



**AGENDA
COMMUNITY AND LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
INLAND EMPIRE UTILITIES AGENCY***

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2022
9:00 A.M.**

**AGENCY HEADQUARTERS
BOARD ROOM
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CHINO, CALIFORNIA 91708
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PURSUANT TO AB361 AND RESOLUTION NO. 2022-9-2, ADOPTED BY THE IEUA BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON SEPTEMBER 7, 2022, IEUA BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS WILL CONTINUE TO BE CONDUCTED THROUGH TELECONFERENCE. IN AN EFFORT TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH AND PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19, THERE WILL BE NO PUBLIC LOCATION AVAILABLE FOR ATTENDING THE MEETING IN PERSON.

The public may participate and provide public comment during the meeting by dialing the number provided above. Comments may also be submitted by email to the Board Secretary/Office Manager Denise Garzaro at dgarzaro@ieua.org prior to the completion of the Public Comment section of the meeting. Comments will be distributed to the Board of Directors.

CALL TO ORDER

PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public may address the Board on any item that is within the jurisdiction of the Board; however, no action may be taken on any item not appearing on the agenda unless the action is otherwise authorized by Subdivision (b) of Section 54954.2 of the Government Code. Those persons wishing to address the Board on any matter, whether or not it appears on the agenda, are requested to email the Board Secretary/Office Manager no later than 24 hours prior to the scheduled meeting time or address the Board during the public comments section of the meeting. Comments will be limited to three minutes per speaker. Thank you.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

In accordance with Section 54954.2 of the Government Code (Brown Act), additions to the agenda require two-thirds vote of the legislative body, or, if less than two-thirds of the members are present, a unanimous vote of those members present, that there is a need to take immediate action and that the need for action came to the attention of the local agency subsequent to the agenda being posted.

1. ACTION ITEMS

A. MINUTES

Approve Minutes of the August 10, 2022 Community and Legislative Affairs Committee meeting.

B. RATIFY CONTRACT AMENDMENT FOR STATE LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

Staff recommends that the Committee/Board ratify the Contract Amendment for Contract No. 4600002123 to West Coast Advisors to provide State Legislative Services in the amount of \$114,000 through June 30, 2023.

2. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE REPORT – CARPI AND CLAY (WRITTEN)

B. STATE LEGISLATIVE REPORT AND MATRIX – WEST COAST ADVISORS (WRITTEN)

C. PUBLIC OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATION (WRITTEN)

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

4. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

5. COMMITTEE MEMBER REQUESTED FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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DECLARATION OF POSTING

I, Denise Garzaro, CMC, Board Secretary/Office Manager of the Inland Empire Utilities Agency*, a Municipal Water District, hereby certify that, per Government Code Section 54954.2, a copy of this agenda has been posted at the Agency's main office, 6075 Kimball Avenue, Building A, Chino, CA and on the Agency's website at www.ieua.org at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to the meeting date and time above.

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**ACTION
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**MINUTES
COMMUNITY AND LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE MEETING
INLAND EMPIRE UTILITIES AGENCY*
AGENCY HEADQUARTERS, CHINO, CA**

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2022
9:00 A.M.**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT via Video/Teleconference

Steven J. Elie, Chair
Michael Camacho, Director

STAFF PRESENT

Christiana Daisy, P.E., Deputy General Manager
Kristine Day, Assistant General Manager
Jerry Burke, Director of Engineering
Denise Garzaro, Board Secretary/Office Manager
Brandon Gonzalez Contreras, Technology Specialist I
Michael Larios, Technology Specialist I
Randy Lee, Director of Operations & Maintenance
Alyson Piguee, Director of External & Government Affairs

STAFF PRESENT via Video/Teleconference

Shivaji Deshmukh, P.E., General Manager
Andrea Carruthers, Communications Officer
Lisa Dye, Director of Human Resources
Don Hamlett, Director of Information Technology
Michael Hurley, Director of Planning & Resources
Jennifer Hy-Luk, Acting Executive Assistant
Ryan Love, Deputy Manager of Operations
Cathleen Pieroni, Senior Policy Advisor
Jeanina Romero, Executive Assistant
Teresa Velarde, Manager of Internal Audit

OTHERS PRESENT via Video/Teleconference

Michael Boccadoro, West Coast Advisors
Channon Hanna, Carpi and Clay
Beth Olhasso, West Coast Advisors

CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Steven J. Elie called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. He gave the public the opportunity to comment and provided instructions for unmuting the conference line.

There were no public comments received or additions to the agenda.

1A. ACTION ITEM

The Committee:

- ◆ Approved Minutes of the July 13, 2022 Community and Legislative Affairs Committee meeting.

2A – 2C. INFORMATION ITEMS

The following information items were presented or received and filed by the Committee:

- ◆ State Legislative Report – West Coast Advisors
- ◆ Public Outreach and Communication
- ◆ Federal Legislative Report and Matrix – Innovative Federal Strategies

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

Deputy General Manager Christiana Daisy stated that IEUA's water quality laboratory is now accredited to perform PFAS analysis in both potable and non-potable water matrices. IEUA is required to monitor both RP-1 and RP-4 recycled water sites for groundwater recharge on a weekly basis and the new NPDES permit requires quarterly monitoring of influents and effluents at all four regional plants. The new permit went into effect on August 1, so this accreditation was very timely, allowing the Agency to perform in-house compliance testing to support IEUA's NPDES and GWR permits.

IEUA has received the District Transparency Certificate of Excellence from the Special District Leadership Foundation in recognition of its outstanding efforts to promote transparency and good governance. IEUA has maintained this distinction since 2015. The award is a testament to the Agency's commitment to open government. To receive the award, the Agency demonstrated the completion of essential governance transparency requirements, including conducting ethics training for all board members, properly conducting open and public meetings, and filing financial transactions and compensation reports to the State Controller in a timely manner.

Lastly, IEUA's Manager of Facilities & Water System Programs and 2019 California Water Environment Association (CWEA) Emerging Leader, Lucia Diaz, was recently featured in CWEA's Clean Water Magazine.

4. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

There were no Committee member comments.

5. COMMITTEE MEMBER REQUESTED FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no Committee member requests for future agenda items.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Committee Chair Elie adjourned the meeting at 9:34 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Garzaro
Board Secretary/Office Manager

*A Municipal Water District

APPROVED: SEPTEMBER 14, 2022

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**ACTION
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Date: September 21, 2022

To: The Honorable Board of Directors

SDD
From: Shivaji Deshmukh, General Manager

Committee: Community & Legislative Affairs

09/14/22

Staff Contact: Shivaji Deshmukh, General Manager

Subject: Ratify Contract Amendment for State Legislative Services

Executive Summary:

In 2016, IEUA announced a Request for Proposal (RFP) for state legislative advocacy services. After a competitive process, the IEUA Board voted in favor of awarding the contract to West Coast Advisors. West Coast Advisors (WCA) has represented IEUA since 2006, providing state legislative services. The services WCA provides include tracking legislation and regulations that may affect the Agency, testifying on behalf of IEUA on bill positions and assists IEUA staff in building and maintaining important relationships with the Agency's delegation and regulatory agencies. WCA has continued to demonstrate strong knowledge of the industry and more specifically the region; they are well versed in the Agency's goals, mission, vision, and current and upcoming projects. This long-term relationship proves to be particularly important when looking at future impacts of legislation and possible funding opportunities.

Per IEUA's ordinance, a contract can be extended for a maximum of seven years. At the direction of the General Manager staff amended the WCA contract through June 2023. Staff is requesting ratification of the contract amendment for WCA. The contract for state legislative advocacy will be reevaluated prior to July 2023.

Staff's Recommendation:

Ratify the Contract Amendment for Contract No. 4600002123 to West Coast Advisors to provide State Legislative Services in the amount of \$114,000 through June 30, 2023.

Budget Impact *Budgeted (Y/N): Y* *Amendment (Y/N): Y* *Amount for Requested Approval:*

Account/Project Name:

10200-139100-100000-521080

Fiscal Impact (explain if not budgeted):

Prior Board Action:

On June 16, 2021, the Board approved a contract amendment with West Coast Advisors for legislative consulting services for one additional year, extending the contract to June 30, 2022.

On August 17, 2016, the Board approved a five-year contract with West Coast Advisors.

Environmental Determination:

Not Applicable

Business Goal:

Approving the State legislative services contract is in line with IEUA's business practices goal of advocating for development of policies, legislation and regulations that benefit the region.

Attachments:

1. Contract Amendment 4600002123



**CONTRACT AMENDMENT NUMBER: 4600002123-004
FOR
CONTRACTOR SERVICES**

STATE LEGISLATIVE LOBBYING SERVICES

AMENDMENT NUMBER FOUR is made and entered by and between the Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA), a Municipal Water District, organized and existing in the County of San Bernardino under and by virtue of the laws of the State of California (hereinafter referred to as "Agency" or "IEUA"), and West Coast Advisors, of Sacramento, California (hereinafter referred to as "Contractor"), and shall revise the Contract as amended:

TERM, IS REVISED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

An additional term of this Contract shall commence on July 1, 2022, and shall continue in effect through June 30, 2023, unless terminated as specified on page 3, or in the event the maximum amount of this Contract is exceeded.

ALL OTHER PROVISIONS OF THIS CONTRACT REMAIN UNCHANGED

WITNESSETH, that the parties hereto have mutually covenanted and agreed as per the above amendment item, and in doing so have caused this document to become incorporated into the Contract Documents.

**INLAND EMPIRE UTILITIES AGENCY:
*A MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT**

DocuSigned by:
Warren T. Green 6/21/2022
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Warren T. Green (Date)
Manager of Contracts,
Procurement & Risk Services

WEST COAST ADVISORS:

DocuSigned by:
Michael Boccadoro 6/21/2022
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Michael Boccadoro (Date)
President

**4600002123-004 (GD)
6/20/2022**

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Inland Empire Utilities Agency, a Municipal Water District Federal Update

August 31, 2022

Inflation Reduction Act Signed into Law

In August, Congress passed and President Biden signed the “[Inflation Reduction Act of 2022](#).” The bill:

- Allows Medicare to negotiate for prescription drug prices and extend the expanded Affordable Care Act program through 2025.
- Invests approximately \$300 billion in Deficit Reduction and \$369 billion in energy security and climate change programs over the next ten years.
- Reduces carbon emissions by roughly 40 percent by 2030.
- Provides \$4 billion in drought mitigation and resiliency in western states.

Once the legislation was signed into law, the Biden Administration released state-by-state fact sheets on the impact of the law that can be found [HERE](#).

Interior Announces Action on Colorado River

The Department of the Interior (DOI) announced actions that will take to protect the long-term sustainability of the Colorado River system. Prolonged drought conditions in the West have resulted in historically low water levels in Lakes Powell and Mead. Additionally, the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) also released the Colorado River Basin August 2022 24-Month Study. This study sets annual operations for Lake Powell and Lake Mead in 2023, which can be found [HERE](#). Low projections for next year will trigger a second year of shortages on the Colorado River system. As a result, the Lower Basin states (Arizona, California, and Nevada) will face a Tier 2a shortage; however, California will not see any reductions in its water use at this time. Both Nevada and Arizona will see their respective Colorado River allocations. DOI warned that more severe drought conditions could prompt additional reductions in the future. More information on Colorado River Basin operating conditions can be found [HERE](#).

Biden Administration Releases Updated BIL State Fact Sheets

The Biden Administration released updated fact sheets detailing investments through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) made to date in all 50 states and territories. BIL funding is being used nationwide to help with the construction of roads and bridges, replacing drinking water infrastructure, expanding access to high-speed internet, upgrading clean energy infrastructure, and more. Individual fact sheets for each state can be found [HERE](#).

A Look Ahead: Congress Returns to Washington

After the spending the month of August in their respective districts/states, Members of Congress will return to Washington, D.C. after the Labor Day holiday. The September work period will represent that last weeks that Congress will be in session until after the November election. During September, Congress will need to act related to FY23 appropriations process. To avoid a government shutdown, Congress will need to pass a Continuing Resolution (CR). While the length of the CR has yet to be determined, it is anticipated that the CR will run until the December time frame. In addition to appropriations, Congress will need to deal with several other authorizations that expire at the end of the month including the National Flood Insurance Program, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Maternal Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting program.

Federal Funding Opportunities/Announcements

EPA To Hold Webinar on New Pollution Prevention BIL Grant Opportunity. The Environmental Protection Agency will be holding a webinar to seek public input on the new Pollution Prevention Grant Program that was included in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. This grant opportunity will encourage products, purchasing, and/or supply chains that are safer, more sustainable, and environmentally preferable. More information about the webinar can be found [HERE](#).

Reclamation Announces WaterSMART Drought Contingency Grants. Reclamation announced \$865,480 in grant awards for the WaterSMART Drought Contingency Planning grants. These funds help entities to develop and update comprehensive drought plans for long-term resiliency. More information can be found [HERE](#).

Reclamation Announces \$310 Million in Funding for Title XVI Program. Reclamation announced over \$310 million in funding for the Title XVI Water Reuse and Recycling Program. This award represents the first allocation of Title XVI Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding. The list of award recipients can be found [HERE](#).

Reclamation Announces \$1.2 Million for Applied Sciences Grant. Reclamation announced \$1.2 million in funding for the Applied Science Grant program. This funding will help develop tools and information to support water management. The projects selected include the development of modeling and forecasting tools, hydrologic data platforms, and new data sets to inform decision-making. More information can be found [HERE](#).

Federal Agency Personnel/Regulatory Announcements

EPA Releases REUSExplorer Tool. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released its Regulations and End-Use Specifications Explorer (REUSExplorer) tool to provide a clearinghouse for water reuse regulations. EPA is hosting a webinar to introduce the tool on September 21st at 1:00 pm EDT. More information can be found [HERE](#), and the webinar registration page can be found [HERE](#).

EPA Proposes Designating PFOA and PFOS under CERCLA. EPA is proposing to designate perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS) as hazardous substances under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), also known as “Superfund.” EPA will be publishing the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in the *Federal Register*, and there will also be a 60-day comment period. More information can be found [HERE](#).

NOAA Releases Report on High Tide Flooding. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) release a report that predicts that the number of high-tide floods, which occur when the tide reaches 1.75 to 2 feet above the daily average high tide, will reach a nationwide average of three to seven days by April 2023. By 2050, NOAA predicts that average may rise to between 45 and 70 days in a year. The report can be found [HERE](#).

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September 1, 2022

To: Inland Empire Utilities Agency

From: Michael Boccadoro
Beth Olhasso
Maddie Munson

RE: August Report

Overview:

Even though Fall is just around the corner, extreme summer heat conditions are gripping most of California, with record high temperatures expected over the Labor Day weekend throughout the state. Lake Oroville is sitting at 63 percent of historical average and 37 percent capacity. San Luis Reservoir, the main south-of-Delta storage facility for the State Water Project, is at just 73 percent of average for this time of the year and 28 percent capacity. Folsom Lake is also declining rapidly.

In early August, the Governor released a “California Water Supply Strategy- adapting to a hotter, drier future.” The new “strategy” highlights some specific items that were previously identified in the 2020 Water Resilience Portfolio for “expedited urgency.” Expedited permitting and increased investment in recycled water would be very helpful to IEUA if regulators and legislators are able to execute on those ideas.

In the final weeks of the Legislative Session, significant legislation was introduced to increase the state’s renewable energy goals, accelerate greenhouse gas reduction goals and ensure energy reliability by extending the life of Diablo Canyon Nuclear Generation Station. This package of legislation, while having some good measures to keep the lights on in CA, could be very expensive for California ratepayers.

The California Fish and Game Commission (CFGF) is considering a proposal to change the size of striped bass that anglers can take and it’s causing significant concern in the water community. The proposed change would implement what is known as a slot limit, restricting angler harvest to only fish between 20 and 30 inches. Water users take issue with increasing striped bass populations because striped bass are known to be among the most aggressive predators in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and related tributaries.

CalEPA Secretary Jared Blumenfeld’s last day at his post was August 31. Governor Newsom has appointed former CalEPA environmental justice executive Amelia Yana Garcia Gonzalez as the agency’s next secretary.

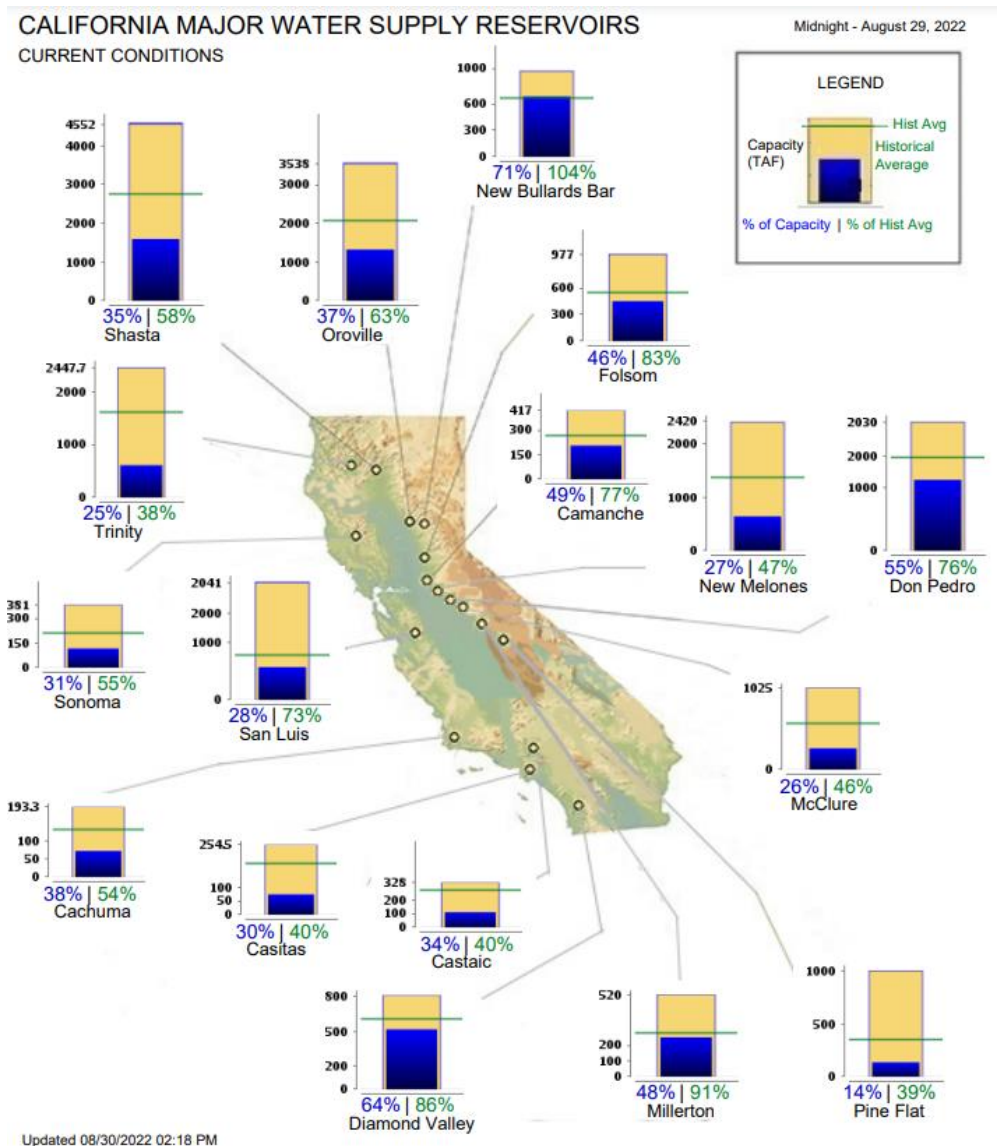
The Legislature has officially adjourned the 2021-22 legislative session. It was a fairly busy year with more water-related bills this year. ACWA’s legislation to provide for a tax exemption for turf removal rebates is on the Governor’s desk. CASA’s bill to require products containing PFAS to register their products on a publicly accessible database struggled with significant opposition from manufacturers but was able to pass onto the Governor with just enough votes. MWD’s legislation to allow for alternative project delivery methods for several of their projects easily passed out of both houses of the Legislature, while similar legislation (SB 991, Newman) to allow for progressive design build processes for projects over \$5 million also awaits consideration by the Governor. The Governor has until September 30 to act on all legislation.

Inland Empire Utilities Agency

Status Report – August 2022

Water Supply Conditions

Even though Fall is just around the corner, extreme summer heat conditions are gripping most of California, with record high temperatures expected over the Labor Day weekend throughout the state. Lake Oroville is sitting at 63 percent of historical average and 37 percent capacity. San Luis Reservoir, the main south-of-Delta storage facility for the State Water Project, is at just 73 percent of average for this time of the year and 28 percent capacity. Drought conditions continue to worsen with over 13 percent of the state in exceptional drought and 43 percent in extreme drought.



Governor Releases “California Water Supply Strategy”

In early August, the Governor released a “California Water Supply Strategy- adapting to a hotter, drier future.” The strategy prioritizes the following actions: creating storage space for up to four million acre-feet of water; recycling at least 800,000 acre-feet per year by 2030; freeing up 500,000 acre-feet of water through “more efficient water use and conservation”; and making new water available by capturing stormwater and desalinating ocean water and brackish groundwater.

Most of these actions are *very* similar to the 2020 Water Resilience Portfolio, but will now be “expedited given the urgency of climate-driven changes.”

Additionally, to advance the infrastructure and policies needed to adapt, the strategy “enlists the help of the Legislature to streamline processes so projects can be planned, permitted and built more quickly while protecting the environment.”

This document shows the administration’s blueprint for the next few years at the SWRCB and in the Legislature and offers opportunities to work with the state to support local and regional projects.

Energy Legislation

Significant renewable energy and greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction legislation was introduced at the end of the legislative session that will have an impact on energy rates for California energy ratepayers.

AB 2133 (Quirk): increases the state’s GHG emission reduction target from 40 percent below 1990 levels by 2030 to 55 percent. The California Air Resources Board (CARB) assessed an “accelerated” 2030 target and economy wide carbon neutrality and found that accelerated targets would “require a pace and magnitude of investments and actions that is likely unachievable.” Additionally, the CA Energy Commission (CEC) has estimated that 20-40 percent of clean energy projects are experiencing some sort of delay. The bill failed ultimate passage

AB 1279 (Muratsuchi): declares it a policy of the state that as soon as possible, but no later than 2045, the state shall achieve net zero emissions and maintain negative GHG emissions thereafter. The bill also requires an 85 percent reduction in anthropogenic GHG emissions below 1990 levels by 2045. The bill passed and is awaiting action by the Governor.

SB 1020 (Laird): established the policy that eligible renewable energy resources and zero-carbon resources supply 90 percent of all retail sales of electricity to CA end-use customers by then end of 2035 and 95 percent by the end of 2040. The bill also requires that eligible renewable energy resources and zero-carbon resources supply 100 percent of electricity procured to serve all state agencies by the end of 2035, ten years sooner then required by existing law.

These provisions also apply to the State Water Project (SWP). While the bill was recently amended to ease the burden on the SWP, this bill is estimated to cost the State Water Contractors \$1.2 billion, with MWD likely seeing about a \$720 million bill. The bill passed and is awaiting action by the Governor.

SB 846 (Dodd): extends the operation of the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Generation Station (San Luis Obispo). Diablo Canyon was planned to shut down at the end of 2025, but with supply chain disruptions and other factors, there is significant risk that there will be insufficient new clean energy supplies online before the scheduled retirement. The bill declared that Diablo is crucial to energy reliability throughout the state, therefore all IOU ratepayers will be on the hook for 50 percent of the cost while PG&E ratepayers will be responsible for the remaining half. Because the fee collection is volumetric, high-energy users will be responsible for a majority of the reliability costs. The bill was the

last bill of the session voted on by both houses and passed overwhelmingly. The Governor is expected to sign the bill in the next few days.

Striped Bass

The California Fish and Game Commission (CFGF) is considering a proposal to change the size of striped bass that anglers can take and it's causing significant concern in the water community. The proposed change would implement what is known as a slot limit, restricting angler harvest to only fish between 20 and 30 inches. The authors of the petition, the Nor-Cal Guides and Sportsmen's Association, argue that this will result in increased populations of striped bass, as protecting larger fish will allow them to procreate more effectively.

Water users take issue with increasing striped bass populations because striped bass are known to be among the most aggressive predators in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and related tributaries. Numerous studies have shown that striped bass eat high numbers of threatened and listed salmon populations protected under the Endangered Species Act. So while water users are going to great lengths to protect and increase populations of these threatened and listed species, including through the Voluntary Agreements, the CFGF is contemplating protecting their non-native predators.

The CFGF's Wildlife Resources Committee will discuss the proposal at their September 15 meeting. They may then recommend that the full Commission consider the petition. If the proposal continues to move forward, it could be several months before the CFGF would vote on the petition.

CalEPA Secretary Blumenfeld Steps Down

CalEPA Secretary Jared Blumenfeld's last day at his post was August 31. He plans to serve as the inaugural president of the Waverley Street Foundation, a new global climate change nonprofit focused on "community-driven climate solutions."

Governor Newsom has appointed former CalEPA environmental justice executive Amelia Yana Garcia Gonzalez as the agency's next secretary. She has served as a special assistant attorney general, and as an attorney for Earthjustice and Communities for a Better Environment. As her bio suggests, it is widely believed that Ms. Gonzalez is a strong friend to the environmental justice community and will lead the agency with that perspective in mind.

Legislative Update

The Legislature adjourned the 2021-22 Legislative Session in the early morning hours of September 1. The Governor has until September 30 to take action on the hundreds of bills that have been sent to his desk for consideration.

Bill updates:

AB 2142 (Gabriel): This bill would provide an income tax exemption for rebates from a turf removal program. Sponsored by ACWA, the bill didn't receive a single no vote throughout the entire process and is awaiting action by the Governor.

AB 1845 (Calderon): MWD sponsored bill to allow for alternative project delivery methods for specific MWD projects. The bill only received one no vote through the process and is awaiting action by the Governor.

SB 991 (Newman): This bill is similar to MWD's AB 1845 but it would allow for progressive design build to be used on any project over \$5 million. The bill didn't receive a single no vote throughout the entire process and is awaiting action by the Governor.

AB 2247 (Bloom): CASA sponsored bill would require products sold in CA that contain PFAS to register the product on a publicly accessible reporting platform. The bill was recently amended to remove some of the enforcement language, which should remove some of the opposition. The bill has had a rough road, garnering significant opposition from the manufacturing community. It has received *just* enough votes to move through the process and is now awaiting action by the Governor.

AB 2449 (Rubio): Sponsored by Three Valleys Municipal Water District's, this legislation addresses remote participation for elected officials. The author took amendments in the Senate to address concerns from the Senate Governance and Finance and Judiciary Committee concerns surrounding misuse of these allowances to not have to face the public during challenging proceedings. The bill now limits the number of times an official can use remote testimony and requires that "cameras must be on" at all times. The bill has received broad support throughout the process and is awaiting action by the Governor.

SB 1157 (Hertzberg): The bill would implement the indoor GPCD targets outlined in the DWR/SWRCB draft report to the Legislature for 47 GPCD by 2025 and 42 GPCD by 2030. The bill passed out of Natural Resources and Water Committee despite significant concerns from Senator Ben Hueso (D-San Diego). The bill was quickly moved to the floor of the Senate where it passed 28-9. The author took amendments in the Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee that would require studying the impacts to wastewater and recycled water systems. The bill was further amended to require consideration of variances for recycled water. The bill was seven votes short of passage on the Assembly floor on its first vote, but was brought up under "reconsideration" in the final minutes of the session and secured the necessary votes for passage. It is now awaiting action by the Governor.

IEUA BILLS— BILLS WITH POSITIONS- 2022 Session September 1, 2022

Bill Number	Author/Sponsor	Title and/or Summary	Summary	IEUA Position/ Bill Location	Positions Taken by Associations & Regional Agencies
AB 1845	Calderon MWD Sponsored	Metropolitan Water District of Southern California: alternative project delivery methods	Would authorize the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California to use the design-build procurement process for certain regional recycled water projects or other water infrastructure projects. The bill would define "design-build" to mean a project delivery process in which both the design and construction of a project are procured from a single entity. The bill would require the district, if using this procurement process, to follow certain procedures, including preparing and issuing a request for qualifications, preparing a request for proposals including the scope and needs of the project or contract, and awarding projects based on certain criteria for projects utilizing either lowest responsible bidder or best value selection criteria.	SUPPORT On Governor's Desk	MWD, ACWA, WRCA in support
AB 2142	Gabriel	Income taxes: exclusion: turf replacement water conservation program	This bill would, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2022, and before January 1, 2027, under both of these laws, provide an exclusion from gross income for any amount received as a rebate, voucher, or other financial incentive issued by a local water agency or supplier for participation in a turf replacement water conservation program.	SUPPORT On Governor's Desk	ACWA, MWD in Support
AB 2247	Bloom CASA Sponsored	PFAS products: disclosure: publicly accessible reporting platform	This bill would require the Department of Toxic Substances Control to work with the Interstate Chemicals Clearinghouse to establish, on or before January 1, 2024, a publicly accessible reporting platform to collect information about PFAS and products or product components containing regulated PFAS, as defined, being sold, offered for sale, distributed, or offered for promotional purposes in, or imported into, the state. The bill would require, on or before March 1, 2024, and annually thereafter, a manufacturer, as defined, of PFAS or a product or a product component containing regulated PFAS that is sold, offered for sale, distributed, or offered for promotional purposes in, or imported into, the state to register the PFAS or the product or product component containing regulated PFAS, and specified other information, on the publicly accessible reporting platform.	SUPPORT On Governor's Desk	CASA, WRCA, ACWA in support
AB 2449	Rubio Three Valleys	Open meetings: local agencies: teleconferences	This bill would authorize a local agency to use teleconferencing without complying with those specified teleconferencing requirements if at least a quorum of the members of the	SUPPORT	ACWA & MWD Support

			legislative body participates in person from a singular location clearly identified on the agenda that is open to the public and situated within the local agency's jurisdiction. The bill would impose prescribed requirements for this exception relating to notice, agendas, the means and manner of access, and procedures for disruptions. The bill would require the legislative body to implement a procedure for receiving and swiftly resolving requests for reasonable accommodation for individuals with disabilities, consistent with federal law.	On Governor's Desk	
AB 2787	Quirk	Microplastics in products	<i>The Microbeads Nuisance Prevention Law prohibits a person from selling or offering for promotional purposes in the state any personal care products containing plastic microbeads that are used to exfoliate or cleanse in a rinse-off product, including, but not limited to, toothpaste. This bill would, on and after specified dates that vary based on the product, ban the sale, distribution in commerce, or offering for promotional purposes in the state of designated products, such as leave-in cosmetics products and waxes and polishes, if the products contain intentionally added microplastics, as defined. The bill would exclude from this ban products consisting, in whole or in part, of specified substances or mixtures containing microplastics. The bill would make a violator liable for a civil penalty not to exceed \$2,500 per day for each violation.</i>	SUPPORT Held in Assembly--- NOT MOVING FORWARD IN 2022	CASA in support
AB 2811	Bennett Plumbers Union	California Building Standards Commission: recycled water: nonpotable water systems	<i>Would require, commencing January 1, 2024, all newly constructed nonresidential buildings be constructed with dual plumbing to allow the use of recycled water for all applicable nonpotable water demands, as defined, if that building is located within an existing or planned recycled water service area, as specified.</i>	Oppose Env. Safety & Toxic Materials Comm--- no hearing Bill not moving forward this year.	CASA & WRCA oppose unless amended. ACWA & CMUA Oppose
SB 222	Sen. Dodd	Water Affordability Assistance Program	Would establish the Water Affordability Assistance Fund in the State Treasury to help provide water affordability assistance, for both drinking water and wastewater services, to low-income ratepayers and ratepayers experiencing economic hardship in California. The bill would make moneys in the fund available	On Governor's Desk	Opposed by ACWA

			upon appropriation by the Legislature to the state board to provide, as part of the Water Affordability Assistance Program established by the bill, direct water bill assistance, water bill credits, water crisis assistance, affordability assistance, and short-term assistance to public water systems to administer program components.		
SB 230	Portantino/ CMUA & MWD	State Water Resources Control Board: Constituents of Emerging Concern	Would require the State Water Resources Control Board to establish, maintain, and direct an ongoing, dedicated program called the Constituents of Emerging Concern Program to assess the state of information and recommend areas for further study on, among other things, the occurrence of constituents of emerging concern (CEC) in drinking water sources and treated drinking water. The bill would require the state board to convene, by an unspecified date, the Science Advisory Panel to review and provide recommendations to the state board on CEC for further action, among other duties. The bill would require the state board to provide an annual report to the Legislature on the ongoing work conducted by the panel.	SUPPORT On Governor's Desk	Favor by ACWA
SB 991	Newman Water Collaborative Delivery Association (formerly the Water Design-Build Council)	Public contracts: progressive design-build: local agencies	Current law, until January 1, 2025, authorizes local agencies, as defined, to use the design-build procurement process for specified public works with prescribed cost thresholds. Current law requires specified information submitted by a design-build entity in the design-build procurement process to be certified under penalty of perjury. This bill, until January 1, 2033, authorizes local agencies, defined as any city, county, city and county, or special district authorized by law to provide for the production, storage, supply, treatment, or distribution of any water from any source, to use the progressive design-build process for public works projects in excess of \$5,000,000, similar to the progressive design-build process authorized for use by the Director of General Services. The bill would require specified information to be verified under penalty of perjury.	SUPPORT On Governor's Desk	WRCA Support
SB 1157	Hertzberg	Urban water use objectives: indoor residential water use	Current law requires the Department of Water Resources, in coordination with the State Water Resources Control Board, and including collaboration with and input from stakeholders, to conduct necessary studies and investigations and authorizes the department and the board to jointly recommend to the Legislature a standard for indoor residential water use. Current law, until	On Governor's Desk	Oppose unless amended by WateReuse & ACWA, CASA & CMUA

			<p>January 1, 2025, establishes 55 gallons per capita daily as the standard for indoor residential water use. Existing law establishes, beginning January 1, 2025, the greater of 52.5 gallons per capita daily or a standard recommended by the department and the board as the standard for indoor residential water use, and beginning January 1, 2030, establishes the greater of 50 gallons per capita daily or a standard recommended by the department and the board as the standard for indoor residential water use. This bill would eliminate the option of using the greater of 52.5 gallons per capita daily and the greater of 50 gallons per capita daily, as applicable, or a standard recommended by the department and the board as the standard for indoor residential water use.</p>		
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ITEM
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Date: September 21, 2022

To: The Honorable Board of Directors

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From: Shivaji Deshmukh, General Manager

Committee: Community & Legislative Affairs

09/14/22

Staff Contact: Shivaji Deshmukh, General Manager

Subject: Public Outreach and Communication

Executive Summary:

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Staff's Recommendation:

This is an informational item for the Board of Directors to receive and file.

Budget Impact *Budgeted (Y/N): Y Amendment (Y/N): Y Amount for Requested Approval:*

Account/Project Name:

Fiscal Impact (explain if not budgeted):

Prior Board Action:

N/A

Environmental Determination:

Not Applicable

Business Goal:

IEUA is committed to providing a reliable and cost-effective water supply and promoting sustainable water use throughout the region.

IEUA is committed to enhancing and promoting environmental sustainability and the preservation of the region's heritage.

Attachments:

Attachment 1 - Background

Background

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September

- September, National Preparedness Month
- September 5, Labor Day
- September 11, Patriot Day
- September 15, National Online Learning Day
- September 18, World Water Monitoring Day
- September 19-25, Pollution Prevention Week
- September 20, IT Professionals Day
- September 22, First Day of Fall
- September 25, World Rivers Day
- September 26, World Environmental Health Day
- September 26-30, Finance and Acct. Appreciation Week

Media and Outreach

General

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- Staff recognized Water Quality Month on Agency social media channels with features on IEUA staff, services, and initiatives that highlight the Agency's dedication to ensuring a high-water quality for the region.
- In honor of World Water Week, staff published a three-part series of posts and stories on social media focused on understanding the value of water in accordance with this year's World Water Week theme.
- Staff continues to collaborate with Chino Basin Water Conservation District on outreach promoting their Waterwise Garden and Pumpkin Fest on October 1. IEUA will be hosting a booth at this event.
- On August 31, staff coordinated with Human Resources to lead a nature walk through the Chino Creek Wetlands and Educational Park for employees in honor of Wellness Month.

Drought Awareness Efforts

- Staff sent out a brief communication needs survey for Customer Agencies and are using the results to gauge how the Agency can best support their respective outreach efforts. Customer Agencies shared their interest in communication support and collateral assistance for non-functional turf messaging.

- Staff is coordinating with Customer Agencies on messaging geared towards conservation and the irrigation of trees.
- Staff published a Time is Now reel on August 2 and has received over 1,000 views.
- Staff is continuing to work with Customer Agencies on drought messaging and outreach. Staff is drafting message points and creative for outreach and will be adding these assets to the drought communication toolkit for customer agencies.

Advertising/Marketing

- A “Time is Now”/Education ad ran on August 3 and 10 in La Opinion.
- A “Time is Now”/Education ad ran on August 7 in the Daily Bulletin.
- A “Time is Now”/Education ad ran on August 13 in the Chino Champion.
- A “Time is Now”/Education spadea ran on August 28 in the Daily Bulletin.
- A “Time is Now”/Education ad will run in the September issue of the Inland Empire Magazine.

Social Outreach and Analytics

- The Agency continues to publish content on LinkedIn and has gained five followers since July, with 641 page views in the last 30 days.
- August: 42 posts were published to the IEUA Facebook page, 42 tweets were sent on the @IEUAWater Twitter handle, 42 posts were published to IEUA’s Instagram grid, and 29 posts were published to the IEUA LinkedIn page.
 - The top three Facebook posts, based on reach and engagement, in the month of August were:
 - 8/5 CBP Joint News Release
 - 8/11 IEUA Board Member Jasmin A. Hall Presides Over Last Meeting as California Association of Sanitation Agencies President
 - 8/19 Water Quality Month Staff Feature
 - The top three Twitter tweets, based on reach and engagement, in the month of August were:
 - 8/23 Cucamonga Valley Water District, IEUA, and Congresswoman Norma Torres Tour
 - 8/23 World Water Week
 - 8/3 Water Word Wednesday
 - The top three Instagram posts, based on reach and engagement, in the month of August were:
 - 8/4 Water Quality Month Staff Feature
 - 8/10 Waterwise Garden and Pumpkin Festival Promo
 - 8/8 The Time is Now- Know the Facts
 - The top three LinkedIn posts, based on impressions and reactions, in the month of August were:
 - 8/19 CBP Expo
 - 8/15 Metropolitan Water District General Manager Adel Hagekhalil at BIA Conference
 - 8/1 CBP Program Manager Opportunity
- For the month of August, there were 8,713 searches for a park in IEUA’s service area on Yelp and the Chino Creek Wetlands and Educational Park was viewed 502 times.

Education and Outreach Updates

- Staff has begun scheduling in-person and virtual K-12 field trips for Fall.
- Staff has developed an educational program outreach plan and is beginning the process of scheduling another road show for school districts to learn about Agency programs.
- Staff is working on closing out the last year of the Garden in Every School® program.
 - Randall Pepper Elementary in Fontana is finishing up the final electrical work in preparation for construction to begin on their garden. Chino Basin Water Conservation District (CBWCD) will be completing the construction.
 - Our Loving Savior's gardens construction is completed. The planting will be completed following the installation of bunny fencing.
 - Staff is working with teachers on finalizing approximately nine mini grant approvals.

Agency-Wide Membership Updates

- Richard Lao, Senior Environmental Resources Planner, attended the Southern California Alliance of Publicly Owned Treatment Works (SCAP) Joint Air/Energy/ Biosolids Committee Meeting on July 14.
- Richard Lao, Senior Environmental Resources Planner, attended the California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA) Advanced Clean Vehicle Subgroup Meeting on July 18.
- Richard Lao, Senior Environmental Resources Planner, attended the California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA) Air Toxics Subgroup Meeting on July 18.
- Richard Lao, Senior Environmental Resources Planner, attended the Southern California Alliance of Publicly Owned Treatment Works (SCAP) Air Quality Committee Meeting on July 19.
- Richard Lao, Senior Environmental Resources Planner, attended the California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA) Biosolids Regulatory Workgroup Meeting on July 21.
- Richard Lao, Senior Environmental Resources Planner, attended the California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA) Water Regulatory Workgroup Meeting on July 21.
- Richard Lao, Senior Environmental Resources Planner, attended the California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA) Air Quality, Climate Change, & Energy (ACE) Workgroup Meeting on July 28.