

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 2023 9:00 A.M.

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#### **CALL TO ORDER**

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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#### **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.

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#### 1. ACTION ITEMS

#### A. MINUTES

Approve Minutes of the June 14, 2023, Community and Legislative Affairs Committee meeting.

### B. <u>ADOPT POSITION OF SUPPORT ON SUPPORT TO REHYDRATE THE</u> ENVIRONMENT, AGRICULTURE AND MUNICIPALITIES ACT

Staff recommends that the Committee/Board adopt a position of support on the Support to Rehydrate the Environment, Agriculture and Municipalities Act (STREAM Act).

#### 2. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE REPORT CARPI AND CLAY (WRITTEN)
- B. <u>STATE LEGISLATIVE REPORT & MATRIX WEST COAST ADVISORS</u> (WRITTEN)
- C. PUBLIC OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATION (WRITTEN)
- 3. **GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS**
- 4. **COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**
- 5. <u>COMMITTEE MEMBER REQUESTED FUTURE</u> AGENDA ITEMS

#### **ADJOURN**

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# ACTION ITEM 1A



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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 2023 9:00 A.M.

#### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Steven J. Elie, Chair Michael Camacho, Director

#### STAFF PRESENT

Shivaji Deshmukh, P.E., General Manager
Christiana Daisy, P.E., Deputy General Manager
Kristine Day, Assistant General Manager
Jerry Burke, Director of Engineering
Andrea Carruthers, Communications Officer
Brandon Gonzalez Contreras, Technology Specialist I
Nolan King, Manager of Information Technology
Laura Mantilla, Executive Assistant
Alyson Piguee, Director of External & Government Affairs
Wilson To, Technology Specialist II
Teresa Velarde, Manager of Internal Audit
Ashley Womack, Grants and Government Affairs Officer

#### STAFF PRESENT via Video/Teleconference

Lisa Dye, Director of Human Resources Don Hamlett, Director of Information Technology Michael Hurley, Director of Planning and Resources Jennifer Hy-Luk, Executive Assistant Bonnie Marseilles, Administrative Assistant II Monica Nelson, Administrative Assistant II

#### OTHERS PRESENT via Video/Teleconference

Michael Boccadoro, West Coast Advisors Laura Morgan-Kessler, Carpi and Clay Beth Olhasso, West Coast Advisors

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Committee Chair Steven J. Elie called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. There were no public comments received or additions to the agenda.

#### 1A - 1B. ACTION ITEMS

The Committee:

- Approved Minutes of the April 12, 2023, Community and Legislative Affairs Committee meeting.
- Recommended that the Board adopt positions on the following bills:

Bill Title	Position
	Recommendation
Trailer Bill: Delta Reform	Support
Act Refinement	
Trailer Bill: California	Support
Environmental Quality Act	
(CEQA): infrastructure	
projects: streamlining	
judicial review	

as a Consent Calendar item on the June 21, 2023, Board Meeting agenda.

#### 2A – 2C. INFORMATION ITEMS

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

- ♦ State Legislative Report –West Coast Advisors
- ♦ Federal Legislative Report Carpi and Clay
- ♦ Public Outreach and Communication

#### 3. GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

General Manager Shivaji Deshmukh stated that IEUA has been awarded a \$7.7M grant from the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) for the Turnkey Turf Transformation Project with an additional \$770,000 for grant administration, for a total grant of \$8.4M. This grant will allow IEUA to partner with three other State Water Project dependent agencies including Las Virgenes Municipal Water District, Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District, and Calleguas Water District to replace non-functional turf with drought-tolerant landscaping in underrepresented communities within the commercial, industrial, and institutional (CII) sector across the four service areas. General Manager Deshmukh recognized the collaboration between the IEUA Water Use Efficiency and Grants teams in developing an innovative, collaborative program that was able to make IEUA very competitive for funding. General Manager Deshmukh also expressed appreciation to DWR for the generous grant and to the partner agencies for their commitment to this important project.

#### 4. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

There were no Committee member comments.

#### 5. COMMITTEE MEMBER REQUESTED FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no Committee member requested future agenda items.

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#### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Committee Chair Elie adjourned the meeting at 9:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Mantilla Recording Secretary

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APPROVED: JULY 12, 2023



# ACTION ITEM 1B



**Date:** July 19, 2023

To: The Honorable Board of Directors From: Shivaji Deshmukh, General Manager

Committee: Community & Legislative Affairs 07/12/23

**Staff Contact:** Shivaji Deshmukh, General Manager

Subject: Adopt Position of Support on STREAM Act

#### **Executive Summary:**

Senator Feinstein has reintroduced the Support to Rehydrate the Environment, Agriculture and Municipalities Act (STREAM Act) which authorizes \$750 million for water storage, \$300 million for water recycling, \$150 million for desalination, and \$100 million for drinking water for disadvantaged communities.

The STREAM Act authorizes grants for storage and conveyance projects that include environmental benefits, drinking water benefits for disadvantaged communities or other public benefits either as part of the project design or as part of a watershed restoration plan adopted together with the project.

Additionally, the STREAM Act will authorize low-interest loans for storage and conveyance projects that solely provide irrigation and general municipal and industrial water supply benefits.

More details on the STREAM Act can be found in the provided background attachment.

#### **Staff's Recommendation:**

Adopt a position of support on the Support to Rehydrate the Environment, Agriculture and Municipalities Act (STREAM Act).

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

Fiscal Impact (explain if not budgeted):

#### **Prior Board Action:**

On March 1, 2023 the Board adopted the 2023-24 Legislative Priorities and Policy Principles.

#### **Environmental Determination:**

Not Applicable

#### **Business Goal:**

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

#### **Attachments:**

Attachment 1 - STREAM Act Fact Sheet

Board-Rec No.: 23157

#### **Attachment 1. STREAM Act Fact Sheet**

### **Summary of STREAM Act Senators Feinstein, Kelly and Sinema -- June 2023**

- Expedites non-federal storage projects with less than \$250 million in federal funding, water recycling, and desalination projects by allowing Interior to approve the projects.
  - This provision is needed following the *Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act's* expiration in December 2021. Absent this provision, Congress must individually authorize all water recycling, desalination and storage projects, with the exception of projects that receive construction funding under the bipartisan infrastructure legislation.
  - Allowing projects to proceed with Interior's approval avoids frequent and lengthy delays in the Congressional approval process.
- Authorizes \$750 million in funding for surface and groundwater storage and conveyance projects (including natural water retention and release projects).
- Authorizes \$300 million for water recycling projects, \$150 million for desalination projects, \$100 million for projects to provide drinking water for disadvantaged communities, and \$250 million for environmental restoration projects.
- Requires Congressional approval of future federal storage projects and non-federal storage projects with over \$250 million in federal funding. Congressional approval is appropriate for federal and the most expensive projects.
- Shortens timeline for Congressional approval of Federal storage projects through a "Reclamation WRDA" process where Reclamation notifies Congress of completed feasibility studies each year to set up an orderly process to authorize projects.
- Grandfathers storage projects that receive construction funding from the \$1.15 billion provided for storage in the bipartisan infrastructure law so they can receive storage funds authorized under this bill and they do not need further authorization to complete construction.
- Federal non-reimbursable grants are available for non-Federal storage projects funded by the bill only if they have public benefits that are provided either directly as part of the project or through federal spending on environmental benefits in the same watershed approved as part of a watershed plan adopted together with the project.
  - o If a project does have public benefits, it can receive non-reimbursable grants for water supply benefits on a dollar-for-dollar basis for each dollar of public benefits the project provides, up to the 25% maximum federal cost-share (e.g. a project can receive \$5 million in non-reimbursable funding for water supply if it has \$5 million or more of public benefits). This incentivizes multi-benefit projects with water supply and environmental benefits.
  - Non-federal storage projects with water supply benefits only are eligible for reimbursable funding.
- During droughts, Interior can implement emergency drought relief projects through building permanent facilities, if those facilities are supported by the State where the projects are located and require a federal investment of less than \$30 million.
  - o Current law allows funding only for temporary facilities, excepting groundwater wells.
  - o Given the increased frequency of droughts, it is more efficient to install permanent facilities rather than frequently installing and removing temporary facilities.

# INFORMATION ITEM 2A



### Inland Empire Utilities Agency, a Municipal Water District Federal Update

June 30, 2023

#### **FY 2024 Appropriations Update**

In June, the House and Senate Appropriations Committees began work on the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 appropriations bills. The debt deal reached between the Administration and House Republicans included a deal on spending caps—set at FY 2023 spending levels. However, House Republicans have agreed that these caps represent a "ceiling" on spending and will be marking up to levels below those listed in the debt deal. The Senate has announced that they will be marking up bills to the levels in the agreed package. Both the House and the Senate Appropriations Committee are expected to continue to work on their respective bills during the month of July.

Below is a chart that outlines the topline numbers for each of the twelve appropriations subcommittees in the House and Senate, as well as the status of each bill. Congress must approve FY 2024 appropriations bills before the end of the fiscal year on September  $30^{\rm th}$  or approve a continuing resolution (CR) to keep the government funded beyond that date.

SUBCOMMITTEE	FY 2023 ENACTED (in billions)	FY 2024 HOUSE (in billions)	FY 2024 SENATE (in billions)	STATUS
Agriculture-FDA	\$25.48	\$17.83	\$25.99	House: Approved by Committee on June 14 <sup>th</sup> by a vote of 34-27.  Senate: Approved by Committee on June 22 <sup>nd</sup> by a vote of 28-0.
Commerce- Justice-Science	\$82.44	\$58.67	\$69.63	House: TBD Senate: TBD
Defense	\$797.73	\$.826.44	\$823.26	House: Approved by Committee on June 15 <sup>th</sup> by a vote of 34-24.  Senate: TBD

Energy & Water	\$54	\$52.37	\$56.73	House: Approved by
				Committee on June 22 <sup>nd</sup> by a vote of 34-24.
				Senate: TBD
Financial Services	\$27.55	\$11.31	\$16.80	House: Approved by
				Subcommittee.
				Senate: TBD
Homeland	\$60.7	\$62.79	\$56.92	House: Approved by
Security				Committee on June 21st by
				a vote of 33-25
				Senate: TBD
Interior-	\$38.85	\$25.41	\$37.85	House: TBD
Environment				
Labar IIIIC	¢207.26	64.47.00	Ć40F 22	Senate: TBD
Labor-HHS- Education	\$207.36	\$147.09	\$195.23	House: TBD
Laucation				Senate: TBD
Legislative Branch	\$6.9	\$6.74	\$6.76	House: Approved by
				Committee on June 21st by
				a vote of 33-24.
				Senate: TBD
MilCon-VA	\$154.16	\$155.70	\$154.35	House: Approved by
				Committee on June 13 <sup>th</sup> by
				a vote of 34-27.
				Senate: Approved by
				Committee by a vote of
				28-0.
State-Foreign Ops	\$59.69	\$41.36	\$58.35	House: Approved by
				Subcommittee.
				Senate:
Transportation,	\$87.33	\$65.20	\$88.09	House: TBD
Housing & Urban				
Development				Senate: TBD

#### **OMB Releases Spring 2023 Regulatory Agenda**

The White House Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) released President Biden's latest Unified Regulatory Agenda. This agenda is a roadmap for which federal rules

and regulations the agencies will be targeting over the next 6 months. The complete agenda, which can be searched by each individual federal agency, can be found **HERE**.

### IRS Releases Proposed Guidance on IRA Tax Credits Elective Pay and Transferability

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) released proposed guidance on the following two clean energy tax credits that were included in the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA):

- **Elective pay** makes certain clean energy tax credits effectively refundable. With elective pay, an eligible entity (such as a local government) that qualifies for a clean-energy investment tax credit can notify the IRS of their intent to claim the credit and file an annual tax return to claim elective pay for the full value of the credit. The IRS would then pay the local government the value of the credit. NOTE: Elective pay is sometimes also known as "direct pay," which should not be confused with the **IRS payment method**. Comments on the elective pay proposal are due by August 14<sup>th</sup> and a public hearing is scheduled for August 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 am ET. More information can be found **HERE**.
- Transferability allows entities that qualify for a tax credit but are not eligible to use elective pay to transfer all or a portion of the credit to a third-party buyer in exchange for cash. The buyer and seller would negotiate and agree to the terms and pricing. Comments on the transferability proposal are due by August 14th and a public hearing is scheduled for August 23rd at 10:00 am ET. More information can be found HERE.

#### **EPA Releases Solar for All NOFO**

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for its Solar for All program. The Solar for All program is part of the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund that was created by the IRA. The NOFO will award a total of \$7 billion for up to 60 grants to states, territories, tribal governments, municipalities, and nonprofits to expand low-income and disadvantaged community access to residential solar. EPA will host a webinar on the NOFO on July 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm ET and registration can be found HERE. Applicants must submit a Notice of Intent to apply by August 14<sup>th</sup>. Applications are due by September 26<sup>th</sup> and more information can be found HERE.

### Reclamation Releases NOI to Prepare Environmental Impact Statement and Develop Colorado River Operational Guidelines

The Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) released a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for post-2026 Colorado River operations. Reclamation is seeking public comments on the 2007 Interim Guidelines, as well as how and whether elements of the 2007 Interim Guidelines should be retained, modified, or eliminated to provide greater stability to water users and the public throughout the Colorado River Basin. It is important to note that this action is separate and apart from the recent deal on the Colorado River being considered between now and 2026. Reclamation is holding three virtual, public meetings to receive oral comments on these guidelines:

- July 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm MT (register **HERE**)
- July 18th at 10:00 am MT (register **HERE**)
- July 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm MT (register **HERE**)

Comments on the NOI are due by August 15th and more information can be found HERE.

#### **Senate EPW Committee Releases Draft PFAS Legislation**

Senate Environment and Public Works Committee Chair Tom Carper (D-DE) and Ranking Member Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV) released draft legislation on perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). The draft legislation sets a deadline of September 30, 2024, for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to complete its ongoing rulemaking process to set drinking water standards for specific PFAS substances, and there is no language included that would provide for a *Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act* (CERCLA) exemption. The draft text of the legislation can be found HERE, and a section-by-section summary can be found HERE. Comments on the proposed legislation are due by July 3<sup>rd</sup> and can be submitted HERE.

#### **Senator Feinstein Introduces Three Water Bills**

Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) introduced the following legislation related to water:

- Support to Rehydrate the Environment, Agriculture and Municipalities (STREAM) Act (S. 2162): This legislation would authorize \$750 million for storage, \$300 million for water recycling, \$150 million for desalination, and \$100 million for drinking water for disadvantaged communities. The bill would authorize grants for storage and conveyance projects that include environmental benefits, drinking water benefits for disadvantaged communities or other public benefits either as part of the project design or as part of a watershed restoration plan adopted together with the project. A one-page summary can be found HERE, and a section-by-section summary can be found HERE.
- **Restore Aging Infrastructure Now (RAIN) Act (S. 2202):** This legislation would authorize Reclamation to upgrade its aging canals and other facilities when they are repaired to serve multiple purposes, including environmental benefits, and drinking water for disadvantaged communities. The bill would also incentivize agricultural and municipal irrigation districts to participate in these projects to add environmental and disadvantaged community benefits to these upgraded facilities by providing a 15% discount the amount owed for repairing the facilities. A summary can be found **HERE**.
- **Canal Conveyance Capacity Restoration Act** (S. 2161). This legislation would authorize a one-third federal cost share for restoring canal capacity. It would authorize funding for four major projects:
  - o \$180 million to restore the Friant-Kern Canal.
  - \$183.9 million to restore the Delta Mendota Canal.

- \$289.5 million to restore the California Aqueduct.
- o \$180 million to restore salmon runs on the San Joaquin River.

The *Canal Conveyance Capacity Restoration Act* funding would not be authorized to build new surface storage or raise existing reservoirs. It would also exclude projects that enlarge the capacity of any canal, except for a temporary increase to mitigate anticipated future subsidence. A companion bill was introduced in the House (<u>H.R.</u> <u>2419</u>) in March by Representative Jim Costa (D-CA).

#### **Senator Padilla Introduces Atmospheric Rivers Forecasting Bill**

Senator Alex Padilla (D-CA) introduced the *Atmospheric Rivers Reconnaissance, Observation and Warning Act* (S. 2203), a bill that aims to improve accuracy and timeliness of West Coast Atmospheric River forecasts and warnings. The legislation would direct the Air Force and NOAA to provide aircraft, personnel, and equipment during the winter season (November to March) to improve data collection and stakeholder engagement. The bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Armed Services for consideration.

#### **Federal Funding Opportunities/Announcements**

**EPA Announces \$50 Million for Disadvantaged Communities Grant Program.** EPA announced over \$50 million in funding to support states and territories with projects focused on underserved, small, and disadvantaged communities through the Small, Underserved, and Disadvantaged Communities grant program. The program assists public water systems in meeting *Safe Drinking Water Act* requirements. More information can be found **HERE**.

**Reclamation Releases \$5 Million WaterSMART-Applied Science NOFO.** Reclamation released a \$5 million NOFO for the Water Smart-Applied Science Grants program. The program funds projects that improve hydrologic information and develop decision support tools to improve water management, including improved modeling and forecasting capabilities. Funding may also support the application of nature-based solutions and the improvement of stream conditions for ecological values. Reclamation will hold a webinar on the program on July 26th at 11:00 am ET. Registration is not required for the webinar and participants can join at the start of the webinar HERE. Applications are due by October 17th and more information can be found HERE.

#### **Federal Agency Personnel/Regulatory Announcements**

**President Biden Appoints New Executive Director of Federal Permitting Improvement Steering Council.** President Biden appointed Eric Beightal as Executive Director of the Federal Permitting Improvement Steering Council, replacing Christine Harada. The 16-member council seeks to streamline the federal permitting process for large-scale infrastructure, including energy, coastal restoration, broadband, and electric transmission projects.

**White House Launches Invest.gov.** The White House launched a new resource that details federally funded infrastructure and energy projects. <u>Invest.gov</u> features an interactive map that shows projects funded and jobs created by projects funded through BIL and IRA.

**DOE Under Secretary for Infrastructure Confirmed by Senate.** The Senate voted to confirm David Crane to the newly established Under Secretary for Infrastructure at DOE. The role focuses on deploying clean energy manufacturing, domestic energy security, job creation, and reducing energy costs.

**EPA Releases PFAS Framework.** EPA released its "Framework for Addressing New PFAS and New Uses of PFAS." The framework outlines EPA's planned approach for reviewing new PFAS and new uses of existing PFAS to limit the impact on environmental and human health. The framework can be found **HERE**.

**EPA Requests Nominations for National Environmental Youth Advisory Council.** EPA is requesting nominations for its new National Environmental Youth Advisory Council (NEYAC). NEYAC will advise the EPA Administrator on environmental issues as they relate to youth communities. Nominations are due by August 22<sup>nd</sup> and more information can be found **HERE**.

**EPA Solicits Comments on SRF BABA Waiver.** EPA is accepting comments on a proposed revision of a public interest waiver from the Build America, Buy America Act (BABA) requirements in section 70914 of BIL. EPA is proposing to amend the approved public interest waiver for State Revolving Fun projects that have initiated design planning to also include additional eligible water infrastructure projects. Comments are due by July 9<sup>th</sup> and the proposed amended waiver can be found **HERE**.

**EPA to Host Webinar on Stormwater Management and Green Infrastructure**. EPA will host a webinar to discuss how green infrastructure can be used in off-site stormwater management. EPA recently developed several off-site stormwater management case studies to provide examples of a range of strategies. The webinar will be held on July 26<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm ET and registration can be found **HERE**.

**EPA Releases 2022 WaterSense Accomplishments Report.** EPA published its "2022 WaterSense Accomplishments Report" that details the effectiveness of WaterSense labeled products. The report notes that consumers with WaterSense products saved 1.1 trillion gallons of water in 2022, and the WaterSense program has saved over 7.5 trillion gallons of water since its inception in 2006. The report can be found **HERE**.

**EPA Launches Nationwide Community Lead Awareness Sessions.** EPA announced it will hold a series of free educational session on the dangers of lead and ways to reduce and prevent lead exposure. The series will include two types of sessions: "Understanding Lead" sessions for community members and "Train-the-Trainer" sessions for community leaders. A list of sessions and registration information can be found **HERE**.

**EPA Announces CRWU Technical Assistance Initiative.** EPA announced it is providing free technical assistance for climate change risk assessments through the Creating Resilient Water Utilities (CRWU) program. The program provides water utilities and stakeholders with tools, training, and technical assistance to improve climate resilience. Responses are requested by August 15<sup>th</sup> and more information can be found **HERE**.

**FEMA Publishes Community Disaster Resilience Zone Act RFI.** FEMA published an RFI for implementation of the *Community Disaster Resilience Zone Act of 2022*. The legislation allows FEMA to develop disaster resilience nationwide by designating resilience zones in atrisk communities. Comments are due by July 25<sup>th</sup> and more information can be found **HERE**.

**FEMA Requests Feedback on BRIC Program.** FEMA is seeking feedback from state, local, and tribal government entities on the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant program to update and improve implementation of the program. Comments are due by August 16<sup>th</sup> and more information, including how to submit comments, can be found **HERE**.

IRS Releases Updated Energy Community Bonus Eligibility Guidance for Clean Energy ITC and PTC. IRS released updated information regarding the energy community bonus for the clean energy Investment Tax Credit (ITC) and Production Tax Credit (PTC) authorized by IRA. The program provides eligible communities with an ITC or PTC boost of up to 10% for projects, facilities, and technologies located in energy communities. The new guidance includes updated local unemployment rate data and technical clarifications regarding eligibility for communities. More information can be found HERE.

# INFORMATION ITEM 2B



June 30, 2023

**To:** Inland Empire Utilities Agency

From: Michael Boccadoro

Beth Olhasso

**RE:** June Report

#### Overview:

The month of June was mild enough to keep torrents of floodwater from inundating California farms and cities, but warm enough to melt significant amounts of the abundant snowpack. Reservoirs and groundwater basins up and down the state have been storing as much water as possible- with the legislature even revising water rights rules to allow for floodwaters to be used without a water right for recharge.

The \$310 billion fiscal year 2023-24 state budget has passed after some tense negotiations between the Governor and the Legislature. The deal includes a \$30-plus billion deficit that was accounted for without dipping into reserve funds. Along with the budget, the legislature passed a package of "Infrastructure Bills" aimed at streamlining permitting, regulatory and judicial processes that often delay critical water, energy and transportation projects.

The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) released the Intended Use Plan for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund and stakeholders are voicing strong displeasure with the draft and the process by which it was created. Concerns over the total funding amount, \$191 million, retroactively changing awards, and the "sustainable lending capacity" calculations are the most controversial topics in the draft plan. CASA and WateReuse are working together to gain further understanding of the plan and potential delay its adoption until a more robust discussion can occur.

Both the Senate and Assembly resource bonds have gotten a little more attention with the Governor's renewed support. Both are now \$15 billion bonds and include funding for recycled water, integrated regional water management, brackish desal, and Water Storage Investment Program (only in the Senate proposal). Major unresolved issues now include the uncertainty of size and timing of the bond. The Governor has not indicated the total amount he is interested in supporting but the talk around Sacramento is that between the three bonds that are likely to be supported by the legislature and Governor, resources, housing/homelessness and education, the Governor is interested in a total of \$25 billion. Recently it was announced that the housing/homelessness bond would be about \$4 billion. It is also unclear if the resources bond will be considered on the March or November 2024 ballot.

With the budget passed, Legislators are racing towards the second house policy committee deadline of July 14. The group of PFAS control bills all passed off of the Assembly floor while adding in enforcement and penalties language and have moved through their first Senate policy committee test. The water community effort to include water supply targets in the California Water Plan (SB 366) took some amendments, but was ultimately approved unanimously in the

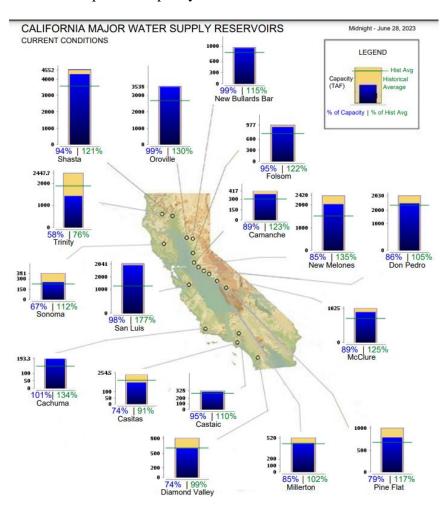
Senate. AB 460, Assembly Bauer-Kahan's water rights bill has been made into a two-year bill, after it became clear the bill wasn't going to have the votes in the Senate Natural Resources & Water Committee. The Assemblymember is hoping to work with stakeholders soon to come to a consensus.

#### Inland Empire Utilities Agency Status Report – June 2023

#### Water Supply Conditions

Summer weather took a toll on the snowpack, melting 75 percent in the last 30 days. 15 percent of April 1 average is still sitting on the ground, but a significant portion of that will likely not survive the blistering heat expected over the first weekend in July.

Water managers are keeping reservoirs full. Lake Oroville is sitting at 130 percent of historical average and 99 percent capacity. San Luis Reservoir, the main south-of-Delta storage facility for the State Water Project, is at 177 percent of average for this time of the year and 98 percent capacity. As widely reported, State Water Project water is currently flowing into Diamond Valley Lake, which is at 74 percent capacity.



#### Final Budget and Infrastructure Package

The Governor and the Legislature reached a final deal on the 2023-24 state budget the week of June 26. The final, \$310 billion spending plan includes cuts to cover a \$30 billion-plus deficit without dipping into reserves. The deal was delayed over the Governor's proposed Infrastructure Package—a package of bills that aims to fast-track clean energy and water projects.

The budget deal includes a new permit fee on recycled water, similar to the waste discharge fee. Additionally, the budget includes \$32 million for recycled water projects.

When the Governor proposed the May Revise, he also released a package of 11 trailer bills aimed at removing regulatory roadblocks to getting critical infrastructure projects built- focusing on water and transportation.

- CEQA Judicial Streamlining: SB 149 provides expedited judicial review of challenges to water and recycled water projects. Any litigation, including appeals, would need to be resolved, to the extent feasible, within 270 days.
  - This bill was one of the most controversial bills of the package because it would allow for CEQA streamlining of the Delta Conveyance Project. After vehement opposition the bill was amended to expressly *prohibit* Delta Conveyance from qualifying for expedited judicial review.
- Fully Protected Species: AB 147 repeals the four existing statutes designating species as "fully protected" under California law. The bill reclassifies 37 fully protected species so that 15 will be listed as threatened under the CA Endangered Species Act (CESA), 19 listed as endangered, and three will have no listing but retain protections under the Fish and Game Code.

#### SRF IUP Released

The annual Clean and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Intended Use Plans were recently released, with disturbing provisions. The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), Division of Financial Assistance (DFA) has recalculated what they believe is the "sustainable lending capacity" of the fund-\$600 million per year. This is about half of what they traditionally have funded.

Additionally, that \$600 million is a total of ALL projects on the "fundable list." So, a project that was approved in 2022, but hasn't yet completed a funding agreement with DFA, counts towards the \$600 million for 2023. As a result, only \$191 million worth of NEW projects were added to the fundable list in this year's IUP.

The final insult in the IUP is that they are retroactively applying a \$50 million grant cap. This results in projects that were awarded funds above \$50 million are getting their funds reduced—this is not something explained in any of the webinars or workshops talking about the IUP.

CASA and WateReuse CA have sent a joint letter, and done extensive outreach to Board members, highlighting this claw-back of previously awarded funds and have asked the Board to

delay action on the IUP until this can be clarified. Additionally, both organizations have significant concerns with only \$191 million in projects getting funded this year.

#### Water Rights Legislation-- Update

After some bad actors refused to abide by curtailment orders issued by the State Water Resources Control Board during the drought, several legislators introduced bills aimed at "revising" the water rights system in California.

AB 460 (Bauer-Kahan) The author has stated that she is only trying to target the "bad actors" who diverted water during the drought despite curtailment orders from the SWRCB. She claims the bill is only intended to give the SWRCB powers they need to go after the bad actors. Jennifer Pierre, General Manager of the State Water Contractors, testified in opposition to the bill stating that the bill goes far beyond the stated intent. Pierre noted that the bill would eliminate judicial review of water board actions and could significantly affect the Voluntary Agreements. The bill passed off the Assembly floor by a two-vote margin and was made a 2-year bill when the author pulled the bill from the Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee hearing because she knew she didn't have the votes. The author and her staff have indicated that they would like to work with the opposition to come up with some acceptable amendments.

SB 389 (Allen) would give the SWRCB broad authority to investigate the diversion and use of water from a stream system to determine whether the diversion and use are based on appropriation, riparian right, or other basis of right, and authorizes the SWRCB to require the water right claimant, diverter, or user to provide information related to the diversion and use of water. Opposition to the bill revolves around the broad authority given to the SWRCB with little recourse from any entity under investigation. While the bill narrowly advanced out of committee members raised concerns with the bill. In particular, committee members questioned the need to hand the SWRCB sweeping authority to investigate law-abiding water right holders.

Similar to AB 460, SB 389 narrowly passed off the Senate floor, with two more votes than needed. The bill has not taken any amendments since April and is scheduled to be heard in the Assembly Water, Parks & Wildlife Committee July 11.

#### Resources Bonds

While presenting his May Revise, the Governor and his administration indicated support for a resources bond. Though they have offered no details on how large of a bond they are interested in or which ballot, March or November 2024 they continue to support the concept of a resources bond in 2024. Recently, the Administration has indicated that they are interested in three total bonds in 2024: Housing/Homelessness, Resources and Education. The total for all three bonds is \$25B and the Governor has already announced agreement on a \$4 billion housing/homelessness bond. No further details on the education or resources bonds have been discussed.

This has turned attention to the two resources bonds moving through the legislature.

AB 1567 (Garcia) is a \$15B bond that includes the following categories that might be of interest to IEUA:

- \$300M for recycled water
- \$100M for brackish desal, seawater desal, contaminant and salt removal, salinity management projects.
- \$200M for projects adopted in an integrated regional water management plan that respond to climate change and contribute to regional water security.

SB 867 (Allen) is also a \$15B bond and contains the following categories of interest to IEUA:

- \$300M for recycled water
- \$300M for direct expenditures related to integrated regional water management
- \$100M for projects related to contaminant and salt removal projects
- \$300M for WSIP
- \$250M for regional conveyance projects that improve regional or interregional water supply or water supply reliability.

Both measures are moving through the process. If the decision is to put a bond on the March 2024 ballot, it would need to be passed by the time the Legislature leaves in September. If November 2024, the bond won't need to pass until summer of 2024.

#### Legislation

The Legislature is fast approaching the "Second House Policy Committee Deadline" where all bills that made it out of their house of origin must be out of their policy committees by July 14.

#### **PFAS**

The three PFAS bills moving through the Legislature this year have passed out of the Assembly and are in the Senate for policy consideration. AB 727 (Weber) is sponsored by CASA and would prohibit PFAS in cleaning products. AB 1423 (Schiavo) would prohibit PFAS in artificial turf. AB 246 (Schiavo) would ban PFAS in menstrual products. They all took amendments in ESTM that would add specific enforcement and penalty provisions- aimed to bolster the effectiveness of the measures and are moving well over in the Senate.

AB 727 is facing opposition from the Housing & Commercial Products Association and the California Manufacturers and Technology Association. They are mostly concerned about how the bill would impact polish or floor maintenance products, noting that these products are critical to mitigate wear and tear and extend the life of flooring. The measure was heard in the Senate Environmental Quality Committee where it passed out 5-0-2. It is next heard in Judiciary Committee July 11.

**SB 754** (Cortese) aims to promote onsite reuse and dual plumbing in residential and commercial buildings. Recent amendments from the Assembly Environmental Safety & Toxic Materials Committee remove the "mandatory" part of the operative language that would require the Building Standards Commission and the Department of Housing and Community Development to develop voluntary and mandatory standards for onsite reuse- aka dual plumbing of new residential and commercial properties. Recent amendments also remove the requirement on the BSC and DHC to include standards for the residential onsite treatment of blackwater. The bill passed out of Assembly ESTM and is moving into Assembly Housing Committee.

**SB 366 (Caballero)** is California Municipal Utilities Association and Western Municipal Water District's bill to establish a target of producing ten million acre feet of new water by 2040, through the California Water Plan. The bill unanimously passed the Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee and passed 40-0 off the Senate floor. It will be heard next in Assembly Water, Parks & Wildlife Committee July 11.

**AB 1216** (**Muratsuchi**) is a bill that would require fence line monitoring of emissions at Hyperion Wastewater Treatment Plant. The bill is opposed by CASA the water community because it is a dangerous precedent for the legislature, rather than an air quality board, to mandate any type of emissions monitoring for a specific facility. While the bill hasn't been amended since the end of April, it is believed that the author is going to take amendments in Senate Appropriations Committee that would alleviate the concerns of the water community. The final details are still getting worked out.

IEUA BILLS—June 2, 2023

Bill	LLS— June 2, 2 Author/Sponsor	Title and/or	Summary	IEUA Position/ Bill	Positions Taken by
Number	Author/Sponsor	Summary	Summary	Location Location	Associations &
1 (diliber		Summar y		Bocation	Regional Agencies
AB	Weber/	Product safety:	Would, beginning January 1, 2025, prohibit a person from		CASA Support
727	CASA	cleaning	manufacturing, selling, delivering, distributing, holding, or	SUPPORT	11
		products:	offering for sale in the state a cleaning product that contains		
		perfluoroalkyl	regulated PFAS, as specified. The bill would make a violation of	Senate Judiciary	
		and	these provisions punishable by a civil penalty not to exceed	Committee 7/7	
		polyfluoroalkyl	\$5,000 for a first violation and not to exceed \$10,000 for each		
		substances.	subsequent violation, upon an action brought by the Attorney		
			General, a city attorney, a county counsel, or a district attorney.		
			constant, a only accorney, a country country, or a district accorney.		
AB	<del>Wicks</del>	<del>Water</del>	Would declare the policy of the state that all residents have	<del>WATCH</del>	
<del>1072</del>	,,,,,,,,,,	conservation and	access to water conservation and efficiency programs. The bill	,,,,,,,	
10,2		efficiency: low	would also set forth related findings including that reaching the		
		income	state's environmental justice goals and commitments requires		
		residential	designing climate adaptation programs so that all households	Failed in Asm.	
		<del>customers.</del>	may participate.	Appr.	
AB	Muratsuchi	Wastewater	Would require, on or before January 1, 2025, the owner or operator of a	OPPOSE	CASA OPPOSE
1216	1/10/10/500/11	treatment plants:	wastewater treatment facility that is located within 1,500 feet of a residential	011052	CHETT OF LOSE
1210		monitoring of air	area and has an original design capacity of 425,000,000 gallons or more per day to develop, install, operate, and maintain a wastewater treatment-related		Amendments
		pollutants.	fence-line monitoring system in accordance with guidance developed by the		under
		ponutums.	appropriate air quality management district. The bill would require the	Senate	discussion—
			wastewater treatment-related fence-line monitoring system to include	Appropriations	could alleviate
			equipment capable of measuring pollutants of concern, including hydrogen sulfide, nitrogen oxides, and volatile organic compounds emitted to the	Committee	CASA concerns.
			atmosphere from wastewater treatment or reclamation processes that the	Committee	CASA concerns.
			appropriate district deems appropriate for monitoring. The bill would also		
			require the owner or operator of a wastewater treatment facility to collect real- time data from the wastewater treatment-related fence-line monitoring system,		
			to maintain records of that data, and to transmit the data to the appropriate air		
			quality management district in accordance with the district's guidance. In		
			addition, the bill would require, to the extent feasible, the data generated by these systems to be provided to the public as quickly as possible in a publicly		
			accessible format.		
AB	Schiavo	Product safety:	Would, commencing January 1, 2024, require a manufacturer or installer of a	SUPPORT	
1423		perfluoroalkyl	covered surface, defined as artificial turf or a synthetic surface that resembles grass, proposing to design, sell, or install a field with a covered surface to any		
		and	party to notify the party at the earliest possible date that the covered surface	Senate	
		polyfluoroalkyl	contains regulated PFAS, as defined. The bill would also prohibit, commencing	Governance &	
		substances:	January 1, 2024, a public entity, including a charter city, charter county, city, or	Finance	
		artificial turf or	county, any public or private school serving pupils in kindergarten or any of grades 1 to 12, inclusive, a public institution of higher education, other than the	Committee	
			University of California, or a private institution of higher education from		

		synthetic surfaces.	purchasing or installing a covered surface containing regulated PFAS, as provided.		
AB 1572	Friedman	Potable water: nonfunctional turf	This bill would make legislative findings and declarations concerning water use, including that the use of potable water to irrigate nonfunctional turf is wasteful and incompatible with state policy relating to climate change, water conservation, and reduced reliance on the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta ecosystem. The bill would direct all appropriate state agencies to encourage and support the elimination of irrigation of nonfunctional turf with potable water. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.	WATCH  Senate Natural Resources & Water 7/3	ACWA- Oppose unless amended-likely removing opposition— Negotiated amendments remove multifamily housing from the bill
AB 1573	Friedman	Water conservation: landscape design: model ordinance	The Water Conservation in Landscaping Act provides for a model water efficient landscape ordinance that is adopted and updated at least every 3 years by the Department of Water Resources, unless the department makes a specified finding. Existing law requires a local agency to adopt the model ordinance or to adopt a water efficient landscape ordinance that is at least as effective in conserving water as the updated model ordinance, except as specified. Existing law specifies the provisions of the updated model ordinance, as provided. Existing law includes a related statement of legislative findings and declarations. This bill would require the updated model ordinance to include provisions that require that plants included in a landscape design plan be selected based on their adaptability to climatic, geological, and topographical conditions of the project site, as specified. The bill would also exempt landscaping that is part of ecological restoration projects that do not require a permanent irrigation system, mined-land reclamation projects that do not require a permanent irrigation system, and existing plant collections, as part of botanical gardens and arboretums open to the public, from the model ordinance. The bill would require the updated model ordinance to include provisions that require that all new or renovated nonresidential areas install plants that meet specified criteria, and that prohibit the inclusion of nonfunctional turf in nonresidential landscape projects after January 1, 2026. The bill would also revise the legislative findings and declarations to state that the model ordinance furthers the state's goal to conserve biodiversity and provide for climate resilience consistent with state drought efforts to eliminate the use of irrigation of nonfunctional turf. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.	WATCH  Senate Natural Resources & Water 7/3	ACWA- Oppose unless amended
AB 1637	Irwin	Local government: internet websites and email addresses	The California Constitution authorizes cities and counties to make and enforce within their limits all local, police, sanitary, and other ordinances and regulations not in conflict with general laws and further authorizes cities organized under a charter to make and enforce all ordinances and regulations in respect to municipal affairs, which supersede inconsistent general laws. This bill, no later than January 1, 2027, would require a local agency, as defined, that maintains an internet website for use by the public to ensure that the internet website utilizes a ".gov" top-level domain or a ".ca.gov" second-level domain and would require a local agency that maintains an internet website that is noncompliant with that requirement to redirect that internet website to a	WATCH- AMENDS TAKE OUT SPECIAL DISTRICTS	CSDA- moves to "watch" with new amends

			domain name that does utilize a ".gov" or ".ca.gov" domain. This bill, no later than January 1, 2027, would also require a local agency that maintains public email addresses to ensure that each email address provided to its employees utilizes a ".gov" domain name or a ".ca.gov" domain name. By adding to the duties of local officials, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.		
SB 366	Caballero CMUA	The California Water Plan: long-term supply targets	Current law requires the Department of Water Resources to update every 5 years the plan for the orderly and coordinated control, protection, conservation, development, and use of the water resources of the state, which is known as "The California Water Plan." Current law requires the department to include a discussion of various strategies in the plan update, including, but not limited to, strategies relating to the development of new water storage facilities, water conservation, water recycling, desalination, conjunctive use, water transfers, and alternative pricing policies that may be pursued in order to meet the future needs of the state. Current law requires the department to establish an advisory committee to assist the department in updating the plan. This bill would revise and recast certain provisions regarding The California Water Plan to, among other things, require the department to instead establish a stakeholder advisory committee and to expand the membership of the committee to include tribes, labor, and environmental justice interests. The bill would require the department, in coordination with the California Water Commission, the State Water Resources Control Board, other state and federal agencies as appropriate, and the stakeholder advisory committee to develop a comprehensive plan for addressing the state's water needs and meeting specified long-term water supply targets established by the bill for purposes of "The California Water Plan."	Assm. Water, Parks & Wildlife Committee	ACWA in support
SB 687	<del>Eggman</del>	Water Quality Control Plan: Delta Conveyance Project.	Would require the State Water Resources Control Board to adopt a final update of the 1995 Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary, as provided, before the board may consider a change in point diversion or any other water rights permit or order for the Delta Conveyance Project. The bill would also, if, after completing the update of the plan and in compliance with existing law, the board approves a change in point of diversion or any other water rights permit or order associated with the Delta Conveyance Project, prohibit the operation of the Delta Conveyance Project unless and until the updated plan is fully implemented. The bill would specify that these provisions do not constitute an authorization for or approval of funding for the Delta Conveyance Project or any other project that includes isolated Delta conveyance facilities, and do not reduce any statutory or other regulatory conditions or permit requirements for Delta conveyance projects.	BILL FAILED IN SENATE APPOPS	State Water Contractors OPPOSE
SB 745	Cortese	Drought- Resistant Buildings Act	Would require the California Building Standards Commission to research, develop, adopt, approve, codify, and publish voluntary and mandatory building standards to reduce potable water use in new residential and nonresidential buildings, as specified. The bill would require the commission to perform a review of voluntary and mandatory water efficiency and water reuse standards in the California Buildings Standards Code every 3 years, commencing with the next triennial edition, and update as needed.	OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED Assembly Housing 7/12	Oppose unless amended by CASA, CSDA, CMUA, ACWA, WateReuse

SB	Caballero	California	Infrastructure Package bill on streamlining of judicial review for CEQA	Assembly Floor	Support by
149		Environmental	challenges		ACWA, CMUA,
		Quality Act:			WateReuse
		administrative			
		and judicial			
		procedures:			
		record of			
		proceedings:			
		judicial			
		streamlining.			

# INFORMATION ITEM 2C



**Date:** July 19, 2023

To: The Honorable Board of Directors From: Shivaji Deshmukh, General Manager

**Committee:** Community & Legislative Affairs 07/12/23

**Staff Contact:** Shivaji Deshmukh, General Manager

Subject: Public Outreach and Communication

#### **Executive Summary:**

- July, Smart Irrigation Month
- July, Park and Recreation Month
- July 1, Flush Smart Day
- July 27, National Intern Day
- July 27, IEUA Hosted Women in Water Event, HQ-B Event Room, 8:00 AM 10:00 AM

Staff has coordinated with Customer Agencies to partner for a region-wide hose nozzle giveaway during Smart Irrigation Month.

Staff has been developing outreach collateral and coordinating outreach events for CBP. Currently, video shorts are being developed to highlight CBP topics, and on July 8, the CBP team hosted a booth at Assemblymember Freddie Rodriguez's 10th Annual Summer Community Awards Event in Chino.

#### **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

Board-Rec No.: 23158



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#### July

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#### Media and Outreach

#### General

- Staff continues to work with the Chino Basin Program team leads, partners, and Arellano Associates to develop and implement an outreach strategy for additional program communication, roadshow scheduling, identifying collaboration and partnership opportunities on shared media, and more. Staff is working with other program team members to help plan for outreach events where CBP can be highlighted. Additionally, the team is working to develop a series of video shorts that can be included in presentations and shared more broadly. On July 8, the CBP team hosted a booth at Assemblymember Freddie Rodriguez's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Community Awards Event in Chino.
- Staff coordinated and hosted IEUA's Summer Blood Drive on June 21. Over 30 donors attended and were able to participate in a raffle, a spin-a-wheel game, and light refreshments.
- Staff has coordinated with Customer Agencies to partner for a region-wide hose nozzle giveaway during Smart Irrigation Month. The amount of hose nozzles prepared for distribution has increased due to the high demand in 2022.
- Staff is continuing to update the toolkit for Fats, Oils, and Greases (FOG) and Wipes messaging collateral. Staff continues to work with the Collections' team to implement video footage and stills on our social media platforms and on our website. The most recent video posted has received over 5,200 views on Instagram alone and was used for social ad placement as well.
- Staff recognized the first week of June as National Garden Week and shared water-wise gardening tips to Agency social media platforms.
- Staff hosted the Metropolitan Water District's "Water is Life" Student Art Roadshow from June 5 through June 12 at Agency Headquarters. A series of stills, reels, and stories were shared to Agency social platforms throughout the week to encourage community members to stop by to view the artwork.
- Staff commemorated the replacement of the RP-1 flare with a short reel on Agency social media channels. The reel has received over 4,700 views solely on Instagram.

- Staff promoted the Agency's Summer Carnival Blood Drive on all social media platforms, which took place on June 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Staff highlighted Public Service Day and National Hydration Day on June 23 with a social media and blog post highlighting IEUA's diverse water supply portfolio and staff's commitment to a clean, reliable water supply.
- Staff continues to work closely with the Agency's Safety unit to facilitate public outreach communication as required for updates to the Agency's Hazard Mitigation Plan.

#### Water Supply Awareness Efforts

• Staff is in the process of updating its "Time is Now" message to coincide with current water supply conditions. The messaging will have an increased emphasis on water-saving tips and will continue to be shared to the Agency's social media channels.

#### Advertising/Marketing

- A Water Awareness/Rebates ad ran in June in the Chino Champion and La Opinion.
- Two Water Smart/Rebate ads ran in the Daily Bulletin on June 11 and 19.
- A Water Smart/FOG/Education Spadia ran in the Daily Bulletin on June 25.
- A FOG/Wipes social media ad ran the last week of June.
- A Smart Irrigation Month/Water Smart ad was placed in the July issue of the Inland Empire Magazine.
- A Smart Irrigation Month/Hose nozzle giveaway email blast was distributed on June 30.

#### Social Outreach and Analytics

- The Agency continues to publish content on LinkedIn and has gained 49 followers since May, with 698 page views in the last 30 days (May 27 June 25).
- June: 27 posts were published to the IEUA Facebook page, 27 tweets were sent on the @IEUAWater Twitter handle, 27 posts were published to IEUA's Instagram grid, and 12 posts were published to the IEUA LinkedIn page.
  - The top three Facebook posts, based on reach and engagement, in the month of June were:
    - 6/5 IEUA Candlestick Flare Reel
    - 6/13 MWD Water is Life Student Art Roadshow
    - 6/23 Public Service Day/National Hydration Day
  - O The top three Twitter tweets, based on reach and engagement, in the month of June were:
    - 6/5 IEUA Candlestick Flare Reel
    - 6/5 MWD & City of Fullerton SWP Inspection Trip
    - 6/1 MWD Water is Life Student Art Roadshow (a collaboration post with @chinocreekwetlands)
  - The top three Instagram posts, based on reach and engagement, in the month of June were:
    - 6/12 Collections #NoWipesinthePipes Reel
    - 6/5 IEUA Candlestick Flare Reel
    - 6/13 MWD Water is Life Student Art Roadshow
  - The top three LinkedIn posts, based on impressions and reactions, in the month of June were:
    - 6/5 IEUA Candlestick Flare Reel

- 6/13 Assistant Engineer/Associate Engineer, Human Resources Specialist, and Senior External Affairs Specialist Hiring
- 6/15 IEUA Washington D.C. Trip
- For the month of June, there were 12,139 searches for a park in IEUA's service area on Yelp and the Chino Creek Wetlands and Educational Park was viewed 644 times.
- Chino Creek Wetlands and Educational Park's Instagram page, @chinocreekwetlands, gained 21 followers since May.

#### **Education and Outreach Updates**

- Field trip dates for the Water Discovery Field Trip Program for school year 22/23 concluded on June 20. The program's field trip calendar is now open and actively being scheduled for the upcoming 23/24 school year. We have received interest in selected summer dates on behalf of summer camps and are monitoring the weather closely.
- Staff successfully submitted and forwarded the Agency's at large winning submissions to Metropolitan Water District to compete in their 23/24 "Water is Life" Student Art Poster Contest.
- Staff was invited and attended Cal Aero Preserve Academy's assembly on June 26 to present and raise awareness about IEUA's Education Programs and present the winner with awards/prizes for the "Water is Life" Student Art Poster Contest.
- The "Water is Life" Student Art Post Travelling Roadshow concluded on June 12. The Roadshow was open for viewing for the public and staff to enjoy; approximately 70 people were estimated to have viewed the artwork.
- Staff attended the Water Education Coordinator Meeting / Mini-Retreat with Metropolitan Water District and its member agencies at MWD's Headquarters on June 14.

Agency-Wide Membership Updates

Organization	Date(s)	Participants	Topic/Activity
California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA)	May 4, 2023	Richard Lao	CASA Air Quality, Climate Change and Energy (ACE) Workgroup Meeting
Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA)	May 5, 2023	Alyson Piguee	ACWA State Legislative Committee Meeting
California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA)	May 10, 2023	Richard Lao	CASA Air Toxics Subgroup Meeting
California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA)	May 11, 2023	Richard Lao	CASA Regulatory Working Group Water Quality and Biosolids Meeting

Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA)	fornia Water Michael Camae		ACWA 2023 Spring Conference & Exhibition in Monterey
Southern California Water Coalition (SCWC)	Coalition Hall, and Alyson		SCWC Legislative Task Force Meeting
California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA)	May 17, 2023	Richard Lao	CASA Clean Water SoCal Joint Collection Committee Meeting
California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA)	May 19, 2023	Alyson Piguee	CASA State Legislative Committee Meeting
WaterReuse Association	May 19, 2023	Shivaji Deshmukh, Alyson Piguee	WateReuse CA Leg- Reg Meeting; GM Deshmukh serves as Chair of Committee
Americas' SAP Users' Group	May 23, 2023	Don Hamlett and Matt Hanson	Simplifying Migration of SAP Applications from ON-Premise to SaaS
Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (SAWPA)	May 23, 2023	Richard Lao	SAWPA Task Force Meeting
National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA)	May 23, 2023	Sheila Esparza	NACWA Career Development workshop at IEUA
Chino Valley Chamber of Commerce	May 24, 2023	Michelle Vizcarra	San Bernardino County Workforce Development Department Hiring Event
Southern California Water Coalition (SCWC)	May 25, 2023	Steve Smith	Stormwater Task Force Meeting

Association of California Water	May 26, 2023	Alyson Piguee	ACWA State Legislative
Agencies (ACWA)			Committee Meeting