submit a report to the appropriate committees of the Legislature on the status of projects funded with moneys in the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund. Requires the Department to include additional data in that annual report.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Danielle Coats</p>

AB 2347	Legislature: Legislative Session Information
Allen T (R)	Requires that the Legislative Counsel make available to the public in electronic form legislative session information for each legislative session after final adjournment of the session.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
	Reviewed by: Danielle Coats
AB 2357	Water Rights: Monitoring and Reporting
Dahle (R)	Restricts the state board's authorization to adopt regulations requiring measurement and reporting of water diversion and use by persons authorized to appropriate water under a registration or certification to uses that are year-round. Includes registration for small domestic, small irrigation, or livestock stockpond use, or a certification for livestock stockpond use.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
	Reviewed by: Beth Lovsted, John Daverin
AB 2373	Merced Irrigation District
Gray (D)	Appropriates funds from the General Fund to the Merced Irrigation District for implementing on-farm irrigation system and water use efficiency improvements for small communal farms in the County of Merced. Requires the District to report specified information related to such funding and how it reduced energy, fuel, and water usage, and to evaluate the effectiveness of expanding the program to assistance on small farms statewide.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
	Reviewed by: Danielle Coats
AB 2378	Theft Legislation
Achadjian (R)	States the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation relating to theft.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
	Reviewed by: Khos Ghaderi
AB 2405	Employment: Employees: Time Off
Gatto (D)	Requires an employer to annually provide an employee a specified minimum number of hours of paid time off for the purpose of a planned absence. Authorizes an employee to use vacation or paid time off, or use unpaid time off, if available, when taking time off under these provisions. Provides a remedy to an employee whose request for time off under these provisions is denied by the employer. Requires the creation of a poster listing the protections available and for an employer to post it at the workplace.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
	Reviewed by: Denise Bowman

<p>AB 2407 Chavez (R)</p>	<p>Workers' Compensation</p> <p>Requires, if an employee's injury affects his or her back, a physician or other medical provider to assess the employee's level of risk for chronic back pain utilizing the medical treatment utilization schedule and determined treatment based on that schedule.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Doug Hefley, Susan Barnes</p>
<p>AB 2409 Wagner (R)</p>	<p>Water Quality Standards: Trash; Single Use Bags</p> <p>Suspends the operation of certain amendments to water quality control plans relating to the total maximum daily load for trash unless the provisions inoperative due to a pending referendum election become effective. Requires the state board to revisit and revise water quality control plans to address impaired water quality due to trash if the law pending referendum is defeated.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Jayne Joy</p>
<p>AB 2413 Thurmond (D)</p>	<p>Sea Level Rise Preparation</p> <p>Requires the Natural Resources Agency to complete a study outlining the potential impact of sea level rise on low-income and at-risk communities and public projects and infrastructure. Requires the agency based on study, to make recommendations on preparing for sea level rise.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Danielle Coats</p>
<p>AB 2418 Jones (R)</p>	<p>Compensating Time Off</p> <p>Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to existing law that authorizes an employee to receive compensating time off in lieu of overtime pay and includes that the compensating time off is provided pursuant to a collective bargaining agreement, or other written agreement.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Denise Bowman</p>
<p>AB 2426 Low (D)</p>	<p>Workplace Charging Station Grant Program</p> <p>Requires the State Air Resources Board to establish and implement the Workplace Charging Stations Grant Program to award grants for the installation of electric vehicle charging stations in commercial parking facilities for employees and visitors. Requires eligible applicants awarded grants to report usage statistics.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Dan Howell</p>

AB 2428	State Highways: Property Leases
Ting (D)	Revises provisions governing leases of Department of Transportation property in the City and County of San Francisco to also authorize leases of property for park, recreational, or open-space purposes, subject to certain additional terms and conditions. Requires the leases would be subject to a requirement to lease property located within a priority development area, to the city and county on a right of first refusal basis, and for a specified number of parcels under certain terms.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
	Reviewed by: Danielle Coats, Dan Howell
AB 2431	Environmental Quality Act: Subsequent Projects
Linder (R)	Makes nonsubstantive changes to the Environmental Quality Act which authorizes the lead agency to prepare a mitigated negative declaration for a proposed subsequent project if certain conditions are met.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
	Reviewed by: Jayne Joy
AB 2438	Environmental Quality Act
Waldron (R)	Relates to the Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Exempts from CEQA a project for the construction and installation of a new pipeline or the maintenance, repair, restoration, reconditioning, relocation, replacement, removal, or demolition of an existing pipeline for the distribution of recycled water within a public street, highway, or right-of-way. Requires a public hearing.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
	Reviewed by: Jayne Joy
AB 2444	Water, Climate, Coastal Protection and Outdoor Access
Garcia E (D)	Enacts the California Parks, Water, Climate, and Coastal Protection and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018 which, if approved by voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in an unspecified amount pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance a water, climate, and coastal protection and outdoor access for all program.
	EMWD's Position: Support Priority: B
	Reviewed by: Jolene Walsh, Bonnie Wright
AB 2456	Public Employee Retirement Benefits: Prefunding
Cooley (D)	Requires the Board of Administration of the Public Employee's Retirement System to develop, establish, and administer the State Employer's Pension Prefunding Trust Program in order to encourage State and local public employers that provide a defined benefit pension plan to their employees to effectively manage their pension contributions.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
	Reviewed by: Denise Bowman

<p>AB 2461 Grove (R)</p>	<p>Labor Code Private Attorneys General Act of 2004</p> <p>Limits a violation for which an aggrieved employee is authorized to bring civil action under the Labor Code Private Attorneys General Act for violations of certain provisions affecting employees. Requires the employee to follow specified procedures before bringing an action.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Denise Bowman, Doug Hefley</p>
<p>AB 2462 Grove (R)</p>	<p>Labor Code Private Attorneys General Act of 2004</p> <p>Provides an employer with the right to cure any violation of the Labor Code before an employee may bring a civil action. Provides that right would be provided before, and in addition to, any other specified procedures the employee is required to follow prior to bringing an action.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Denise Bowman, Doug Hefley</p>
<p>AB 2463 Grove (R)</p>	<p>Labor Code Private Attorneys General Act of 2004</p> <p>Amends the Labor Code Private Attorneys General Act of 2004 which authorizes a court, in an action by an aggrieved employee seeking recovery of a civil penalty, to award a lesser amount than the maximum civil penalty if that penalty would be unjust, arbitrary and oppressive, or confiscatory. Establishes a cap on that penalty for each aggrieved employee.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Denise Bowman, Doug Hefley</p>
<p>AB 2464 Grove (R)</p>	<p>Labor Code Private Attorneys General Act of 2004</p> <p>Amends the Labor Code Private Attorneys General Act of 2004. Authorizes a court to dismiss an action as to an aggrieved employee seeking recovery of a civil penalty, after notice and hearing, the court finds that the aggrieved employee suffered no appreciable physical or economic harm.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Denise Bowman, Doug Hefley</p>
<p>AB 2465 Grove (R)</p>	<p>Labor Code Private Attorneys General Act of 2004</p> <p>Amends the Labor Code Private Attorneys General Act, which authorizes an aggrieved employee to bring a civil action to recover specified civil penalties that would otherwise be assessed by the Labor and Workforce Development Agency. Requires the agency, after receiving notification of an alleged violation, to investigate the alleged violation and determine if there is a reasonable basis for a civil action.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Denise Bowman, Doug Hefley</p>

AB 2468 Hadley (R)	Public Employees' Retirement System Authorizes a public agency that has contracted with the Board of Administration of PERS to offer an alternative formula from that required by the California Public Employees Pension Reform Act to be applicable to certain miscellaneous, nonsafety employees, if specified contingencies are satisfied. Requires that such employees who are not new members, that were employed by a public employer that did not contract with PERS until a specified date, be covered by a default benefit formula. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Denise Bowman
AB 2475 Gordon (D)	Loan Program: Infrastructure and Economic Development Establishes the Local Government Affordable Housing Forgivable Loan Program. Requires loans to a local government for the development of affordable housing on terms and conditions deemed in the best interests of the State. Excuses a local government from being required to repay either a portion or all of the principal and interest on the loan if specified requirements are met. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Bonnie Wright, Charles Turner
AB 2514 Brown (D)	Redevelopment: Successor Agencies to Redevelopment Includes federal base reuse obligations for the former Norton Air Force Base pursuant to specified agreements as preexisting obligation to the state or obligation imposed by state law. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Charles Turner
AB 2525 Holden (D)	Water Efficient Landscaping Requires the Department of Water Resources to create the State Water Efficient Landscaping Program for the purpose of encouraging local agencies and water purveyors to use economic incentives that promote the efficient use of water, promote the benefits of consistent landscape ordinances, and support and enhance water inefficient grass replacement. Creates the Water Efficiency Landscaping Fund. EMWD's Position: Support Priority: B Reviewed by: Beth Lovsted
AB 2534 Nazarian (D)	Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy: Los Angeles River Requires the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy to establish the Los Angeles River San Fernando Valley Regional Access and Economic Sustainability Working Group to evaluate and make recommendations for conservancy action pertaining to public access and business integration needs, opportunities, and constraints in areas along and in the vicinity of the Los Angeles River in the San Fernando Valley. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Danielle Coats

<p>AB 2543 Gordon (D)</p>	<p>State Buildings: Efficiency and Conservation</p> <p>Requires the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission to develop a plan to exploit cost-effective energy efficiency and water conservation measures in state facilities. Requires the Department of General Services to submit recommendations on energy efficiency and water conservation goals to the Governor and Legislature.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Support Priority: B</p> <p>Reviewed by: Beth Lovsted</p>
<p>AB 2550 Patterson (R)</p>	<p>Instream Flow Curtailments and Compensation</p> <p>Requires the State Water Resources Control Board to financially compensate a person who is unable to divert the full amount of water authorized under his or her permit or license due to a board-issued instream flow curtailment, and a person who is required to file a statement of diversion and use is unable to divert the same amount of water in the succeeding year due to a board-issued instream flow curtailment.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Beth Lovsted, John Daverin</p>
<p>AB 2555 Levine (D)</p>	<p>Building Standards: Water Conserving Plumbing Fixtures</p> <p>Requires the State Building Standards Commission to develop regulations and mandatory building standards for the installation of water conserving plumbing fixtures in existing nonresidential and public buildings, including installation in all nonresidential buildings by a specified date.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Beth Lovsted, Jolene Walsh</p>
<p>AB 2573 Gaines B (R)</p>	<p>Unemployment Compensation Benefits</p> <p>Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to existing law that provides for the payment of unemployment compensation benefits to eligible individuals.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Denise Bowman</p>
<p>AB 2578 Bigelow (R)</p>	<p>Environmental Quality Act: Exemptions: Water Service</p> <p>Exempts from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act, a project within a public street or highway or other public right-of-way for the maintenance, repair, restoration, reconditioning, relocation, replacement, removal or demolition of an existing water distribution pipeline to address water leakage. Exempts activities undertaken by a local agency in response to a drought to acquire water supplies, extend service, or provide water for drinking and sanitation.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Jayne Joy</p>

AB 2583	Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Reform Act of 2009
Frazier (D)	Relates to the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Reform Act of 2009, the Delta Stewardship Council, the Delta Plan and the California WaterFix. Provides that the new Delta water conveyance infrastructure is interdependent parts of a system. Amends the point of diversion to a point on the Sacramento River. Prohibits construction of a new Delta conveyance facility until contracts are signed by contractors who will receive the water that commit them to pay costs and to mitigate facility property taxes.
	EMWD's Position: Oppose Priority: A
	Reviewed by: Jolene Walsh
AB 2585	Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: Biomethane
Williams (D)	Requires the State Air Resources Board to review any regulation adopted as part of a market-based compliance mechanism to consider the intended purpose and consistency of requirements aimed to prevent resources shuffling among all fuels subject to the regulation.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
	Reviewed by: Danielle Coats
AB 2595	State Cybersecurity Integration Center
Linder (R)	Establishes the State Cybersecurity Integration Center to develop cybersecurity strategy for the State. Authorizes federal homeland security grant funding. Requires prioritization of such grant funding for prevention measures. Specifies the authority of the Director of Emergency Services to administer the grant program to respond to statewide emergencies requiring immediate attention.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
	Reviewed by: Danielle Coats
AB 2601	Building Standard: Residential Property: Graywater
Eggman (D)	Requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to adopt and submit to Building Standards Commission for approval amendments to the building standards adopted pursuant to these provisions that require that all new single-family and duplex residential dwelling units include specified components to allow the separate discharge of graywater for direct irrigation.
	EMWD's Position: Oppose Priority: A
	Reviewed by: Jayne Joy, Jim Lee
AB 2612	Urban Open-Space and Recreation Program
Brown (D)	Makes nonsubstantive changes to the Roberti-Z'berg-Harris Urban Open-Space and Recreation Program Act and defines certain terms for these purposes.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
	Reviewed by: Danielle Coats

<p>AB 2617 Mayes (R)</p>	<p>Water Efficiency Measures</p> <p>Requires the Department of Water Resources to develop and solicit comments on a proposed report and, to issue a final report that contains recommendations to public entities to help them achieve water-resilient communities and prioritize cost-effective water efficiency measures with low adverse environmental impacts based on local conditions.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Beth Lovsted</p>
<p>AB 2627 Bloom (D)</p>	<p>Department of General Services</p> <p>Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to the State Contract Act that requires the Department of General Services to make available a report on contracting activity containing specified information.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Danielle Coats</p>
<p>AB 2628 Levine (D)</p>	<p>Political Reform Act of 1974: Employment Restrictions</p> <p>Requires each state and local agency that maintains an Internet Web site to make available a statement of economic interest filed by the agency's elected and appointed officials. Prohibits an elected or appointed officer of a state or local agency, for a specified period, from maintaining employment with or being a compensated consultant of any other board, commission, or other body on which the officer served as a member while holding the elective or appointed office. Relates to lobbying.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Jolene Walsh</p>
<p>AB 2634 Gaines B (R)</p>	<p>Workers' Compensation</p> <p>Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to existing law which establishes a workers' compensation system, administered by the Administrative Director of the Division of Workers' Compensation, to compensate and employee for injuries sustained in the course of his or her employment.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Doug Hefley, Susan Barnes</p>
<p>AB 2639 Garcia E (D)</p>	<p>Water Quality: Porter-Cologne Water Quality</p> <p>Makes nonsubstantive changes to the State Water Resources Control Board and the California regional water quality control boards that prescribe waste discharge requirements in accordance with 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 2653	Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: Report
Garcia E (D)	Requires the Department of Finance to include additional information in its annual report to the Legislature including the greenhouse gas emission reductions attributable to each project and geographic location, industry sector, and number of employees the business entities receiving moneys from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund. Requires State agencies expending moneys from the Fund to condition the acceptance thereof on the recipient providing information necessary to meet the reporting requirements.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
	Reviewed by: Danielle Coats
AB 2657	Water Quality and Infrastructure Improvement
Chu (D)	Makes nonsubstantive changes to the provisions regarding the Water Quality, Supply and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014, to finance the Water Quality, Supply and Infrastructure Improvement Program with general obligation bonds. Relates to a water management plan.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
	Reviewed by: Bonnie Wright
AB 2697	Successor Agencies: Disposal of Assets and Properties
Bonilla (D)	Requires a successor agency, prior to the disposal of land of the former redevelopment agency, to send a written offer to sell for the purposes of developing low- and moderate-income housing to any local public entity within whose jurisdiction the land is located. Requires the sale of land of the former redevelopment agency to be subject to certain requirements relating to affordable housing.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
	Reviewed by: Charles Turner
AB 2702	Greenhouse Gases: Study
Atkins (D)	Requires the State Air Resources Board to conduct a study that outlines best practices and policies for meeting State goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Authorizes the Board to collaborate with air pollution control and air quality management districts.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
	Reviewed by: Jayne Joy
AB 2720	State Government: Office of Information Security
Chau (D)	Authorizes the establishment of a Cybersecurity Vulnerability Reporting Reward Program for the purpose of soliciting eligible individuals to identify and report previously unknown vulnerabilities in state computer networks and making a monetary award for an eligible report. Provides the development of policies, standards, and procedures for the administration of the program, including eligibility and award criteria. Specified the minimum and maximum award.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
	Reviewed by: Danielle Coats

<p>AB 2735 Jones-Sawyer (D)</p>	<p>Public Employees Unused Leave Credit</p> <p>Authorizes certain public employees to elect annually to be paid at their regular rate of pay for up to a certain number of hours of eligible unused leave credit.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Denise Bowman</p>
<p>AB 2753 Grove (R)</p>	<p>Public Employment: Employment Bargaining</p> <p>Requires an organization that provides representation to public employees in labor negotiations with a state or local public employer to place an itemized version of its budget on its Internet Web site. Requires a public employee organization to provide its members a means of asking questions about financial issues.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Denise Bowman</p>
<p>AB 2754 Grove (R)</p>	<p>Public Employee Bargaining Representatives: Elections</p> <p>Requires an organization that provides representation to public employees in labor negotiations with a state or local public employer to hold an election to determine if the current labor union should continue to represent those members of the organization. Provides instructions regarding the holding of such election via email.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Denise Bowman</p>
<p>AB 2769 Patterson (R)</p>	<p>Renewable Energy</p> <p>Makes a nonsubstantive change to existing law that establishes the California Renewables Portfolio Standards Program with the target to increase the amount of electricity generated per year from eligible renewable energy resources to an amount that equals at least 50% of the total electricity sold to retail customers.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Dan Howell</p>
<p>AB 2773 Quirk (D)</p>	<p>Biomethane</p> <p>Amends existing law that requires the Public Utilities Commission to adopt standards to ensure the protection of human health and pipeline and pipeline facility integrity and safety by establishing a biomethane minimum heating value which is a measure of the energy content, a biomethane siloxane trigger level, which gives rise to a monitoring requirement, and a biomethane siloxane lower action level, which is used in screening gas supplies. Requires modification of the value of those levels.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Dan Howell</p>

AB 2778	California Environmental Quality Act: Lead Agency
Salas (D)	<p>Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes 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 an environmental impact report on a project that it proposes to carry out or approve that may have a significant effect on the environment.</p>
	<p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p>
	<p>Reviewed by: Jayne Joy</p>
AB 2781	Supplemental Environmental Projects
Garcia E (D)	<p>Requires an assurance that no less than a certain percent of certain enforcement action monetary penalties received by certain boards, departments, and offices within the Environmental Protection Agency is allocated to supplemental environmental projects in disadvantaged communities. Requires each board, department, and office within the agency to compile and submit specified information to the agency and requires the agency to consolidate that information and post it on the agency's Internet Web site.</p>
	<p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p>
	<p>Reviewed by: Jayne Joy</p>
AB 2823	Public Records
Gatto (D)	<p>Requires a State agency to disclose the cover page and signature block of a proposed alternative investment agreement and certain provisions in the alternative investment agreement or related documents that govern the reclaiming of money or benefits under stated conditions.</p>
	<p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p>
	<p>Reviewed by: Danielle Coats</p>
AB 2835	Public Employees: Orientation Programs
Cooper (D)	<p>Requires certain public employers to provide newly hired employees a specified public employee orientation within a certain number of months of hiring. Requires, if employees are represented, that an exclusive representative be given certain notice in advance of the orientation. Requires that a representative be permitted to make a presentation. Requires an affected public employee to provide certain employee information to a representative. Excepts certain in-home supportive services providers.</p>
	<p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p>
	<p>Reviewed by: Denise Bowman</p>
AB 2851	State Mandates
Maienschein (R)	<p>Makes a technical, nonsubstantive change to the California Constitution regarding when the Legislature or a state agency mandates a new program or higher level of service on any local government.</p>
	<p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p>
	<p>Reviewed by: Danielle Coats</p>

<p>AB 2895 Hernandez R (D)</p>	<p>Employee Safety: Injury Prevention Programs</p> <p>Requires an employer to keep a complete, updated copy of a written injury prevention program at certain worksites and to make the copy available to any employee upon request. Requires a worksite copy to be in English and in the language spoken by the majority of the employees at the worksite. Entitles an employee to injunctive relief if an employer has not timely responded to a written request for a complete copy of the written injury prevention program.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Doug Hefley, Susan Barnes</p>
<p>AB 2898 Hernandez R (D)</p>	<p>Private Attorneys General Act of 2004</p> <p>Amends the Labor Code Private Attorneys General Act of 2004. Authorizes an aggrieved employee to bring a civil action to recover civil penalties on behalf of the employee and other current or former employees for the violation of certain provisions affecting employees.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Denise Bowman</p>
<p>AB 2909 Levine (D)</p>	<p>Water: Transfer or Exchange: Expedited Review</p> <p>Requires the Water Resources Board to develop and implement an expedited review process for approval or petitions to temporarily change the point of diversion, place of use, or purpose of use due to a transfer or exchange of water or water rights if the transfer is for a recurring water transfer or an environmentally beneficial transfer. Requires the development of a review process for reoccurring water transfers that utilize facilities of the State Water Project.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Beth Lovsted, Jolene Walsh</p>
<p>ACA 3 Gallagher (R)</p>	<p>Public Employees' Retirement</p> <p>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.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Denise Bowman</p>
<p>ACA 8 Bloom (D)</p>	<p>Local Government Financing: Water Facilities: Voters</p> <p>Proposes an amendment to the Constitution to create an exception to a limit for a rate imposed by a city, county, city and county, or special district to service bonded indebtedness incurred to fund the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of wastewater treatment facilities and related infrastructure, potable water producing facilities and related infrastructure, nonpotable water producing facilities and related infrastructure, and stormwater treatment facilities and infrastructure.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Support Priority: A</p> <p>Reviewed by: Danielle Coats, Jolene Walsh</p>

ACA 9	Legislature: Legislative Vacancies
Gomez (D)	Proposes an amendment to the Constitution to requires the Governor to fill a vacancy in either house of the Legislature by making an appointment within a specified time period for a specified list of persons nominated. Provides specified qualifications of the persons nominated. Provides the time period for a Member who vacates his or her seat before the expiration of his or her term of office, other than for medical reasons, must wait in order to lobby for compensation.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
	Reviewed by: Danielle Coats
AJR 36	Overflow Water: Beneficial Use
Mathis (R)	Declares that overflow water from reservoirs that are a part of the federal Central Valley Project should be redirected to the most beneficial use and released in the Central Valley and that the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta pumping facilities should divert water from being wastefully sent out to the Pacific Ocean and instead sent to areas where the water is critically needed.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
	Reviewed by: Danielle Coats, Jolene Walsh
SB 20	Low Carbon Fuels Council
Pavley (D)	Creates the Low Carbon Fuels Council to coordinate State agencies' activities that are related to the acceleration and development of the instate production of low carbon fuels and very low carbon transportation fuels.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
	Reviewed by: Danielle Coats
SB 91	Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: Investment Plan
Budget and Fiscal Review Cmt	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	Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: Investment Plan
Budget and Fiscal Review Cmt	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 207	Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund
Wieckowski (D)	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.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
	Reviewed by: Danielle Coats
SB 248	Oil and Gas
Pavley (D)	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.
	EMWD's Position: Support Priority: B
	Reviewed by: John Daverin
SB 330	Public Officers: Contracts: Financial Interest
Mendoza (D)	Amends existing law the 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 471	Water, Energy, Reduction of Greenhouse Gas Emissions
Pavley (D)	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.
	EMWD's Position: Support Priority: A
	Reviewed by: Jayne Joy, Jeff Wall, Dan Howell
SB 551	State Water Policy: Water and Energy Efficiency
Wolk (D)	Declares the policy of the state that water use and water treatment shall operate in a manner that is as energy efficient as in 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 563	Workers' Compensation: Utilization Review
Pan (D)	<p>Relates to an employer's utilization review process under workers' compensation. Prohibits an employer, or any entity conducting such review on behalf of the employer, from offering or providing any financial incentive or consideration to a physician based on the number of modification, delays, or denials made by the physician. Authorizes the review any such related compensation agreement, payment schedule, or contract. Makes information disclosed confidential, with exceptions.</p>
	<p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p>
	<p>Reviewed by: Doug Hefley, Susan Barnes</p>
SB 573	Statewide Open Data Portal
Pan (D)	<p>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.</p>
	<p>EMWD's Position: Support Priority: B</p>
	<p>Reviewed by: Danielle Coats</p>
SB 789	Sale of Water by Local Public Entities: Excise Tax
Wieckowski (D)	<p>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.</p>
	<p>EMWD's Position: Oppose Priority: A</p>
	<p>Reviewed by: Danielle Coats, Jolene Walsh</p>
SB 849	Oil Spills
Budget and Fiscal Review Cmt	<p>Amends the Lempert-Keene-Seastrand Oil Spill Prevention and Response Act. Reduces the amount of penalty by the amount of released oil that is recovered and properly disposed of. Requires the Administrator for Oil Spill Response to adopt regulations governing the method for determining the amount of oil that is recovered and property disposed of.</p>
	<p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p>
	<p>Reviewed by: John Daverin</p>

SB 885	Contracts: Design Professionals: Indemnity
Wolk (D)	Specifies, for contracts, that a design professional only the has the duty to defend claims that arise out of, or pertain or relate to, negligence, recklessness, or willful misconduct of the design professional. Prohibits a waiver of these provisions. Updates claims defense procedures. Provides any clause, covenant, or agreement contained in, collateral to, or affecting a contract that requires a design professional to defend claims or lawsuits against other persons or entities is void and unenforceable.
	EMWD's Position: Oppose Priority: A
	Reviewed by: Bruce Mitzel
SB 886	Electricity: Energy Storage Systems
Pavley (D)	Requires the Public Utilities Commission to determine appropriate targets for each load-serving entity to procure viable and cost-effective energy storage systems to be achieved by the specified date. Requires the commission to require electrical corporations to offer time-of-use pricing or dynamic pricing to customers using energy storage at their premises. Requires each community choice aggregator to determine targets for viable and cost-effective energy storage systems.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
	Reviewed by: Jeff Wall, Dan Howell
SB 925	State Air Resources Board
Gaines T (R)	Makes a nonsubstantive change to existing law that designates the State Air Resources Board as the state agency charged with coordinating efforts to attain and maintain ambient air quality standards.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
	Reviewed by: Jayne Joy
SB 949	Emergency Services: Critical Infrastructure
Jackson (D)	Authorizes the Governor to require owners and operators of critical infrastructure to submit infrastructure information to the Office of Emergency Services, or any other designee, for the purposes of gathering, analyzing, communicating, or disclosing critical infrastructure information. Provides that such information would be confidential and not subject to disclosure under the Public Records Act, subpoena, or discovery, or admissible as evidence in any private action.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
	Reviewed by: Doug Hefley
SB 956	Identity Theft
Anderson (R)	Makes a technical, nonsubstantive change to existing law that makes it a public offense for a person to acquire or retain possession of, or sell, transfer, or convey, the personal identifying information of another person with the intent to defraud.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
	Reviewed by: Danielle Coats

SB 993 Fuller (R)	Renewable Energy Resources Makes nonsubstantive changes to an authorization for an electrical corporation to apply to the Public Utilities Commission for approval to construct, own, and operate an eligible renewable energy resource. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Jeff Wall, Dan Howell
SB 995 Pavley (D)	Well Standards Requires the Department of Water Resources to update well standards for water wells, monitoring wells and cathodic protection wells based on existing knowledge and to submit these standards to the State Water Resources Control Board. Includes abandonment ordinances. Requires the state board to revise the model ordinances upon receipt of the standards. EMWD's Position: Support Priority: B Reviewed by: John Daverin
SB 1020 Wieckowski (D)	Land Use: Mitigation Lands Authorizes a regional park district, regional park and open-space district, and regional open-space district to meet a specified mitigation obligation by possessing budget reserves in excess of funds required to meet the mitigation obligation and retain permanent stewardship and maintenance staff to manage the resource. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Kelley Gage
SB 1026 Nielsen (R)	Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreements Relates to lake or streambed alteration agreement. Limits the diversions and obstructions governed by alteration agreement requirements to the diversions and obstructions that alter the bed, channel, or bank of a river, stream or lake. Exempts routine maintenance and repair of facilities for instream agricultural diversions. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Danielle Coats
SB 1043 Allen (D)	Biogas and Biomethane Requires the State Air Resources Board to consider and adopt policies to significantly increase the sustainable production and use of biogas. Requires the Board, to ensure the production and use of renewable gas provides direct environmental benefits and identify barriers to the rapid development and use of biogas and potential sources of funding. Revises the definition of biogas and biomethane for pipeline integrity and safety purposes. EMWD's Position: Support Priority: B Reviewed by: Jeff Wall, Dan Howell

SB 1086	Public Employees: Retirement
Morrell (R)	Makes a nonsubstantive change to the Public Employee's Retirement Law, which created the Public Employee's Retirement System (PERS), providing a defined benefit to its members based on age at retirement, service credit, and final compensation.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
	Reviewed by: Denise Bowman
SB 1096	Waste Discharge Requirements
Berryhill (R)	Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act which requires each regional water quality control board, after any necessary hearing, to prescribe waste discharge requirements to implement relevant water quality control plans, and authorizes the State Water Resources Control Board, after any necessary hearing, to prescribe waste discharge requirements.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
	Reviewed by: Jayne Joy
SB 1153	Greenhouse Gases: Scoping Plan: Biomethane
Cannella (R)	Amends the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 which requires the State Air Resources Board to prepare and approve a scoping plan for achieving the maximum technologically feasible and cost-effective reductions in greenhouse emissions and to update the plan on a specified time basis. Requires the State Board, as a part of the update to the scoping plan, to provide a comprehensive overview of State efforts to encourage the development of in-state biomethane and renewable natural gas.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
	Reviewed by: Dan Howell
SB 1164	Sustainable Groundwater Management Act
Cannella (R)	Makes a nonsubstantive change to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act that requires all groundwater basins designated as high- or medium-priority basins by the Department of Water Resources that are designated as basins subject to critical conditions of overdraft to be managed under a groundwater sustainability plan or coordinated groundwater sustainability plans.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
	Reviewed by: John Daverin
SB 1170	Public Contracts: Water Pollution Prevention Plans
Wieckowski (D)	Relates to public contracts and pollution prevention plans. Prohibits a public entity, charter city, or charter county from delegating to a contractor the development of a plan to prevent or reduce water pollution or runoff on a public works contract, or to assume responsibility for the completeness and accuracy of a plan developed by that entity. Exempts contracts that use specified procurement methods if the contractor or construction manager is required to retain a plan developer for the project owners.
	EMWD's Position: Oppose Priority: A
	Reviewed by: Jayne Joy

SB 1173	Plumbing Fixtures: CalConserve Water Use Efficiency
Hertzberg (D)	Requires for commercial property the replacement of any noncompliant fixture or fitting in specified additions, alterations, and improvements to such property and the replacement of any noncompliant plumbing fixture or fitting in all such property in accordance with a specified schedule based on floor space. Provides related definitions. Authorizes county offices of education and school district boards to receive moneys from the CalConserve Water Use Efficiency Fund for efficiency projects.
	EMWD's Position: Support Priority: B
	Reviewed by: Beth Lovsted
SB 1213	Renewable Energy: Biosolids: Matching Grants
Wieckowski (D)	Requires the Energy Resources Conservation Commission to develop and implement the Biosolids to Clean Energy Grant Program to provide matching funds to local wastewater agencies for biosolids to clean energy capital projects. Appropriates a specified amount of funds annually to the Commission for purposes of the program.
	EMWD's Position: Support Priority: B
	Reviewed by: Bonnie Wright
SB 1233	Joint Powers Authority: Water Bill Savings Act
McGuire (D)	Enacts the Water Bill Savings Act. Authorizes a joint powers authority to provide funding for a customer of a local agency or its publicly owned utility to acquire, install, or repair a water efficiency improvement on the customer's property served by the local agency or its publicly owned utility. Requires repayment through an efficiency charge on the customer's water bill. Authorizes the authority to issue bonds to fund the program. Makes technical changes.
	EMWD's Position: Support Priority: B
	Reviewed by: Beth Lovsted
SB 1264	Monterey County Water Resources Agency
Cannella (R)	Appropriates funds from the General Fund to the Monterey County Water Resources Agency, for use in the Salinas River, to assist in the removal of excess vegetation and trash, increasing efficiency of instream flow using sediment and vegetation management strategies, and supporting the development and implementation of long-term management policies.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
	Reviewed by: Danielle Coats
SB 1275	Public Records
Moorlach (R)	Makes a nonsubstantive change to the California Public Records Act that requires state and local agencies to make their records available for public inspection, unless an exemption from disclosure applies.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
	Reviewed by: Danielle Coats

<p>SB 1276 Moorlach (R)</p>	<p>Local Agencies</p> <p>Makes nonsubstantive changes to the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 that establishes the sole and exclusive authority and procedure for the initiation, conduct, and completion of changes of organization and reorganization for cities and districts.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Danielle Coats</p>
<p>SB 1292 Stone (R)</p>	<p>Grand Juries: Reports</p> <p>Deletes the authority of a grand jury to requires the subject or entity to come before it to read and discuss the findings of a jury's report. Requires holding an exit interview of an official or representative thereof, of each entity to which recommendations will be directed in that report. Provides the procedures regarding providing of a jury's draft findings. Requires the submission of a jury report prior to the its public release. Authorizes affected person or entity to submit a preliminary response.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Support Priority: A</p> <p>Reviewed by: Danielle Coats</p>
<p>SB 1294 Pavley (D)</p>	<p>Community Climate and Drought Resilience Program</p> <p>Enacts the Community Climate and Drought Resilience Program of 2016. Requires CalFire to review the urban forestry program and revise the program to provide funding priority to multibenefit carbon sequestration projects and to establish local or regional targets for urban tree canopy. Requires the State Environmental Protection Agency to assess State programs to determine how those programs may increase the use of compost throughout the State. Requires program to be placed on the Agency's Internet Web site.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Danielle Coats</p>
<p>SB 1297 Pan (D)</p>	<p>Public Employee Retirement Plans: Automatic Enrollment</p> <p>Authorizes a state or local public employer participating in an employee supplemental retirement savings plan to make a deduction from the wages or compensation of an employee for contributions attributable to automatic enrollment and automatic escalation in the employee retirement plan. Requires providing a default investment option and plan. Authorizes opt out. Relates to liability for automatic enrollment or escalation in an employee retirement plan. Requires collective bargaining for payroll deduction.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Denise Bowman</p>

SB 1298	Local Government: Fees and Charges
Hertzberg (D)	<p>Relates to Articles XIIC and XIID of the California Constitution, which require that assessments, fees, and charges be submitted to property owners for approval or rejection after the provision of written notice and the holding of a public hearing and an existing law which prescribes specific procedures and parameters for local jurisdictions to comply with such Articles. Defines the term sewer for these purposes.</p>
	<p>EMWD's Position: Concerns Priority: A</p>
	<p>Reviewed by: Danielle Coats</p>
SB 1303	Legislature: Legislative Proceedings
Huff (R)	<p>Authorizes the televised or other audiovisual recordings of the public proceedings of each house of the Legislature and the committees thereof to be used for any legitimate purpose and without the imposition of any fee due to the State or any public agency or public corporation thereof.</p>
	<p>EMWD's Position: Support Priority: B</p>
	<p>Reviewed by: Danielle Coats</p>
SB 1317	Groundwater Extraction Permit
Wolk (D)	<p>Requires a city or county overlying a basin designated as a high- or medium- priority basin to establish a process for the issuance of a groundwater extraction permit for the development of a groundwater extraction facility that requires an applicant to demonstrate the extraction from a proposed facility will not contribute to or create an undesirable result. Provides a city or county overlying such basin does not have to have a permit process under specified conditions.</p>
	<p>EMWD's Position: Oppose unless amended Priority: A</p>
	<p>Reviewed by: Beth Lovsted, John Daverin</p>
SB 1318	Local Government: Drinking Water and Wastewater Service
Wolk (D)	<p>Amends existing law that regulates to formation, consolidate, and merger of new districts to include annexation of a disadvantaged unincorporated community, a special district's sphere of influence, the review of adequacy and need for water and wastewater services in such communities, and a service review of the municipal services of unincorporated island, fringe, or legacy communities.</p>
	<p>EMWD's Position: Oppose Priority: A</p>
	<p>Reviewed by: Danielle Coats, Charlie Bachmann</p>
SB 1319	Public Employees' Retirement System
Pan (D)	<p>Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to provisions establishing the Public Employees' Retirement System, which provides a defined benefit to members of the system, based on final compensation, credited service, and age at retirement, subject to certain variations.</p>
	<p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p>
	<p>Reviewed by: Denise Bowman</p>

SB 1378	San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency: Board of Directors
Morrell (R)	Amends the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency Law which establishes the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency and provides for a board of directors, decreases the number of the board by removing the directors elected at large.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
	Reviewed by: Danielle Coats
SB 1387	South Coast Air Quality Management District Board.
De Leon (D)	Adds members to the South Coast Air Quality Management District board. Prohibits a member of the south coast district board from being issued a vehicle from the south coast district for greater than specified days if the board member is eligible for a vehicle or vehicle allowance from the local government from which he or she is appointed.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
	Reviewed by: Danielle Coats, Jayne Joy
SB 1415	Environmental Quality Act: Local Water Projects
Bates (R)	Amends the Environmental Quality Act which requires a lead agency to call a scoping meeting for transportation-related projects and projects of statewide, regional, or areawide significance to require that lead agency to call a scoping meeting to receive public comments for local projects for stormwater or dry weather runoff capture and reuse, water recycling, or wastewater treatment to improve water quality.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
	Reviewed by: Jayne Joy
SB 1440	Water Supply and Infrastructure Improvement
Cannella (R)	Requires a lead agency, in certifying the environmental impact report and in granting approvals for certain water storage projects funded, in whole or in part, by Proposition I, to comply with specified procedures. Authorizes the lead agency to concurrently prepare the record of proceedings for the project. Requires the Judicial Council to adopt a rule of court to establish procedures applicable to actions or proceedings seeking judicial review.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
	Reviewed by: Jayne Joy, Steve O'Neill
SB 1453	Greenhouse Gases Emission Performance Standard
De Leon (D)	Requires the Public Utilities Commission to review any capital expenditure proposed by an electrical corporation for baseload generation that does not comply with the greenhouse gases emission performance standard established by the Commission and to not permit those cost to be recovered in rates.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
	Reviewed by: Dan Howell

SB 1469 Stone (R)	Groundwater Sustainability Agencies Makes a nonsubstantive change to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, that requires all groundwater basins designated as high- or medium-priority basins that are designated as basins subject to critical conditions of overdraft to be managed under a groundwater sustainability plan or coordinated groundwater sustainability plans. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: John Daverin
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 requires the phase in of reassessment of such property. Establishes an education-related property tax fund and fund distribution. Relates to commercial and industrial property base line value assessment. Provides certain tax revenues to the Mental Health Services Fund. Relates to public disclosure of revenues. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Charles Turner
SCA 14 Wolk (D)	Legislative Procedure Proposes an amendment to require the Legislature to make audiovisual recordings of the open and public proceedings of each house and the committees thereof, and to authorize public members to record and broadcast the proceedings. Requires the Legislature to provide these recordings to the Legislative Counsel for making recordings available to the public. Provides a time period for public access. Requires the Legislature to enact laws to implement these provisions. Provides new internal bill procedures. EMWD's Position: Support Priority: B Reviewed by: Danielle Coats

Gutted and Amended Legislation

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AB 168
Local Government Finance

Maienschein (R)

Gutted and Amended to Mental Health: Community-Based Services

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 291
Environmental Quality Act: Local Agencies: Water

Atkins (D)

Gutted and Amended to Tribal Gaming: Compact Ratification

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.

EMWD's Position: Support Priority: A
Reviewed by: Beth Lovsted, Jayne Joy

AB 326
Prevailing Wage Rates: Wage And Penalty Assessments

Frazier (D)

Gutted and Amended to 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 501

Levine (D)

Resources: Delta Research

Gutted and Amended to State Fabric

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, metadata, and other supporting materials created or gathered in the course of that research. Relates to ineligibility. Relates to researcher State funding eligibility requirements. Provides conditions for Delta research grants. Relates to the provision of consistent procedural and technical requirements.

EMWD's Position: Watch

Priority: C

Reviewed by: Jolene Walsh

AB 723

Chiu (D)

Rental Property: Plumbing Fixtures: Replacement

Gutted and Amended to Housing: Finance

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: Support

Priority: B

Reviewed by: Beth Lovsted

AB 806

Dodd (D)

Successor Agencies to Redevelopment Agencies

Gutted and Amended to Community Development: Economic Opportunity

Authorizes a successor agency, if the successor agency has received a finding of completion, to amend or modify existing, existing contracts and agreements, or otherwise administer projects in connection with enforceable obligations, if the contract, agreement, or project will not commit new property tax funds or otherwise adversely affect the flow of specified tax revenues or payments to the taxing agencies, as specified.

EMWD's Position: Watch

Priority: C

Reviewed by: Charles Turner, Joe Gott

AB 824

Gatto (D)

Recycled Water: Recycling Criteria

Gutted and Amended to 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 898 Gonzalez (D)	Employee Wages <i>Gutted and Amended to Parole Suitability: Notice</i> <p>Existing law requires that employers pay wages to their employees, twice per calendar month, on days designated in advance as regular paydays. However, employees defined as executive, administrative, or professional may be paid once per month.</p> <p>This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to this provision.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Denise Bowman</p>
AB 1233 Levine (D)	Public Works: Public Subsidies <i>Gutted and Amended to Whistleblower Investigation Policy: State Agencies</i> <p>Provides that a public subsidy is de minimis if it is both less than a specified amount of funding and is less than a specified percentage of the total project cost. Provides those provisions do not apply to a project that was advertised for bid, or a contract that was awarded before a specified date.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Maria Sambito, Bruce Mitzel, John Ward</p>
AB 1244 Gray (D)	Water Rights: Small Irrigation Use <i>Gutted and Amended to Workers' Compensation</i> <p>Requires the State Water Resources Control Board, when adopting certain conditions, to consult with the Department of Food and Agriculture and the University of California Cooperative Extension regarding relevant agricultural information, and with the Department of Fish and Wildlife regarding potential impacts on fish and wildlife species, for small irrigation use other than for certain facilities used for frost protection.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Jayne Joy</p>
AB 1330 Bloom (D)	Energy Efficiency Resource Standard Act <i>Gutted and Amended to Energy Efficiency</i> <p>Requires the Public Utilities Commission to ensure there are sufficient moneys available for electrical and gas corporations to meet efficiency targets for statewide energy efficiency savings and demand reduction that will achieve a cumulative doubling of statewide energy efficiency savings in electricity and natural gas final end uses of retail customers.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Jayne Joy, Jeff Wall, Dan Howell</p>

AB 1362

Assessments, Fees, and Charges: Stormwater Definition

Gordon (D)

Gutted and Amended to San Mateo County Mosquito and Vector Control District

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 1463

Onsite Treated Water

Gatto (D)

Gutted and Amended to California Covenants Program: Tuition: Income Exclusion

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: Oppose Priority: A

Reviewed by: Beth Lovsted, Jayne Joy, Jim Lee, John Dotinga, Kevin Omland

AB 1749

Environmental Quality Act: Exemption: Recycled Water

Mathis (R)

Gutted and Amended to Environmental Quality Act: City of Porterville

Amends the California Environmental Quality Act which exempts from its requirements projects that provide for the expansion of recycled water pipeline and directly related infrastructure within existing rights of way, and directly related groundwater replenishment, if the project does not affect wetlands or sensitive habitat where construction impacts are mitigated and undertaken to mitigate drought conditions for which a state of emergency was proclaimed to extend the date connected to such exemption.

EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C

Reviewed by: Jayne Joy

AB 1757

Local Government Finance

Waldron (R)

Gutted and Amended to North County Transit District

Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to existing law that requires, in the case of any county assuming the responsibilities of an independent local health special district created pursuant to a specified statute, an increase in the state assistance payments that are made to that county.

EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C

Reviewed by: Heidi Schrader

AB 1775 Obernolte (R)	Public Utilities: Rates <i>Gutted and Amended to Income Taxes: Returns: Due Dates</i>
	Makes nonsubstantive changes to existing law that authorizes the Public Utilities Commission to fix the rates and charges for every public utility, and requires that those rates and charges be just and reasonable.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Jolene Walsh, Dan Howell
AB 1969 Steinorth (R)	Redevelopment <i>Gutted and Amended to Affordable Housing: Home Purchase Assistance</i>
	Existing law sets forth provisions relating to the requirements for expending moneys in a Low and Moderate Income Housing Fund to assist housing for specified persons. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to these provisions.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Charles Turner
AB 2342 Linder (R)	General Plans <i>Gutted and Amended to State of Emergency</i>
	The Planning and Zoning Law requires a city, county, or city and county to adopt a comprehensive general plan that addresses a number of elements. If a general plan has been adopted, each county or city officer, department, board, or commission, and each governmental body, commission, or board within the jurisdiction of the city or county, is required to submit a list of proposed public works for the ensuing fiscal year to a designated official agency. The agency receiving the list of proposed public works is required to prepare a coordinated program of proposed public works for the ensuing fiscal year.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Beth Lovsted, Danielle Coats
AB 2363 Low (D)	Payment of Wages <i>Gutted and Amended to State Bargaining Unit 16: Memorandum of Understanding</i>
	Under existing law, an employer who discharges or lays off employees must pay wages earned but unpaid within specified time limits. This bill would make technical, non-substantive changes to that provision.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C Reviewed by: Denise Bowman

AB 2395

Low (D)

Electrical Restructuring: Cogeneration

Gutted and Amended to Telecommunications: Public Switched Telephone Networks

Under existing law, the Public Utilities Commission has regulatory authority over public utilities, including electrical corporations. Provisions of the Public Utilities Act restructuring the electrical services industry state the policy of the state to encourage and support the development of cogeneration as an efficient, environmentally beneficial, competitive energy resource that will enhance the reliability of local generation supply, and promote local business growth. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to the policy of the state relative to cogeneration.

EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C

Reviewed by: Dan Howell, Joe Mouawad

AB 2428

Ting (D)

Property Assessed Clean Energy Resource Program

Gutted and Amended to State Highways: Property Leases

Existing law requires the California Alternative Energy and Advanced Transportation Financing Authority to develop and administer a Property Assessed Clean Energy Reserve program to reduce the overall costs to property owners of a Property Assessed Clean Energy Reserve bond, or PACE bond, issued by an applicant that has established a Property Assessed Clean Energy program, or PACE program, by providing a reserve of no more than 10% of the initial amount of the PACE bond. Existing law makes various findings and declarations regarding PACE financing. This bill would make a nonsubstantive change to the findings and declarations.

EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C

Reviewed by: Danielle Coats, Dan Howell

SB 20

Pavley (D)

State Water Resiliency Investment Act

Gutted and Amended to Low Carbon Fuels Council

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.

EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C

Reviewed by: Danielle Coats

SB 163**Wastewater Treatment: Recycled Water**

Hertzberg (D)

Gutted and Amended to Bail: Pretrial Release

Under existing law, the state board and the 9 California regional water quality control boards prescribe waste discharge requirements in accordance with the federal national pollutant discharge elimination system (NPDES) permit program established by the federal Clean Water Act and the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act.

This bill would declare that the discharge of treated wastewater from ocean outfalls, except in compliance with the bill's provisions, is a waste and unreasonable use of water in light of the cost-effective opportunities to recycle this water for further beneficial use. This bill, on or before January 1, 2026, would require a wastewater treatment facility discharging through an ocean outfall to achieve at least 50% reuse of the facility's actual annual flow, as defined, for beneficial purposes.

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

Vetoed Legislation

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AB 779	Local Government: Financial Disclosures
Garcia (D)	Requires a city, county, city and county, or special district to post compensation information in a conspicuous location on its Internet Web site that contains the names, positions, and total compensation, including a breakdown of the types of compensation provided, of each elected official within that entity for the previous calendar year.
	EMWD's Position: Oppose Priority: B
	Reviewed by: Danielle Coats, Jolene Walsh
AB 874	Collective Bargaining: Judicial Council
Santiago (D)	Relates to the Dills Act. Defines an employee as any employee of the Judicial Council, except managerial employees, confidential employees, supervisory employees, and excluded employees. Grants the Judicial Council the sole authority to designate state employee positions as excluded positions. Prohibits exempted managerial, supervisory, confidential and excluded positions from exceeding a specified number of authorized Judicial Council positions.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
	Reviewed by: Denise Bowman
AB 1200	Political Reform Act of 1974: Procurement Contracts
Gordon (D)	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. Provides that the Act's penalty provisions are the exclusive remedy for a violation of the Act's requirements concerning government procurement lobbying.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
	Reviewed by: Danielle Coats
AB 1505	Statute of Limitations: Public Contractors
Hernandez R (D)	Requires the prosecution of a misdemeanor resulting from 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: John Ward

<p>AB 1588 Mathis (R)</p>	<p>Water and Wastewater Loan and Grant Program</p> <p>Authorizes the State Water Resources Control Board to establish a program to provide funding to counties and qualified nonprofits to award low-interest loans and grants for purposes relating to drinking water and wastewater treatment. Authorizes the board to use funding appropriated in an item of the Budget Act of 2016 from the State Water Quality Control Fund, or to use any other funding source consistent with the purposes of the program.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Bonnie Wright</p>
<p>AB 1890 Dodd (D)</p>	<p>Discrimination: Equal Pay: State Contracting</p> <p>Enacts the Equal Pay for Equal Work Act of 2016. Requires certain employers that contract with the state to submit a nondiscrimination program to the department and to submit periodic reports of its compliance with that program. requires the Department of Fair Employment and Housing to make these programs and reports available to the Commission on the Status of Women and Girls.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Denise Bowman</p>
<p>AB 1922 Daly (D)</p>	<p>Worker's Compensation Policies: Agreements</p> <p>Prohibits an ancillary agreement to a workers' compensation insurance policy from being issued to a California employer unless the insurer files a copy of the ancillary agreement with a rating organization and specified days have expired without notice from the commissioner, excludes an ancillary agreement issued in conjunction with a workers' compensation policy that contains a deductible obligation or retrospectively rated loss limitation.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Doug Hefley, Susan Barnes</p>
<p>AB 2691 Holden (D)</p>	<p>Monthly Property Tax Payment Program</p> <p>Authorizes a county board of supervisors to implement a Monthly Property Tax Payment Program to authorize taxpayers to pay tax owed on a principal place of residence in installments. Authorizes an ordinance or resolution implementing the program to set forth procedures for purposes of determining delinquency and default. Requires the payment to be allocated among the county, cities, and special districts, and school entities in certain amounts. Excludes property for which an escrow account is established.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Neutral Priority: D</p> <p>Reviewed by: Heidi Schrader</p>

SB 554	Delta Levee Maintenance
Wolk (D)	<p>Relates to the maintenance or improvement of project or nonproject levees in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. Declares legislative intent to reimburse up to a certain percent of costs incurred in any year for the maintenance or improvement of levees in excess of a specified sum per mile of levee and authorizes a specified board to advance funds in an amount that does not exceed a certain percent of the estimated state share to an eligible local agency. Extends the authorization to reimburse such funds.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Oppose unless amended Priority: A</p> <p>Reviewed by: Danielle Coats, Jayne Joy</p>
SB 897	Worker's Compensation
Roth (D)	<p>Allows certain employees of local agencies, including police officers, firefighters, and sheriffs disabled by injury or illness arising out of and in the course of employment an additional leave of absence without loss of salary when injured by a catastrophic injury at the hands of another.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Doug Hefley, Susan Barnes</p>
SB 919	Water Supply: Creation or Augmentation of Local Water
Hertzberg (D)	<p>Requires the Public Utilities Commission to address the oversupply of renewable energy resources through a tariff or other economic incentive for electricity purchased by customers operating facilities that create or augment local water supplies to reduce the cost of electricity to those facilities.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Support Priority: B</p> <p>Reviewed by: Jeff Wall, Dan Howell, Joe Mouawad</p>
SB 1328	Water Delivery: Greenhouse Gas Emissions: Funding
Lara (D)	<p>Authorizes the State Water Resources Control Board to expend moneys from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund to provide grants to public agencies, nonprofit organizations, public utilities, and mutual water companies to implement stormwater and dry weather runoff collection and treatment, wastewater, water recycling, and drinking water projects that are intended to reduce greenhouse gas emission by decreasing the demand for fossil fuel needed to pump, transport, and delivery water to serve water customers.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Jayne Joy, Jolene Walsh</p>
SB 1340	Water Conservation in Landscaping Act
Wolk (D)	<p>Requires a local agency to require a permit for the installation of specified automatic irrigation systems, or the expansion of the same specified automatic irrigation system to increase the irrigated area by a specified percentage or more, for a landscape project. Allows the governing body of a local agency to adopt an ordinance prescribing fees for filing an application for the permit, subject to restrictions. Authorizes specified persons to submit the application for a residential landscape system.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C</p> <p>Reviewed by: Beth Lovsted</p>

Activity on State Issues

Year-Two, 2015 - 2016 State Legislative Session

Title	Letters Sent	Purpose of Letters
<i>SWRCB Proposed Extended Emergency Drought Regulations Comment Letter</i>	<i>18.....</i>	<i>Communicate Concerns</i>
<i>Coalition Letter Expressing Concern on the State Water Resources Control Board Drinking Water Program Fee Proposal</i>	<i>7.....</i>	<i>Communicate Concerns</i>
<i>Request for the Appropriation of Proposition 1 Funds for Recycled Water Projects.....</i>	<i>8.....</i>	<i>Request Funding Appropriation</i>
<i>Little Hoover Commission Hearing on Special Districts Comment Letter</i>	<i>10.....</i>	<i>Provide Comments</i>
<i>Consumer Confidence Report Cover Letter to Legislative Offices</i>	<i>12.....</i>	<i>Notify Delegation</i>
<i>Comments in Support of Riverside County Water Task Force</i>	<i>1.....</i>	<i>Express Support</i>
<i>Solar Cup Thank You.....</i>	<i>12.....</i>	<i>Thank You</i>
<i>Riverside County Water Task Force Thank You Letters</i>	<i>10.....</i>	<i>Thank You</i>
<i>EMWD 2016 Legislative Advocacy Day Thank You Letters.....</i>	<i>7.....</i>	<i>Thank You</i>
<i>Little Hoover Commission Issues Briefing Thank You Letters</i>	<i>2.....</i>	<i>Thank You</i>
<i>Little Hoover Commission Engagement on Issues Thank You Letter</i>	<i>1.....</i>	<i>Thank You</i>
<i>Letters sent November 2015 - November 2016</i>		

Actively Supported State Legislation

Year-Two, 2015-2016 State Legislative Session

Bill Number	Title	Letters Sent	Outcome
ACA 8 (Bloom)	Local Government Financing: Water Facilities: Voters	8.....	Failed
AB 1925 (Chang)	Desalination: Statewide Goal	31	Failed
AB 2022 (Gordon)	Advanced Purified Demonstration Water	43	Chaptered
AB 2488 (Dababneh)	Protected Species: Stickleback: Possession	40	Chaptered
SB 1292 (Stone)	Grand Juries: Reports.....	120	Failed

Actively Opposed State Legislation

Year-Two, 2015-2016 State Legislative Session

Bill Number	Title	Letters Sent	Outcome
AB 1613 (Assembly Budget Committee)	Budget Act of 2016		
	Control Language Preventing Funding for Public Ecosystem Restoration	42.....	Chaptered
AB 1713 (Eggman)	Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta: Peripheral Canal	55.....	Failed
AB 1738 (McCarty)	Building Standards: Dark Graywater	39.....	Failed
AB 2059 (Garcia)	Junk Dealers and Recyclers: Nonferrous Materials.....	9.....	Failed
AB 2561 (Irwin)	Water Supply Planning: Projects: Energy Generation.....	42.....	Chaptered
AB 2583 (Frazier)	Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Reform Act of 2009	21.....	Failed
SB 554 (Wolk)	Delta Levee Maintenance	102.....	Vetoed
SB 885 (Wolk)	Contracts: Design Professionals: Indemnity.....	40.....	Failed
SB 1170 (Wieckowski)	Public Contracts: Water Pollution Prevention Plans.....	23.....	Failed

Governor's Veto Messages

Year-Two, 2015 - 2016 State Legislative Session

Bill Number: SB 554 – Delta levee maintenance

Vetoed Date: September 30, 2016

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 554 without my signature.

A number of efforts are underway to determine the levee protection needs in the Delta. The Delta Stewardship Council is currently in the middle of identifying state priorities for levee investments in the Delta, and the Department of Water Resources has been working with the Delta Protection Commission evaluating new financing mechanisms.

The existing 75 percent state cost share does not sunset until July 2018, and as such, consideration of this bill is premature.

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

This policy principle supports EMWD's Strategic Objectives addressing Recycling; and, Water Supply Diversity and Reliability: "Implement on-going treatment, storage, and distribution system 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/administrative actions 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:
 - a. Increased water recycling and recycled water quality in California and the Colorado River Basin.
 - b. Research leading to advances in science and technology, health effects assessments, and facility, regional, and watershed planning.
 - c. 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 administration consistent with experience gained in operations, public health and environmental protection.
11. Advances development, permitting and implementation of direct and indirect potable reuse (reservoir augmentation and groundwater recharge) while ensuring water quality that protects public health.
12. Provides for recreational use of recycled water in a manner that protects public health and safety, and acknowledges local agency policies.
13. Acknowledges salinity management as a strategy to improve the sustainability and reliability of recycled water resources.

EMWD and its Board of Directors oppose legislation/administrative actions that:

1. Inhibits the safe application of recycled water.
2. Continues to define recycled water as a waste.
3. Seeks to prioritize potable reuse over traditional uses of recycled water.

ADOPTED BY EASTERN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON DECEMBER 15, 2004 AND UPDATED ON JANUARY 20, 2016.



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 EMWD's Strategic Plan Objective addressing Biosolids Management: "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/administrative actions 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 EMWD'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/administrative actions 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.

ADOPTED BY EASTERN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON FEBRUARY 20, 2008 AND UPDATED ON JANUARY 20, 2016.

Groundwater/Sustainable 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 EMWD’s Strategic Plan Objective addressing Supply Diversity and Reliability: “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/administrative actions 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 funds or grants for groundwater cleanup, groundwater quality preservation, and/or can be used to advance plans, reporting, or monitoring objectives of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.
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. Promote recycled water use and recharge in groundwater basins while ensuring water quality that protects public health.

EMWD and its Board of Directors oppose legislation/administrative actions 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 program, requirements, and mandates.

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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 EMWD's Strategic Plan Objective addressing Salinity Management: "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/administrative actions 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 and 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/administrative actions 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.

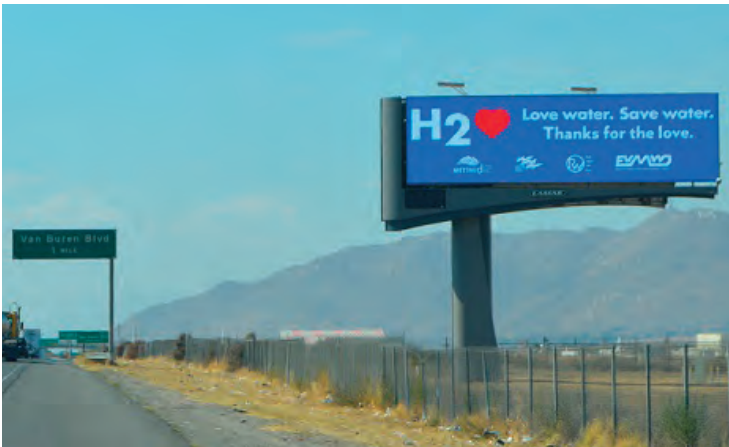
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Water Use Efficiency/Conservation

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 EMWD's Strategic Plan Objective addressing Water Use Efficiency: "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/administrative actions 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. State water usage and emergency drought regulations:
 - a. Enables flexibility and advances local control in achieving the statewide urban conservation goals of twenty percent by 2020 and any additional conservation mandates intended to expand or exceed this goal; and
 - b. Establishes and protect local control and local water management strategies to ensure lasting water supply reliability.
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:
 - a. Water waste.
 - b. Implementation of/and funding for the retrofit of indoor and outdoor systems to water efficient models upon the resale of real property.
 - c. Statewide installation and reading of water meters and customer billing based on recorded usage.
 - d. Water efficient landscaping.
10. Increases landscaping water-use efficiency by:
 - a. Urging landscape irrigation device manufacturers to develop and market more efficient equipment.
 - b. Encourages retailers to market and carry a broad array of water efficient devices, plants, and equipment.
 - c. Calling for architects to design more efficient landscapes and/or irrigation systems.
 - d. Funding education/training on properly operating water-efficient irrigation systems and installing and maintaining water-efficient landscape.

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- e. Limiting the use of turf and/or encouraging the application of native/water efficient plant life installed in yards.
 - f. Promoting the concept of “water budgeting” and the application of budget based tiered rate structures.
11. Increases agricultural water-use efficiency by:
- a. Supporting studies and actions to improve agricultural water-use efficiency.
 - b. Supporting development of irrigation timing strategies to reduce peak demand on water supply systems.
 - c. Supporting implementation of water-use audits for agricultural irrigation.
12. Promotes Commercial, Institutional and Industrial (CII) programs such as:
- a. Providing grants for water survey programs.
 - b. Establishing or expanding appropriate rebate programs, such as replacing excessive water consuming appliances and fixtures.
 - c. Evaluating new technologies and their implementation via new programs.
 - d. Offering incentives for the construction of water efficient buildings and communities.



EMWD and its Board of Directors oppose legislation/administrative actions that:

1. Establishes water providers as land-use decision-makers, rather than city and county government, or the State, as it relates to development, land-use, and enforcement of long range planning objectives.
2. Impedes or eliminates a local government or public agency’s ability to adopt an ordinance to regulate the installation of graywater systems that is more stringent or restrictive than current law.
3. State Water Usage and Emergency Drought Regulations:
 - a. Establishes additional drought management objectives and conservation mandates that fail to consider local conditions including climate, water supply conditions, growth and investments in new water supplies;
 - b. Interjects or positions the Administration or state agencies into a role where they require the development of local or regional water budgets; and
 - c. Establishes water providers in roles as land-use decision-makers as it relates to development, land-use, and enforcement of long range planning objectives.

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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 EMWD’s Strategic Plan Objectives addressing Water Supply Diversity and Reliability; and, Water Supply and Redundancy: “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/administrative actions 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/administrative actions 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 California WaterFix, California EcoRestore, or the Delta Plan.
4. Establishes inequitable cost-sharing for those stakeholders responsible for program and project costs.

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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 EMWD’s Strategic Plan Objectives addressing Water Use Efficiency; and, Planning: “Promote efficient use of water resources through the implementation of industry-leading programs and practices combined with customer education and awareness,” and “Conduct planning and environmental permitting activities for water, wastewater, and other relevant facilities in a timely manner that supports [EMWD’s] strategic objectives and ensures the availability of services for future growth.”

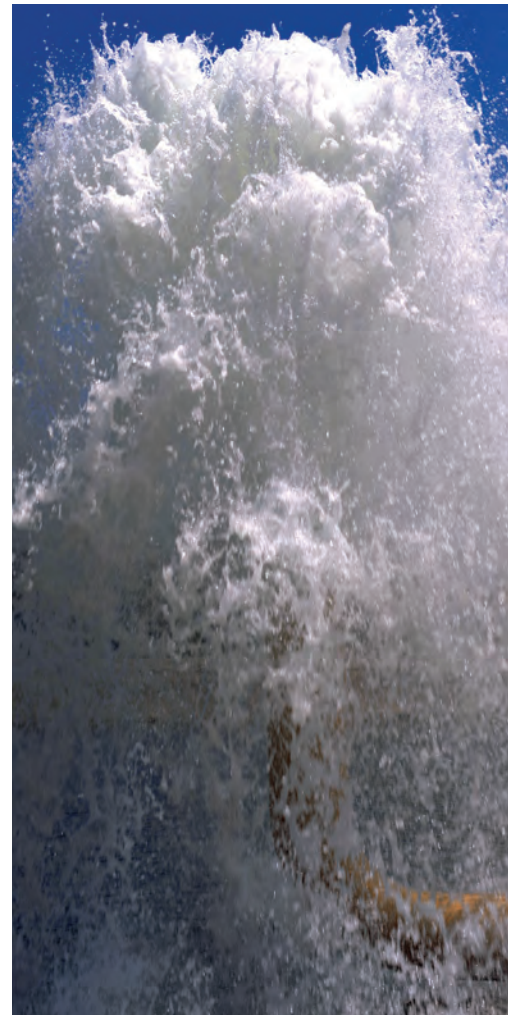
EMWD and its Board of Directors support legislation/administrative actions that:

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/administrative actions that:

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

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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 EMWD’s Strategic Plan Goal addressing Water Supply and Reliability: “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/administrative actions that:

1. Establishes grants or funding opportunities for local water infrastructure projects.
2. Establishes that for those capital improvement and infrastructure projects that provide direct, measurable benefits to water rate payers a “beneficiary pays” principle should apply; over a public goods charge, resulting in financing that is accomplished in a manner that is beneficial, economical, and provides a means in which the beneficiaries pay for the goods and services they receive.
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 EMWD 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:
 - a. Partial prepayment options;
 - b. Subordinate lien structure; and
 - c. Alternative principal repayment options (other than “level debt service”).

EMWD and its Board of Directors oppose legislation/administrative actions that:

1. Establishes a fee or tax that does not result in clear benefit to EMWD and its customers.
2. Establishes a fee or tax without first considering alternatives for funding that may be better suited or have a more clear connection to the funding need.
3. Minimizes opportunities to fund water infrastructure through the passage of statewide or local bonds.
4. Eliminates the tax-exempt status of municipal bonds.

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Governance

EMWD policy: It is the policy of EMWD 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 EMWD's Strategic Plan Objective addressing Community Relations: "Promote and sustain timely and effective two-way communication between [EMWD] 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/administrative actions 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 EMWD to recruit and retain a diverse and high quality workforce.
5. Streamlines contracting procedures, while at the same time maintains EMWD'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). Provides liability protections to public water districts, and related wholesale water providers, 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.
8. Eliminates or minimizes redundant reports and studies on environmental impacts covered through subsequent state and federal regulatory efforts.
9. Secures the ability to apply tiered rates/allocation based conservation rates in a manner that is both fair to ratepayers and provides maximum flexibility and protections to the water providers.

EMWD and its Board of Directors oppose legislation/administrative actions 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 EMWD 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.

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Renewable Energy/Energy Management

EMWD policy: It is EMWD'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 EMWD.

This policy principle supports EMWD's Strategic Plan Objective addressing Energy Independence: "Plan and cost-effectively implement local renewable energy projects with sufficient generation to meet [EMWD's] entire net energy demands while minimizing [EMWD's] carbon footprint."

EMWD and its Board of Directors support legislation/administrative actions that:

1. Provides incentives and funding opportunities for voluntary and regulatory compliance actions to expand renewable energy resources.
2. That enables EMWD to maximize available energy resources that includes, but is not limited to, solar energy, biodiesel, digester gas, and bio-methane.
3. Facilitates interconnection and capacity availability to gas pipeline and electricity transmission lines.
4. Enables EMWD to access 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.
8. Provides flexibility to utilize available energy storage technologies to maximize use of renewable energy sources.

EMWD and its Board of Directors oppose legislation/administrative actions that:

1. Penalizes water districts for early adoption of energy efficiency and cost saving actions.
2. Requires EMWD to invest in technology that would generate excessive costs for EMWD and its ratepayers and/or is unproven/unreliable.
3. Infringes on water/sewage districts ability to manage the production 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.

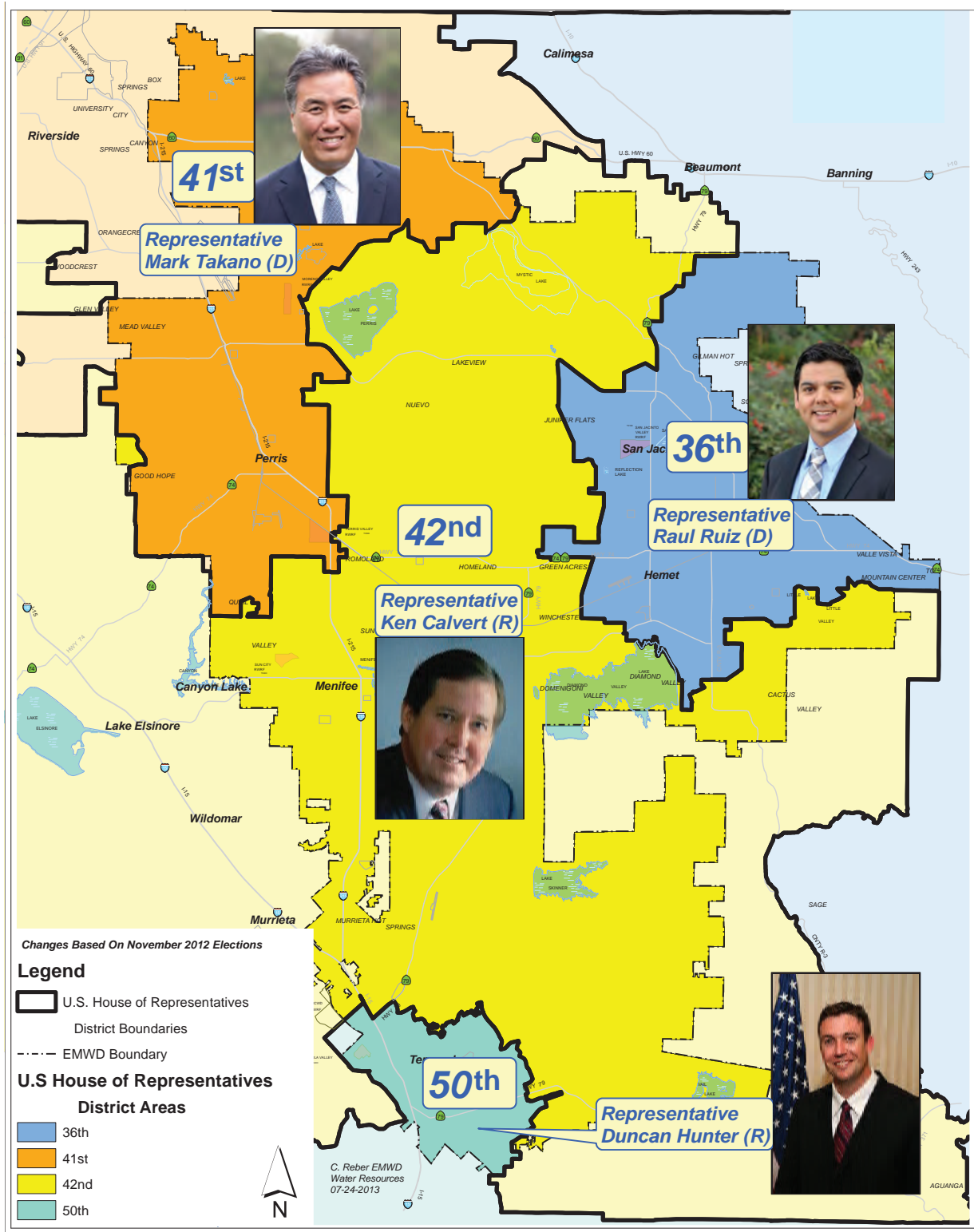
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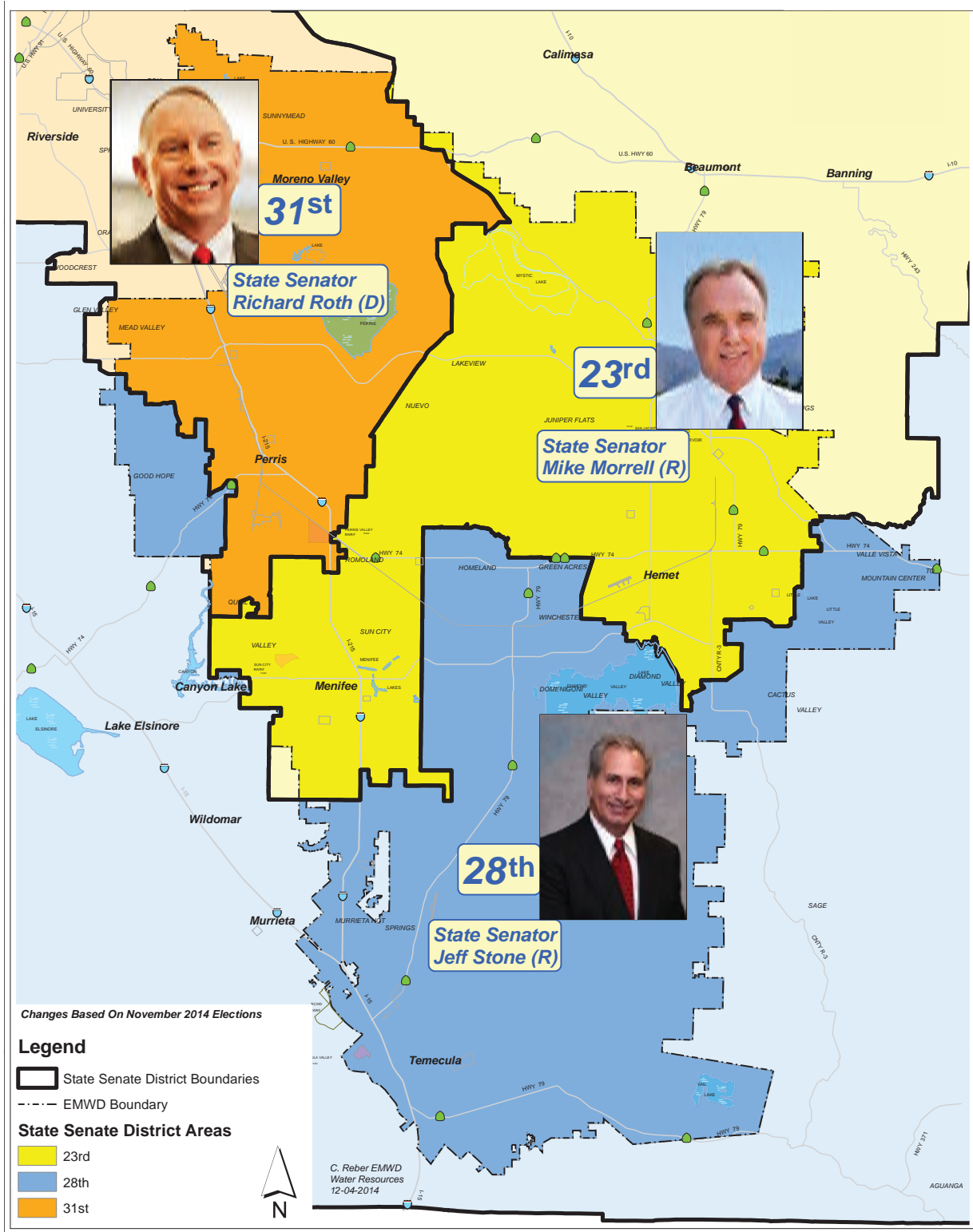


EMWD Service Area and U.S. House of Representatives Districts

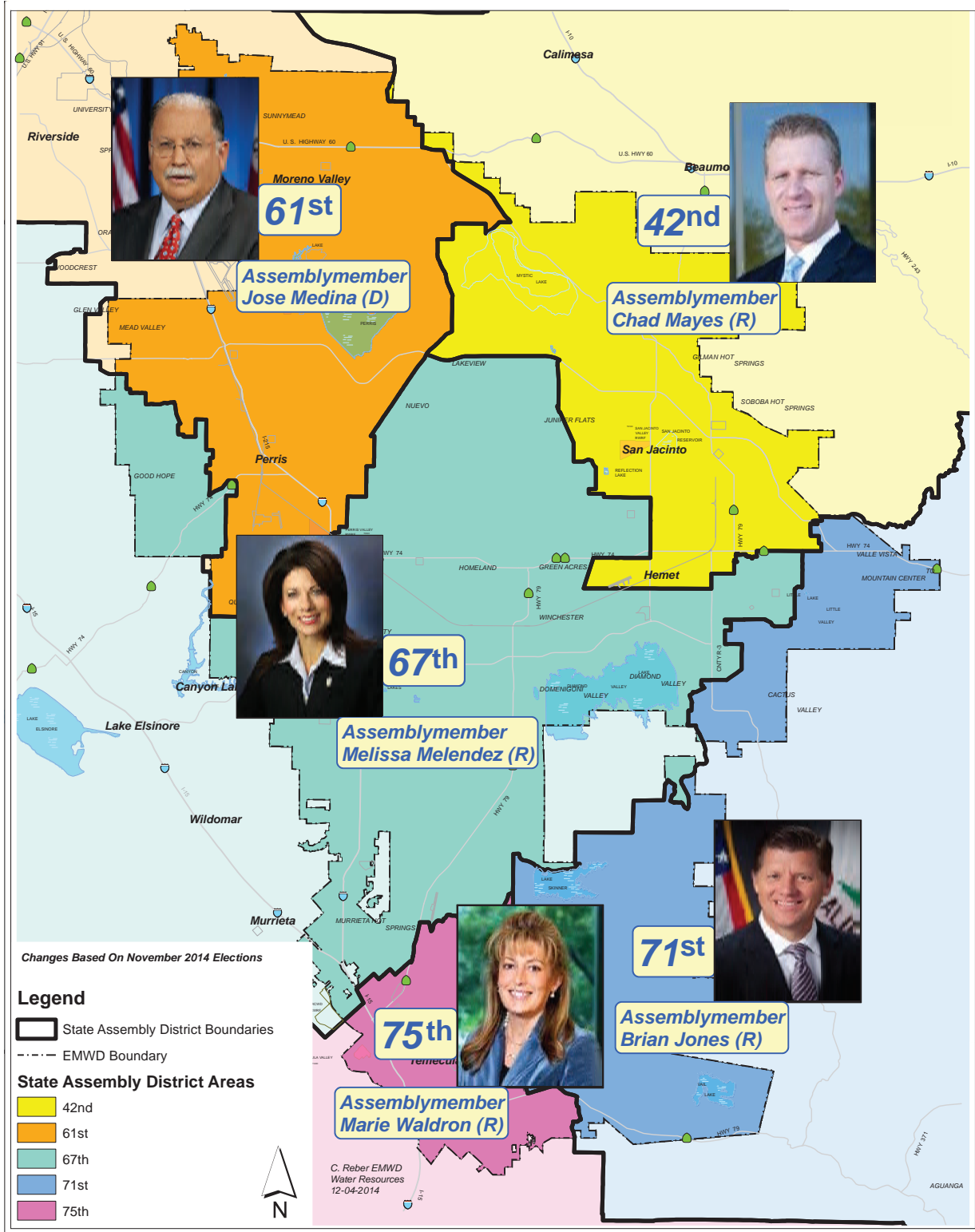


U.S. Senators representing California: Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer.

EMWD Service Area and State Senate Districts



EMWD Service Area and State Assembly Districts





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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Congressional Session Summary Update

Congress Passes Major Water Resources Bill in Final Hours of Lame Duck Session

In the early morning hours of Saturday, December 10, the U.S. Senate passed the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Act, which included a Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) reauthorization title by a vote of 78-21. The vote was one of the final acts of the 114th Congress. The House passed the same bill a few days earlier by a vote of 360-61. President Obama signed the legislation into law on Friday, December 16th.

This legislation, which had been months—and in some ways years—in the making, included several EMWD key priority items. Most significantly, a California drought title was attached to the bill during the final week of negotiations. The California drought provisions represented a compromise package worked out by House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-CA) and Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) in the last weeks of November and early December. The essence of the drought package was a combination of operational flexibility of Bay-Delta waters and over \$550 million in federal grant and loan programs to benefit water conservation, storage, and recycling for California and other western states.

Those final few days before the bill's passage were fraught with consternation as the operational flexibility language rattled environmentalists and the bill's primary Democratic author, Senator Barbara Boxer (D-CA). Boxer and many national environmental groups strenuously opposed the final measure on the grounds that the California water transfers allowed by the language would negatively impact the health of certain endangered Bay-Delta fish populations. While those concerns did peel off nearly two dozen Democratic votes in the Senate, the bill ultimately passed with strong bipartisan support primarily because the bill was also a vehicle for nearly \$170 million in aid to address the drinking water contamination issues associated with Flint, Michigan.

WIIN's California Drought Water Funding Provisions

Of particular interest to EMWD are the California drought provisions included in the WIIN Act which authorize millions in additional federal funding for recycling, reuse and desalination projects. As part of this, the measure changes the Bureau of Reclamation's Title XVI program into a competitive grant program – which was one of EMWD's highest federal priority objectives in the 114th Congress. This change to Title XVI was needed because the program as originally structured only allowed projects which Congress specifically authorized to receive funding. In addition to transforming Title XVI into a competitive grant program, the bill authorizes another \$50 million to Title XVI for new water recycling and reuse projects.

The legislation also includes an additional \$100 million through the WaterSMART program which focusing on water conservation, reclamation, efficiency and recycling projects. Of the \$100 million for WaterSMART, the measure directs \$50 million for water supply and conservation activities along the Colorado River. Also incorporated into the WIIN Act is a five year, \$30 million authorization of the Water Desalination Act of 1996, and as well as policy updates to the Act. The

\$30 million authorization for the Water Desalination Act approximately doubles the authorization level that the program has been operating under over the last five years.

While not directly impacting EMWD, the drought title of the WIIN Act authorizes \$335 million to support development of surface water storage projects, such as five in the existing CalFed program through reservoirs at Shasta, Site, Los Vaqueros, Temperance Flat and San Luis.

The WIIN Act also modifies the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) program to give all loan recipients the option to finance WIFIA application fees over the life of the loan rather than paying them in full upfront. The bill also expands WIFIA eligibility to explicitly include drought mitigation projects.

Pechanga Water Rights Settlement Included in the WIIN Act

Another significant federal priority of the District's, the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians Water Rights Settlement Act, was also successfully addressed in the WIIN Act. The Pechanga Band of Luiseño Mission Indians Water Rights Settlement Act authorizes, ratifies, and confirms the settlement agreement by Pechanga, the United States, Rancho California Water District, and Metropolitan Water District which was reached several years ago. Metropolitan and EMWD are the two of three main water purveyors to the tribe through the effectuated settlement. The agreement quantifies the Tribe's reserved water rights in the Santa Margarita River Watershed and provides Pechanga with rights to water that are equal to those that were set forth in the original federal court decree. The legislation also authorizes necessary infrastructure to guarantee a permanent supply of water to Pechanga through cooperative agreements with Rancho California Water District, Eastern Municipal Water District and Metropolitan Water District. The legislation provides for a coordinated effort by the parties to manage the water within the Santa Margarita Basin.

WIIN Act Allows Authorized Environmental Infrastructure Projects Section 7001 Eligibility

Section 7001 of Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRRDA) of 2014 requires that the Secretary of the Army annually submit a report to Congress that identifies feasibility reports, proposed feasibility studies submitted by non-Federal interests, and proposed modifications to an authorized water resources development project or feasibility study that meet five specific criteria. The report is to be based, in part, upon an annual request for proposals by non-Federal interests. However, the Corps decided that environmental infrastructure related project submissions by non-Federal interests would not be eligible as a water resources development projects.

The WIIN Act contained a provision to amend Section 7001 of WRRDA 2014 which states that previously authorized congressionally environmental infrastructure projects are eligible under the definition of water resources projects. EMWD may be able to take advantage of this provision through a \$40 million California-wide environmental infrastructure authorization that was included in the 2007 WRDA reauthorization measure.

Congress Passes A Second FY 2017 Continuing Resolution

Congress concluded its lame duck session by passing a continuing resolution (CR) to keep the government open and running through April 28th of 2017. It had been reported that officials close to President-elect Trump asked Congressional leaders to take this approach in order for the new Administration to have some say in the final FY 2017 spending bills. Republican leaders in Congress obliged coalesced around a second multi-month continuing resolution. The CR was signed into law by President Barack Obama within hours of its passage to avoid any disruption in government operations.

The main impact this action has on EMWD is that it will result in delaying the Army Corps FY 2017 Work Plan document which has for the last few years included environmental infrastructure funding for the District's Perris II Desalter project. The Corps will not produce its Work Plan document until Congress enacts legislation which provides funding for agency for the entire 2017 fiscal year.

The U.S. Senate passed a Continuing Resolution (CR) to fund the government through April 28, 2017 and the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Act before adjourning for the year late last week.

The CR, in addition to maintaining funding for federal agencies and programs, including the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) also includes a notable provision funding USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) loan programs. The provision provides FSA with sufficient loan authority to meet the increased demand resulting from low commodity prices and cash flow issues and is intended to ensure farmers have continued access to necessary financing.

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