



**COMMUNITY AND LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
INLAND EMPIRE UTILITIES AGENCY*
AGENCY HEADQUARTERS, CHINO, CALIFORNIA**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13, 2018
9:00 A.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

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1. ACTION ITEMS

A. MINUTES

The Committee will be asked to approve the Community and Legislative Affairs Committee meeting minutes of May 9, 2018.

B. SUPPORT OF WATER SUPPLY AND WATER QUALITY ACT OF 2018

Staff recommends that the Committee/Board support the Water Supply and Water Quality Act of 2018.

2. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. PUBLIC OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATION (WRITTEN)

- B. **LEGISLATIVE REPORTS (WRITTEN)**
 - 1. West Coast Advisors
 - 2. Innovative Federal Strategies
- C. **CALIFORNIA STRATEGIES MONTHLY REPORT (WRITTEN)**
- D. **STATE LEGISLATION MATRIX (WRITTEN)**
- E. **FEDERAL LEGISLATION MATRIX (WRITTEN)**
- 3. **GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS**
- 4. **COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**
- 5. **COMMITTEE MEMBER REQUESTED FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**
- 6. **ADJOURN**

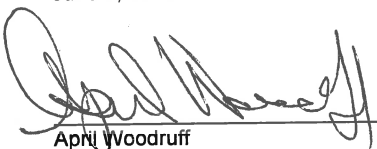
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April Woodruff

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

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 2018
9:00 A.M.**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Steven J. Elie, Chair
Kati Parker, Alternate

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Michael Camacho

STAFF PRESENT

Chris Berch, Executive Manager of Engineering/AGM
Kathy Besser, Executive Manager of External Affairs & Policy Development/AGM
Randy Lee, Executive Manager of Operations/AGM
Christina Valencia, Executive Manager of Finance & Administration/AGM
Liz Hurst, Environmental Resources Planner II
Sylvie Lee, Manager of Planning & Environmental Resources
Stephanie Riley, External Affairs Analyst
Teresa Velarde, Manager of Internal Audit
April Woodruff, Board Secretary/Office Manager

OTHERS PRESENT

None

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. There were no public comments received or additions to the agenda.

ACTION ITEMS

The Committee:

- ◆ Approved the Community and Legislative Affairs Committee meeting minutes of February 14, 2018, and the Special Community and Legislative Affairs Committee meeting minutes of April 4, 2018.
- ◆ Recommended that the Board support the water use efficiency legislation – AB 1606 and SB 606;

As a Consent Calendar Item on the May 16, 2018 Board meeting agenda.

INFORMATION ITEMS

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

- ◆ Public Outreach and Communications
- ◆ Legislative Reports
- ◆ California Strategies, LLC Activity Report
- ◆ State Legislation Matrix
- ◆ Federal Legislation Matrix

GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

There were no additional General Manager comments.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

There were no Committee member comments.

COMMITTEE MEMBER REQUESTED FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no Committee member requests for future agenda items.

With no further business, Director Elie adjourned the meeting at 9:31 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

April Woodruff
Board Secretary/Office Manager

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APPROVED: JUNE 13, 2018

**ACTION
ITEM
1B**

Date: June 20, 2018

HHR

To: The Honorable Board of Directors

From: Halla Razak, General Manager

Committee: Community & Legislative Affairs

06/13/18

Executive Contact: Kathy Besser, Executive Manager of Ext. Aff. & Policy Dev./AGM

Subject: Support of Water Supply and Water Quality Act of 2018

Executive Summary:

Introduced by Jerry Meral, the Water Supply and Water Quality Act of 2018 is a citizen's initiative water bond that recently qualified to appear on the November 2018 ballot. The water bond would provide \$8.877 billion towards water infrastructure in California. The bill targets safe drinking water, Sustainable Groundwater Management implementation, watershed restoration, fish and wildlife habitat conservation, infrastructure repair, and other water management programs. Although a majority of the bond is allocated to specific projects, the bond could potentially provide funding for critical water infrastructure projects within the region (for full details of the bond, please see attachment 1).

The bond includes \$30 million for Santa Ana River Watershed Improvement, \$500 million for safe drinking water, \$400 million for wastewater recycling, and \$300 million for water conservation, which IEUA would be able to compete for.

Support for the water bond includes both ACWA and the SCWC.

Staff's Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the Board support the Water Supply and Water Quality Act of 2018.

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

Account/Project Name:

Fiscal Impact (explain if not budgeted):

Prior Board Action:

Support for Proposition 13 (2000), Proposition 50 (2002), Proposition 1(2014), and Proposition 68 (2018).

Environmental Determination:

Not Applicable

Business Goal:

Supporting the Water Supply and Water Quality Act of 2018 is in line with IEUA's business practices goal of advocating for development of policies, legislation and regulations that benefit the region.

Attachments:

Attachment 1 - Water Supply and Water Quality Act of 2018: Fund Distribution

Water Supply and Water Quality Act of 2018: Fund Distribution				State
PURPOSE	Total	Chapter	SECTION	Agency
Safe Drinking Water	500	5.1	86007	SWRCB
Wastewater treatment for low income communities	250	5.1	86008	SWRCB
Wastewater Recycling	400	5.2	86020	SWRCB
GW Desalination	400	5.2	86021	SWRCB
Water Conservation	300	5.3	86030	DWR
Energy Commission water and energy program	15		86031	CEC
Agricultural water conservation incentives	50		86032	DWR
Flood Management	500	5.4		
Central Valley	200		86040	CVFB
Existing Sac Valley Dams	50		(f)	
Flood Control Reservoirs	100		86041	DWR
San Francisco Bay Wetlands	200		86042	SFBRA
Water Measurement	60	5.5	86048	
DWR Measurement	20		(a)	DWR
SWRCB Records	10		(b)	SWRCB
Water Data Administration Fund	10		(c)	SWRCB
Research	20		(d)	SWRCB/DWR
UC Water Research Initiative	5			UC
CSU Fresno water research	5			CSU
Cal Poly water research	5			CSU
CSU Sacramento water Research	5			CSU
Stormwater	550	5.6	86050	
SWRCB	400		(a)	SWRCB
San Diego County	40		(g)	SWRCB
Tahoe	30		(b)	TAHOE
Santa Monica	40		(c)	SMMC
San Gabriel	40		(d)	RMC
Coastal Conservancy	40		(e)	CCY
IWRM	5	5.7	86054	DWR
Watershed Improvement	2355	6.1	86080	
Sierra Nevada	200		(a)	SNC
Tahoe	60		(b)	TAHOE
Bay Area	100		(c)	BAC
Southern California	180		(d)	
San Gabriel and LA River	60		(d)(1)	RMC
Santa Monica Mountains	60		(d)(2)	SMMC
Santa Ana River	30		(d)(3)	CCY
Baldwin Hills	30		(d)(4)	BHC
San Diego River Cons.	40		(e)	SDRC
Coastal Conservancy	135		(f)	CCY
Central Valley	150		(g)	
Delta Conservancy	100		(g)(1)	DCY
San Joaquin River	20		(g)(2)	SJR
Lower American River	30		(g)(3)	WCB
River Parkways	170		(h)	
Resources Agency	70		(h)(1)	CNRA
Guadalupe River	10		(h)(2)	CCY
Russian River	10		(h)(3)	CCY
Santa Clara River	10		(h)(4)	CCY

Tijuana River	10	(h)(5)	CCY	
Carmel River	10	(h)(6)	CCY	
Napa River	10	(h)(7)	CCY	
San Diego Bay	15	(h)(8)	CCY	
Santa Margarita	15	(h)(9)	CCY	
Upper Truckee River	10	(h)(10)	Tahoe	
LA San Gabriel River	150	(i)		
Rivers and Mountains Conservancy	75	(i)(1)	RMC	
Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy	75	(i)(2)	SMMC	
Forest Watershed, Oak Woodlands	300	(j)	WCB	
Agricultural Partnerships	10	(j)(5)		
Oak Woodlands Conservation Fund	50	(j)(6)		
Rangeland and Grassland	30	(j)(7)		
NCCP	60	(j)(8)		
Coachella Valley and Mountains	25	(k)	CVCY	
State Parks	150	(l)	DPR	
Watershed Restoration	60	(m)	DOC	
RCDs	at least 13	(m)(1)		
Ag Land Program	at least 31	(m)(2)		
Watershed Coordinator Program	10	(m)(3)		
Ocean Protection	100	(n)	OPC	
Local Coastal Program Sea Level Rise	5			
Salton Sea	200	(o)	CNRA	
New River	20	(o)		
Delta Science Program	5	(p)	DSC	
Urban Streams	50	(q)	DWR	
Urban Forestry	20	(r)	CalFire	
Delta Wastewater Treatment	15	(s)	DPC	
Non-motorized River and Lake Access	20	(t)	DPR	
Pacific Flyway Center	20	(u)	WCB	
Matilija Dam	80	(v)	CCY	
UC Natural Reserves	25	(w)	UC	
Sierra Nevada Conservancy fire mitigation	50	(x)(1)	SNC	
CalFire fire mitigation	50	(x)(2)	CalFire	
Land Management: WCB	100	6.2	86090	WCB
Conservation Corps	40	6.3	86105	CCC
Watershed Restoration for Fisheries	400	6.4	86106	CNRA
Communications with Inst. of higher learning	10	(f)(5)		
Floodplain	35	(h)		
Salmon Partnership Implementation Plan	5	(i)		
Feather River improvements	7	(l)	CDFW	
Groundwater	675	7	86110(a)	DWR
Office of Sustainable Water Solutions	10		86110(b)	SWRCB
Projects Implementing SGMA	640		86111	DWR
Borrego Groundwater	35		86113	DWR
Water for Wildlife: WCB	930	8		
Acquire Water	300		86120	WCB
Private Lands	50		86121	CDFW
Salmon and Steelhead	300		86122	WCB
Spring run	100	(a)		
Fish screens	100	(b)		

Waterfowl	280		86123	WCB
Waterfowl Habitat Preservation Account	40		(b)	
SHARE Account	10		(c)	
CVPIA	110		(d)	
American River basin planning	10		86124	
Water Distribution BARR	250	9	86125	DWR
Madera and Friant Kern Canals	750	10	86127	DWR
San Joaquin River settlement	100		86128	
North Bay Aqueduct planning	5		86130	
Oroville Repair	200	11	86132	DWR
Sutter Butte Flood Management	21		86133	DWR
sediment removal	15			
Oroville Wildlife area	6			
Butte County emergency equipment	1		86134	
Total	8877			

Definitions:

BAC	Bay Area Conservancy of Coastal Conservancy
BHC	Baldwin Hills Conservancy
CalFire	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
CEC	California Energy Commission
CCC	California Conservation Corps
CCY	Coastal Conservancy
CDFFP	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
CDFW	California Department of Fish and Wildlife
CNRA	California Natural Resources Agency
CSU	California State University
CVCY	Coachella Valley Conservancy
CVFB	Central Valley Flood Board
CWC	California Water Commission
DCY	Delta Conservancy
DPC	Delta Protection Commission
DOC	Department of Conservation
DPR	Department of Parks and Recreation
DSC	Delta Stewardship Council
DWR	Department of Water Resources
OPC	Ocean Protection Council
RMC	San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conser
SAC	Santa Ana Conservancy of Coastal Conservancy
SDRC	San Diego River Conservancy
SFBRA	San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority
SJR	San Joaquin River Conservancy
SMMC	Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
SNC	Sierra Nevada Conservancy
SWRCB	State Water Resources Control Board
TAHOE	Tahoe Conservancy
UC	University of California
WCB	Wildlife Conservation Board

INFORMATION
ITEM
2A

Date: June 20, 2018

HHR

To: The Honorable Board of Directors

From: Halla Razak, General Manager

Committee: Community & Legislative Affairs

06/13/18

Executive Contact: Kathy Besser, Executive Manager of Ext. Aff. & Policy Dev./AGM

Subject: Public Outreach and Communication

Executive Summary:

This is an informational item that provides highlights of the External Affairs team's monthly outreach, education and communication programs and updates.

- June 8, World Oceans Day (The Ocean Project)

A Water Awareness Month targeted email ran on May 22 promoting ways to save water as well as the social media contest to 125,986 total emails. Emails were targeted to residents residing in the IEUA Service Area-32,756 emails were opened (26%) and 3,930 residents (12%) clicked through to the Kick the Habit website.

The 16th annual Solar Cup competition was a success. All three sponsored high schools received honors: Chino High School (Veteran Team), Los Osos High School (Veteran Team), and Upland High School (Rookie Team).

Staff's Recommendation:

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

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

Subject: Public Outreach and Communication

June

- June 8, World Oceans Day (*The Ocean Project*)

July

- July, Smart Irrigation Month
- July 18, IEUA Employee Recognition Picnic, IEUA (behind Building A), 11:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

August

- August 1, Blood Drive, IEUA HQB Event Room, 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- August 10, San Bernardino County Water Conference, DoubleTree Hotel, 222 N. Vineyard Ave., Ontario, 91764, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Media and Outreach

- A Compost Giveaway targeted email ran on May 8 promoting the Agency's compost giveaway - 128,412 emails were sent to families, people who have shown an interest in landscaping and the environment, and homeowners residing in the IEUA service area - 39,807 emails were opened (31%) and 8,359 (21%) of the recipients clicked through to get more information about the 2018 Compost Giveaway.
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- External Affairs staff is working with Agency department leads to update the Agency's external website.
- Staff continues to run banner ads with *Fontana Herald News*.
- Staff launched a social media contest for the month of May encouraging users to post a water saving picture to be entered into a drawing for a water saving swag bag. Social media reach and engagement increased by approximately 30%.
- May: 27 posts were published to the IEUA Facebook page and 27 tweets were sent on the @IEUAwater Twitter handle.
 - The top three Facebook posts, based on reach and engagement, in the month of May were:
 - 5/8: Social Media Contest
 - 5/9: Compost Giveaway Happening Now
 - 5/9: Compost Giveaway Flyer Post
 - The top three tweets, based on reach and engagement, in the month of May were:
 - 5/23: Los Osos Solar Cup Congratulations
 - 5/22: Upland HS Solar Cup Congratulations
 - 5/19: #DrinkingWaterWeek #ProtecttheSource

Education and Outreach Updates

- The 16th annual Solar Cup competition was a success. All three sponsored high schools received honors:

- Chino High School (**Veteran**)
 - 1st Place Public Service Message – Inland Region
 - 2nd Place Sprint Race – Inland Region
 - 6th Place Overall – Veterans and Rookies
 - Los Osos High School (**Veteran**)
 - 1st Place for Technical Reports – Foothill Region
 - 2nd Place Endurance Race – Foothill Region
 - 15th Place Overall – Veterans and Rookies
 - Upland High School (**Rookie**)
 - Overall “Hottest Looking Boat” – Rookie Division
 - 1st Place Endurance Race – Rookie Division
 - 2nd Place Overall – Rookie Division
 - 11th Place Overall – Veterans and Rookies
- Presentations have been made to all winners of the Agency’s *Water is Life* poster contest. Winners were presented with a book store gift card and certificate. Teachers of the winning students received a school supply gift card. All winning posters will be sent to MWD to be entered into their regional contest.

Association Membership Activities

- On April 24, 2018, Eddie Lin attended a Southern California Alliance of Publicly Owned Treatment Works (SCAP) Air Committee meeting.
- On April 25, 2018, Craig Proctor attended the Southern California Salinity Coalition Directors’ Strategic Planning Retreat.
- On April 26, 2018, Pietro Cambiaso attended the California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA) Air Quality, Climate Change, and Energy Workgroup Meeting.
- On May 22, 2018, Eddie Lin attended a SCAP Air Committee meeting.
- On May 24, 2018, Pietro Cambiaso and Eddie Lin attended the CASA Air Quality, Climate Change, and Energy Workgroup Meeting.
- On May 29, 2018, IEUA hosted the SCAP Energy Committee meeting.

INFORMATION
ITEM
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June 1, 2018

To: Inland Empire Utilities Agency

From: Michael Boccadoro
Beth Olhasso
Maddie Dunlap

RE: May Report

Overview:

Despite mediocre winter precipitation and rapidly melting snowpack, California's major reservoirs continue to hover around capacity, prompting both the Bureau of Reclamation and the Department of Water Resources to increase allocations for Central Valley Project and State Water Project contractors.

In a continued effort to ensure higher allocations in the future through improved Delta conveyance, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California has pulled yet another trick out of their hat. This time, the agency has revived the two-tunnel plan by voting to front roughly two-thirds of the project cost. This vote set off a chain reaction of events that seems to have given the project a more promising future than it has enjoyed in months.

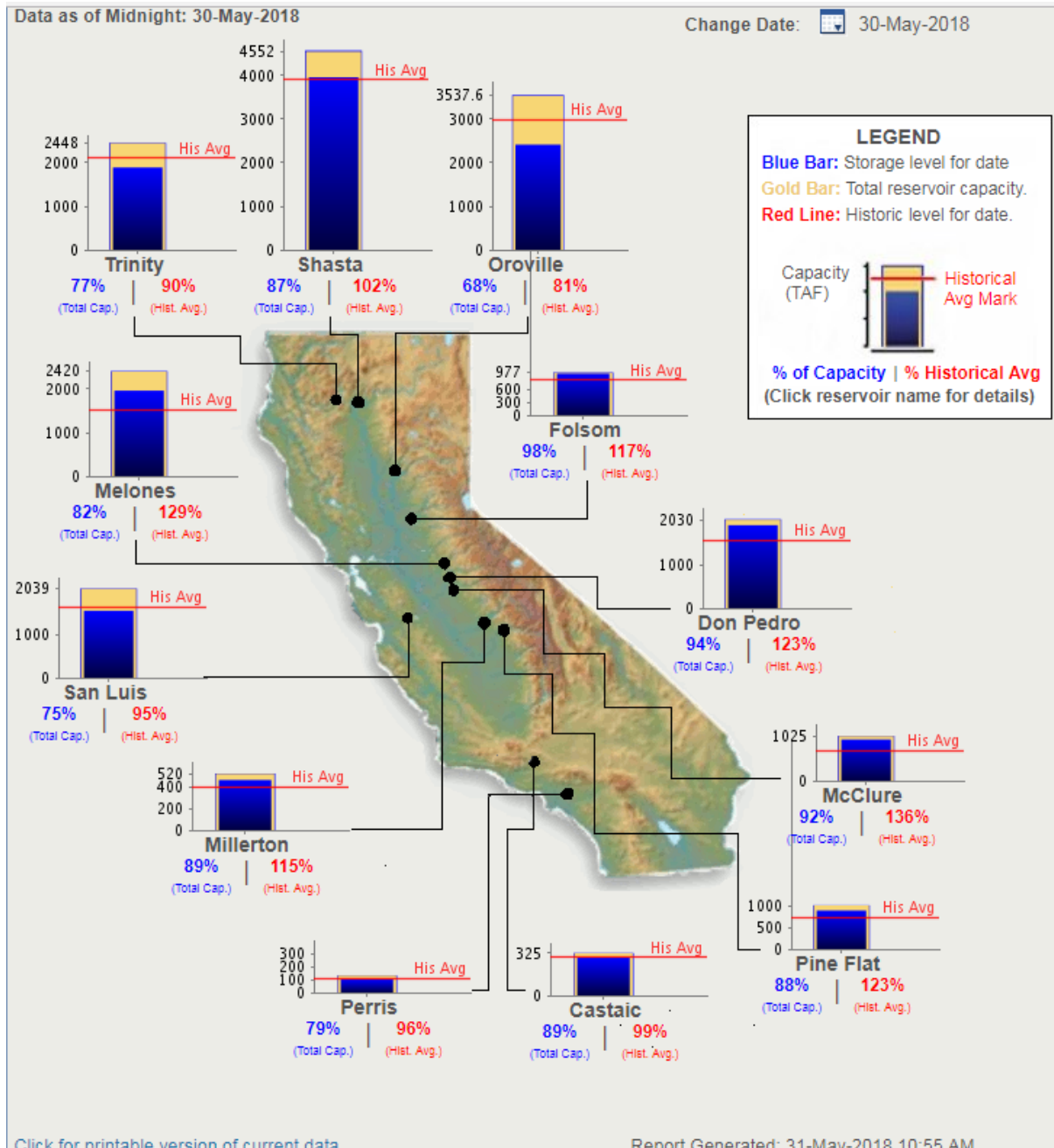
In energy news, the California Independent System Operator (CAISO) has issued a warning that it expects "challenging summer operating conditions" and tight capacity based on the current resource mix and increasing renewable generation. CAISO is predicting a 50 percent probability that it will need to declare a Stage 2 emergency for at least one hour during the season—a declaration that has not occurred since 2007.

The California Energy Commission (CEC) recently unanimously voted to adopt new building efficiency standards that would increase solar generation even further. The controversial new standards include requirements for new homes to be constructed with solar power starting in 2020.

The Legislature stayed on track meeting key deadlines in the month of May, including the June 1st house of origin deadline just ahead of the June 15th budget deadline. Additionally, Governor Brown released his final May revision to his proposed budget on May 11th.

Inland Empire Utilities Agency Status Report – May 2018

Water Supply Conditions



As spring temperatures heat up, snowpack levels have predictably fallen off in recent weeks. It is typical for this mountain reserve to dwindle as the year goes on, but currently the snowpack is

only at 6 percent of average statewide. While this low number is concerning, major reservoirs around the state continue to hover near capacity as snowpack melts and the effects of last year's historically wet winter linger.

In light of continued high reservoir conditions, the Department of Water Resources increased the State Water Project allocation to 30 percent – up from 20 percent in January and 15 percent in December.

California WaterFix Update

The status of the California WaterFix projects continues to evolve as the Brown Administration's remaining months wind down. After the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) voted to fund \$10.8 billion of the \$16.7 billion two-tunnel project, the remaining project beneficiaries are considering whether or not they want to join in this most recent proposal.

The first agency to do so was the Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD), who originally voted last October to contribute, at most, \$200 million only if the project followed a "phased in" approach. Following MWD's most recent proposal, SCVWD voted 4-3 to contribute up to \$650 million to the project.

At a recent oversight hearing, Karla Nemeth, Director of DWR, presented on the status of the project along with Eileen Sobeck, Executive Director of the State Water Resources Control Board, who provided an update on the status of the water rights proceeding at the state water board. Jeffrey Kightlinger, General Manager of MWD, and Jennifer Pierre, General Manager of the State Water Contractors, presented on the proposed operation of the project and the benefitting agencies roll. Doug Obegi with the Natural Resources Defense Council, Don Natoli with the Delta Counties Coalition, and Osha Meserve on behalf of Delta area agencies and wildlife interests presented the opposition's side.

The remaining project beneficiaries are expected to vote on this most recent proposal in the coming weeks. Meanwhile, MWD, SCVWD and Zone 7 Water Agency in Livermore announced their formation of the [Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Joint Powers Authority](#) (DCA). Under the Department of Water Resources' (DWR) oversight, the DCA, as a public agency, will provide a means for the beneficiaries of the project to pool expertise and resources to "safely design, construct and deliver the project on time, on budget and in accordance with approved specifications, while managing risk prudently and ensuring compliance with all applicable laws."

The DCA's responsibilities will be as follows:

- Implement final planning and design, construction and all financial accounting
- Develop the program's strategic spending and business plans
- Let and manage construction contracts
- Select and supervise the Executive Director, Engineering Design Manager and other staff/consultants
- Develop and implement a program-wide safety policy and approach to risk management
- Ensure compliance with construction specifications and mitigation measures
- Provide regular updates and reports to DWR

- Maintain transparency through the DCA Board and public information programs
- Finalize remaining permits and ensure compliance with terms

Construction of California WaterFix will begin once all the necessary permits are complete, which is anticipated to be toward the end of this year. The DCA will deliver the project to DWR after construction is complete. To oversee and facilitate this process, DWR has created the [Delta Conveyance Office](#) (DCO). The State will retain authority and oversight of WaterFix regulatory obligations, environmental mitigation and quality assurance. Gary Lippner was appointed on February 20, 2018 as the Deputy Director of Delta Conveyance, to manage the DCO.

Lastly, in yet another surprise, Rep. Ken Calvert (R-Riverside County) released a [142-page draft spending bill](#) for the Interior Department's 2019 fiscal year that included a brief provision prohibiting state or federal lawsuits against "the Final Environmental Impact Report/Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Bay Delta Conservation Plan/California Water Fix ... and any resulting agency decision, record of decision, or similar determination."

Calvert argues that after years and hundreds of thousands of pages of analysis, the project has been properly reviewed. Environmentalists of course have already raised vocal opposition to the provision. The bill has only just been introduced in the House and will still need to pass through the Senate as well.

CAISO Concerned About Summer Grid Operations

The California Independent System Operator (CAISO) has issued a warning that it expects "challenging summer operating conditions" and tight capacity based on the current resource mix and increasing renewable generation. The conditions will be felt mostly on hot nights when solar power dissipates. CAISO notes that diminished hydro supplies and less natural gas generation and supply constraints are contributing factors to the complicated grid management.

CAISO is predicting a 50 percent probability that it will need to declare a Stage 2 emergency for at least one hour during the season—a declaration that has not occurred since 2007. A Stage 2 emergency occurs when the reserve margin has fallen to less than five percent. Rotating power outages could only be initiated during a Stage 3 emergency, and involves CAISO forcing utilities to shut off electricity to certain blocks to prevent large-scale outages.

CAISO projects that 51,947 MW of generation capacity will be available to serve demand this summer with "normal" peak demand projected at 46,625 MW, and also noted that the peak load reached 50,116 MW last summer.

CEC Requires Solar on New Homes by 2020

The California Energy Commission (CEC) recently unanimously voted to adopt new building efficiency standards. The new standards include requirements for new homes to be constructed with solar power starting in 2020. The new policy is in response to the state's energy efficiency targets outlined in SB 530 (de Leon, 2016).

The new policy in the state's Energy Efficiency Strategic Plan calls for all new residential construction to be zero net energy by 2020 and all new commercial construction to be zero net energy by 2030. All new measures must meet cost-effectiveness tests on a life-cycle basis. The

analysis by CEC consultant, Energy and Environment Economics, estimated the measure would reduce statewide electricity use by 323 GWh in 2030.

Legislative Update

The Legislature stayed on track meeting key deadlines in the month of May, including the June 1st house of origin deadline just ahead of the June 15th budget deadline.

Governor Brown released his final [May revision](#) to his proposed budget on May 11th. As to be expected by the fiscal conservative, Brown's proposal was marked by warnings of impending economic downturn, overspending and precautionary saving.

Assembly and Senate budget committees have wrapped up their hearings and the Budget Conference Committee has convened to reconcile the differences between the two budgets, while taking into consideration the Governor's proposal. Once a single prevailing budget emerges, the full Senate and Assembly will vote on the budget, requiring only a majority vote, by June 15th. The Governor will review the budget, with the ability to "red-line" any items he does not approve of, before signing it.

Administrative Hearing Office Proposed for State Water Resources Control Board

As part of the May revise, the Brown administration has proposed an Administrative Hearing Office within the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) that would, in theory, provide a neutral, fair and efficient adjudication process.

In response to AB 313 (Gray), that was vetoed last year, Brown has released this budget trailer bill to address some of the concerns that inspired the original bill and to work through the backlog of water rights issues currently pending at the SWRCB. The proposal includes nine staff positions that would provide "qualified, impartial" hearing officers to ensure that water right matters, and cannabis enforcement matters are resolved in a timely manner. Board members would also have the flexibility to assign hearing officers to permits, licenses and change petitions.

Water Use Efficiency

After a year and a half of negotiations, the proponents of SB 606 (Skinner) and AB 1668 (Friedman) related to water use efficiency have finalized language with stakeholders, the authors, other interested legislators, and the Brown Administration. Most of the final concerns from urban water retailers were addressed, the bills have been amended, and a final vote awaits. Key Legislators who were leading the opposition movement ended up in support of the bills which helped both bills pass out of both houses and onto the Governor's desk for signature.

Highlights of the final language include a requirement for a process for variances, as well as clarification that lowering the gallons per capita daily (GPCD) standards beyond those outlined in the legislation can only be done by the Legislature. The language will codify a 55 indoor GPCD until 2025, 52.5 indoor GPCD from 2025-2030 and 50 indoor GPCD after 2030. The compromise between stakeholders and legislators also addressed how to treat recycled water. Current potable reuse projects using advanced treatment will receive up to 15 percent "bonus incentive" on top of their total water usage, depending on the amount of advanced treated potable reuse water in their portfolio. New projects and soil aquifer potable reuse projects will get a 10 percent "bonus incentive."

The bills are being hailed as a great compromise, allowing for efficiency standards to be created while protecting water agencies from broad conservation demands like those seen in 2016. Not all stakeholders are happy, but the balance between getting water agencies to look at their local conditions and allowing implementation of local solutions is considered the most important part of this legislation. The Governor will still have authority in a drought situation to call for further emergency reductions, but the hope is that this legislation will help water agencies develop a plan for critically dry years, to implement before the emergency is declared.

Most of the opposition has either moved to support or neutral and the Governor signed both measures on May 31.

Clean Drinking Water Fund

The conversation around SB 623 (Monning) continues, especially after the Brown Administration released a budget trailer bill with their proposal for implementing a Safe Drinking Water Fee. The language is consistent with SB 623 which would establish the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund to provide operating and maintenance funds for disadvantaged communities with contaminated groundwater sources. The account would be funded by fees from all water users with an exemption for low income customers, an assessment on fertilizer, and an assessment on livestock operations.

Both Assembly and Senate budget subcommittees heard presentations on the issue and voted to send the trailer bill language to the full budget committee. Opposition continues to be strong from urban water districts who continue to be adamantly opposed to a water tax and hardline environmentalists who believe that ag is getting let off the hook with a marginal fee and legal protections. Many agricultural groups expressed their support along with several environmental justice groups who have been developing the proposal.

It isn't clear yet which vehicle will move, but the Brown Administration isn't interested in a prolonged fight at the end of session over this issue. Opposition from a significant number of urban water agencies and ACWA remains very strong. With a 2/3 vote required for whichever vehicle ends up as the main safe drinking water fee vehicle, and a number of Democratic vacancies, it is unlikely the bill will move anytime soon. Activity and discussion is likely to pick up after the June 5th primary election, when the Democratic majority will be replenished.

Eastern Municipal Water District and the California Municipal Utilities Association have introduced AB 2050 (Caballero, D-Salinas) as an alternative to SB 623. Their bill looks at how to consolidate failing water agencies under a larger umbrella to provide cost effective technical, managerial and financial support. The bill is supported by Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, the Association of California Water Agencies, the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority and many local water agencies. The measure has passed onto the Senate.

SB 998 (Dodd)

A coalition of opponents to SB 998, Senator Dodd's (D-Napa) bill regarding water shutoffs, continue to meet with the author's staff to present an initial list of amendments. Currently, the bill prohibits a water agency from shutting off water service to a residential customer, under certain conditions. Concerns among stakeholders remain on how the whole shutoff process would work including any Proposition 218 issues that would arise as other customers have to assume the cost of service to any residential property that does not pay their bill. The bill has been making its way through three different policy committees with members wanting to support

access to clean drinking water for all Californians, but also understanding the issues with Proposition 218 water agencies face. Negotiations look to be reaching a stalemate with the author not willing to take amendments proposed by a coalition of water interests. ACWA, CMUA and others will all consider moving to a straight oppose position in the coming weeks.

SB 831 (Wieckowski)

This bill looks to make it easier for accessory dwelling units to be permitted and constructed as one part of a package of bills aiming to ease California's lack of affordable housing. Many water agencies are concerned that they would not be able to charge to add a second meter, monthly or capacity charges to the accessory dwelling unit. The author seems to have agreed to amendments that would remove this provision and allow water agencies to charge the second unit.

Amendments are not in print, so final confirmation is necessary.

AB 1876 (Frazier)

The annual attempt to stack the Delta Stewardship Council membership with in-delta representatives has once again failed in its first committee without a single "aye" vote. A strong coalition, led by MWD, worked hard to successfully kill the bill. This type of legislation has cropped up every year recently and has always met the same fate. WCA will continue to look for similar legislation and work with MWD to defeat any repeat attempt this year.

AB 3037 (Chiu)

AB 3037 (Chiu, D-San Francisco) was an initial effort to re-instate redevelopment agencies (RDA), which were dissolved in 2012. WCA worked with IEUA staff and the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) to secure amendments that would protect "passthrough" property tax revenue, to ensure that IEUA would continue to receive those funds. The bill did not make it out of appropriations committee. The author made it very clear that he was not expecting the bill to pass this year, because Governor Brown was the one who called for the end of RDAs in 2012. The bill was meant to start the conversation about reestablishing RDAs and will very likely come back next year when a new governor is in place. WCA will continue to monitor the issue and work with IEUA and CSDA as the proposal is reintroduced in 2019.

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MEMORANDUM

To: Halla Razak and Kathy Besser

From: Letitia White, Jean Denton, Shavenor Winters, Drew Tatum

Date: June 1, 2018

Re: May Monthly Legislative Update

FY19 Infrastructure Updates

While the Trump administration has not highlighted the push for a large infrastructure package in recent months, Congress has been using additional funding included in the two-year budget agreement and traditional reauthorization measures to boost transportation and infrastructure funding and authorizations. Below are key bills that are currently moving through the House and Senate.

FY19 Transportation-HUD Appropriations

On Wednesday, May 16, the House Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development Appropriations Subcommittee advanced its annual appropriations bill to the full committee level. The full committee advanced the legislation to the floor on Wednesday, May 23. The measure includes annual funding for grant programs within the Department of Transportation.

The legislation seeks to cut BUILD infrastructure grants, which were previously known as TIGER grants, to \$750 million in fiscal 2019, which is approximately half of the \$1.5 billion included in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018. However, this year's funding measure includes what the Ranking Member of the T-HUD Appropriations Subcommittee calls an "appropriate balance between rural and urban projects."

The committee report language specifies that \$250 million will go toward seaports and \$250 million toward rural infrastructure, leaving \$250 million for urban projects. As you may recall, Congress increased the funding for BUILD grants last year after a two-year bipartisan budget agreement was reached. In FY17, TIGER grants were funded at only \$500 million. According to the T-HUD Appropriations Subcommittee Chairman Mario Diaz-Balart, the subcommittee is now trying to find a balanced approach to funding the program in subsequent fiscal years, noting that he does not ascribe to the notion that just because lawmakers approved a certain amount, that is the right amount forever.

The Committee also recommends a total of \$3.365 billion for the Community Development Fund account, which is equal to the fiscal year 2018 enacted level and \$3.365 billion above the budget request. Of that \$3.3 billion is for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) formula

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program. This is equal to the fiscal year 2018 enacted level and \$3.3 billion above the President's budget request. As you may recall, the Trump administration has requested that Congress zero or substantially reduce funding for many activities, including CBDGs. Thus far, the House Appropriations Committee has not followed those recommendations and has continued to fund the programs at, near, or above the FY18 enacted levels.

Water Resources Development Legislation

On Friday, May 18, Chairman Bill Shuster (R-PA) of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee introduced H.R. 8, the Water Resources Development Act, in the House, with Ranking Member Peter DeFazio (D-OR), Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee Chairman Garret Graves (R-LA), and Ranking Member Grace Napolitano (D-CA).

The bill is designed to move quickly through the chamber, with lawmakers omitting controversial provisions that could have held it up. There were rumors that the Chairman was aiming to include a provision that would have started the process of transferring the Army Corps of Engineers to another federal agency, but the final bill as introduced only included language requiring a study of the future of the Corps.

The bill totals 58 pages and includes a list of almost a dozen major dam, flood control, and other projects on which the Army Corps of Engineers can move forward but does not provide additional funding outside the fiscal year 2019 appropriations process. The Committee marked and reported the legislation on Wednesday, May 23 at the full committee level. The House is expected to take up the measure the week of June 4. Currently, 97 amendments have been filed to the legislation with the Rules Committee.

The Senate's version was introduced earlier in May and was marked and reported favorably out of committee on Tuesday, May 22, 2018.

As of now, the bipartisan bill shies away from the more contentious items in the Administration's plan—specifically its calls to speed up the permitting process for big federal infrastructure projects by stripping some environmental review requirements. Senator James Inhofe (R-OK) told reporters the committee has already accomplished much on this issue, but that he may use the water resources bill as a vehicle to push further.

Senator Inhofe's plans to amend the bill with environmental permitting measures could jeopardize its bipartisan support. Democrats have strongly opposed legislation in the past that sought to remove federal agencies' obligations to study the ecological impacts of their decisions. Both Senator Borrasso (R-WY), the Chairman of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, and Senator Inhofe said they were committed to following Congress' traditional biennial timeline for passing a water resources bill, which gives the Army Corps of Engineers the go-ahead to move forward on dozens of flood control and reservoir projects across the country. These bills also typically make significant policy changes for the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) drinking water and wastewater programs.

This year's bill received bipartisan praise at the hearing before the committee, signaling that its chances of advancing through the Senate are good. "We don't want to spike the football too

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early, but this is a day to celebrate,” Senator Tom Carper (D-DE), the top Democrat on the committee, said.

The Senate bill would allow the EPA to continue operating its new subsidized infrastructure loan program, the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA), through the 2021 fiscal year. It also would allow water utilities to use portions of EPA grants to clean up the lakes and rivers that serve as the sources of their drinking water, something currently outside the scope of the EPA's main water grant program.

For the Army Corps, the legislation would require the White House's Office of Management and Budget to re-examine the way it conducts cost-benefit analysis for the Corps' projects. The bill would also change Army Corps rules on outside parties sharing in the cost of a project.

House and Senate Appropriators Moving FY19 Bills

The Senate has joined the House in reporting fiscal year 2019 appropriations bills to the floor, beginning with the Senate Appropriations Committee's approval of the Agriculture and Energy and Water Appropriations bills on Thursday, May 24.

During the first Senate Appropriations Committee markup, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) noted that he planned to devote floor time to the consideration of two appropriations measures during the month of June. We anticipate that may mean two bills are packaged together and considered at the same time on the floor in an appropriations minibuss. Leader McConnell also indicated he had been working with Speaker Paul Ryan (R-WI) on a plan to pass minibuss appropriations measures (3-4 appropriations bills packaged together) to move as many bills as possible before the end of the fiscal year.

The Agriculture Appropriations bill advanced by the Senate Appropriations Committee would increase discretionary funding to \$23.2 billion, \$225 million more than fiscal 2018. This increase covers increased support to nutrition programs and rural development.

The Senate FY19 Energy and Water Appropriations bill totaled \$43.8 billion, \$566 million more than in fiscal 2018 and \$7.24 billion more than the request. The Army Corps of Engineers would receive \$6.93 billion, a \$100 million increase and \$2.14 billion more than requested and the Bureau of Reclamation, part of the Interior Department, would get \$1.49 billion.

As you may recall, the House Appropriations Committee approved their FY19 Energy and Water appropriations bill on Wednesday, May 16 that would provide \$44.8 billion in discretionary funding, \$1.53 billion more than enacted for FY18 and \$8.41 billion more than president's budget request. In addition to the funding, the bill contains policy provisions that would repeal the 2015 Waters of the U.S. rule, allow firearms on Army Corps project sites, and bar funding from being used to remove federal dams without congressional authorization.

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Included below are highlights of several priority programs within the Bureau of Reclamation which show a side-by-side comparison of the FY18 enacted levels, the President's budget request for FY19, and the House and Senate Committee recommendations for FY19.

Program	FY18 Enacted	FY19 PB Request	FY19 House Recommendation	FY19 Senate Recommendation
WaterSMART Program:				
WaterSMART Grants	\$34 million	\$10 million	\$34 million	\$34 million
Cooperative Watershed Management	\$2.25 million	\$0.25 million	\$2.25 million	\$2.25 million
Water Conservation Field Services Program	\$4.179 million	\$1.75 million	\$4.179 million	\$4.179 million
Basin Studies	\$5.2 million	\$2.0 million	\$5.2 million	\$5.2 million
Title XVI - Water Recycle and Reuse Program	\$54.406 million	\$3.0 million	\$65 million **	\$54.406 million **
Resilient Infrastructure				
Drought Response		\$2.901		
**\$20 million is for water recycling and reuse projects authorized in the WIIN Act.				

The House Appropriations Committee also approved the Transportation-HUD bill at the full committee level on May 23 and the Financial Services-General Government Appropriations bill at the subcommittee level on May 24. While the House had originally scheduled to mark the Interior-Environment bill on May 22, the full committee markup was postponed because the Chairman had the flu.

The House Financial Services Appropriations bill would provide the IRS \$11.6 billion, including a boost to implement 2017 tax reform law. The bill also included provisions to bar use of funds to deny tax-exempt status to politically active churches.

As was mentioned above, the House Transportation-HUD Appropriations bill, would provide \$71.8 billion in discretionary funds, \$1.5 billion more than the enacted FY18 level and \$23.8 billion more than requested in the President's Budget. Highlights of from the House Transportation-HUD Appropriations bill are below.

Program	FY18 Enacted	FY19 PB Request	FY19 House Recommendation
Community Development Fund:			
Community Development Block Grant formula	\$3.3 billion	\$0.00	\$3.3 billion
Indian CDBG	\$65 million	\$0.00	\$65 million
Community Development Loan Guarantees (Sec. 108):			
HOME Investment Partnership Program	\$1.362 billion	\$0.00	\$1.2 billion
Homeless Assistance Grants	\$2.513 billion	\$2.383 billion	\$2.546 billion

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Senate Votes on Net Neutrality

On Wednesday, May 16 the Senate utilized a tool under the Congressional Review Act (CRA), known as a Congressional resolution of disapproval in an effort to overturn the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) repeal of the Obama-era net neutrality rule that would have prevented internet service providers from throttling their services.

The resolution of disapproval passed the senate by a vote of 52-47. While a step forward for net neutrality supporters, the resolution has not yet passed the House and faces a near impossible challenge to be signed by President Trump. Given the President's strong push for the repeal of the Obama-era rule, if passed by the Senate, a veto is likely. Since the Senate vote lacked a two-thirds majority, it is unlikely Congress would be able to override a veto.

Immigration Discussion Continues to Unfold, Farm Bill to Receive New Vote

On Thursday, May 17, Attorney General Jeff Sessions issued a directive ending a common tactic used by immigration judges to pause or suspend cases before them while waiting for new evidence.

The directive ends the power of immigration judges, who fall under the purview of the Department of Justice, to put a case on hold using administrative cloture, which judges have used in the past to suspend cases for immigrants awaiting a visa application or the appeal of their criminal conviction.

The move could reopen hundreds of thousands of cases, will likely not reopen cases already closed under administrative cloture. Attorney General Sessions wrote in his directive that such a change would overwhelm the administration's already-backlogged immigration case system.

House Majority Whip Steve Scalise (R-LA) announced that the farm bill will get a second vote Friday, June 22. The announcement comes after conservative members of the conservative House Freedom Caucus withheld their support on the legislation on Friday, May 18, which caucused Republicans to come up short on final passage. Members of the House Freedom Caucus were attempting to force Republican leaders to hold a vote on a conservative immigration bill before Democrats and moderate Republicans could force a vote on other immigration legislation through a discharge petition. A vote on the immigration legislation is now scheduled to take place the week of June 18 before lawmakers reconsider the farm bill.

The immigration legislation introduced by House Judiciary Chairman Bob Goodlatte (R-VA) and Homeland Security Chairman Michael McCaul (R-TX) includes border wall funding, security and enforcement provisions, cuts to legal immigration and a process for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program recipients to obtain three-year renewals of their work permits. Chairman Mark Meadows (R-NC) of the House Freedom Caucus said he and his fellow members could not accept GOP leaders' original offer to schedule a vote on the Goodlatte-McCaul bill in June because leadership wanted to appease moderate Republicans who were pushing for a rule that would have tied that measure to a second one still being negotiated.

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With the Goodlatte-McCaul bill currently short the votes needed to pass the House, Majority Whip Steve Scalise acknowledged that there is still an effort underway to try to come up with another immigration measure that could find support of Republicans and Democrats.

Mnuchin says NAFTA negotiations could slide into 2019

The Trump administration missed an informal deadline Thursday, May 17 that had been set by House Speaker Paul Ryan to get a revamped North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) to Congress in time for lawmakers to vote on it in a midterm election year.

United States Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer warned the three nations are "nowhere near close to a deal" as some members of Congress urged the Trump administration not to abandon negotiations. Ryan had encouraged the administration to transmit proposed changes to the NAFTA agreement before a deadline that would allow the House and Senate to consider the agreement under Trade Promotion Authority granted to the President of the United States. Based on the legislative calendar, consideration of any agreement reached this year would likely roll into the 116th Congress set to convene in January.

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CALIFORNIA STRATEGIES, LLC

Date: June 01, 2018
To: Inland Empire Utilities Agency
From: John Withers, Jim Brulte
Re: May Activity Report

1. This month Senator Brulte and John Withers held their monthly meeting on May 7th with the senior staff of the agency to discuss various District activities.
2. Regional Contract
 - A scoping meeting with the parties and consultant team is scheduled
 - Proposal scheduled for end of May
3. Proposition One Grant Application
 - Reviewed preliminary funding recommendations and strategies to increase recommended funding allocation
 - Funding to be awarded by June
4. Chino Basin Water Bank
 - First Board meeting scheduled for May 30.
 - Budget to be established
5. SB LAFCO
 - Foxborough LAFCO issue discussed
 - Legal Counsel to draft memo and forward to County Supervisors

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State Legislation

Bill Number	Sponsor	Title and/or Summary	Summary/Status	IEUA Position
AB 1668	Friedman	An Act Relating to Water	This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation necessary to help make water conservation a California way of life.	SUPPORT Signed by Governor
AB 1654	Rubio	An Act Relating to Water	This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation necessary to help make water conservation a California way of life.	WATCH Senate Natural Resources and Water
AB 1876	Frazier	Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta: Delta Stewardship Council	The Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Reform Act of 2009 establishes the Delta Stewardship Council, which consists of 7 members, and requires the council to develop, adopt, and commence implementation of a comprehensive management plan for the Delta, known as the Delta Plan. This bill would increase the membership of the council to 13 members, including 11 voting members and 2 nonvoting members, as specified.	OPPOSE DEAD
AB 869	Rubio	Sustainable water use and demand reduction: recycled water	Excludes, from the calculation of any water use or water efficiency target established after 2020, recycled water, as specified, delivered within the service area of an urban retail or wholesale water supplier	WATCH Senate Natural Resources and Water
AB 3037	Chiu	Community Redevelopment Law of 2018	Would authorize a city or county to propose the formation of a redevelopment housing and infrastructure agency by adoption of a resolution of intention that meets specified requirements, and providing that resolution to each affected taxing entity. The bill would require the city or county that adopted that resolution to hold a public hearing on the proposal to consider all written and oral objections to the formation, as well as any recommendations of the affected taxing entities, and would authorize that city or	WATCH, and work with CSDA Died on Suspense

			county to adopt a resolution of formation at the conclusion of that hearing.	
SB 606	Skinner/Hertzberg	An Act Relating to Water	This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation necessary to help make water conservation a California way of life.	SUPPORT Signed by Governor
SB 623	Monning	Water Quality: Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund	Would establish the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund in the State Treasury and would provide that moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the State Water Resources Control Board. The bill would require the board to administer the fund to secure access to safe drinking water for all Californians, while also ensuring the long-term sustainability of drinking water service and infrastructure. The bill would authorize the state board to provide for the deposit into the fund of federal contributions, voluntary contributions, gifts, grants, bequests, and settlements from parties responsible for contamination of drinking water supplies.	WATCH Assembly Rules Committee
AB 2697	Gallagher	Wildlife, bird, and waterfowl habitat: idled agricultural lands	Would require the Wildlife Conservation Board to establish a program, which may include direct payments or other incentives, to encourage landowners to voluntarily cultivate or retain cover crops or other upland vegetation on idled lands to provide waterfowl, upland game bird, and other wildlife habitat cover for purposes, including, but not limited to, encouraging the use of idle agricultural lands for wildlife habitat. The bill would also authorize the department to provide incentives pursuant to the program for the creation or enhancement of waterfowl brood habitat, and to develop guidelines and criteria for the program as it deems appropriate.	WATCH Senate Desk 5/25 Amends removed opposition.

AB 1778	Holden	Transit-Oriented Redevelopment Law of 2018	Current law dissolved redevelopment agencies as of February 1, 2012, and designates successor agencies to act as successor entities to the dissolved redevelopment agencies. This bill, the Transit-Oriented Redevelopment Law of 2018, would authorize a city or county to propose the formation of a redevelopment agency by adopting a resolution of intention that meets specified requirements, and submitting that resolution to each affected taxing entity and to each owner of land within the district.	WATCH Asm. Local Gov. Never heard in policy committee DEAD
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Federal Legislation of Significance

Bill Number	Sponsor	Title and/or Summary	Summary/Status
H.R. 8	Rep. Bill Shuster(R-PA)	Water Resources Development Act	<p>The bill authorizes proposed U.S. Army Corps of Engineers civil works activities and provides reforms to the Corps. WRDA authorizes locally driven, but nationally vital, investments in the Nation’s water resources infrastructure. It strengthens economic growth and competitiveness, helps move goods throughout the country and abroad, and protects our communities.</p> <p>The legislation was marked and passed on Wednesday, May 23, 2018 and is currently waiting to be brought to the floor.</p>
S.2975	Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-TN)	Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act	<p>Provides FY2019 appropriations for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers civil works projects, the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Reclamation, the Department of Energy (DOE), and independent agencies such as the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.</p> <p>The legislation was reported out of the Senate Appropriations Committee, favorably, on Tuesday, June 22, 2018.</p>
H.R.5895	Rep. Mike Simpson (R-ID)	Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act	<p>Provides FY2019 appropriations for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers civil works projects, the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Reclamation, the Department of Energy (DOE), and independent agencies such as the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.</p> <p>The legislation was passed through the House Appropriations Committee Thursday, June 1, 2018 and is likely to be considered as part of a package, alongside other appropriations bills, and brought to the House floor.</p>
	Rep. Ken Calvert(R-CA)	Interior and Environment Appropriations Act	<p>he legislation includes funding for the Department of the Interior, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Forest Service, the Indian Health Service, and various independent and related agencies. These funds are targeted to important investments in the nation’s natural resources, including \$3.4 billion for the Department of the Interior and U.S. Forest Service to prevent and combat devastating wildfires.</p> <p>The legislation also contains several policy provisions to rein in unnecessary regulations at the EPA and other agencies.</p>

			The legislation was passed favorably in subcommittee on Tuesday, May 15, 2018. Full committee mark postponed.
S.2800	Sen. John Barrasso (R-WY)	America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018	The bill provides for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States. This is the Senate counterpart to the House's Water Resources Development Act. The legislation was marked and reported favorably out of committee on Tuesday, May 22, 2018
H.R. 5609	Rep. Keith Ellison (D-MN)	Water Affordability, Transparency, Equity, and Reliability Act of 2018	The legislation would establish a trust fund to provide for adequate funding for water and sewer infrastructure, and for other purposes. The bill was referred to the Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit on Tuesday, June 22, 2018 and no further action has been taken.
H.R. 5003	Rep. Randy Hultgren (R-IL)	To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reinstate advance refunding bonds	The legislation was referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means on Tuesday, February 23, 2018 and no further action has been taken.
H.R.4902	Rep. John Katko (R-NY)	Securing Required Funding for Water Infrastructure Now Act	The legislation would amend the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act of 2014 to provide to State infrastructure financing authorities additional opportunities to receive loans under that Act to support drinking water and clean water State revolving funds to deliver water infrastructure to communities across the United States. The bill was introduced on Tuesday, January 30, 2018 and referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.
S 2364	Sen. John Boozman	Securing Required Funding for Water Infrastructure Now Act	The intention of the bill is to amend the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act of 2014 to provide to State infrastructure financing authorities additional opportunities to receive loans under that Act to support drinking water and clean water State revolving funds to deliver water infrastructure to communities across the United States, and for other purposes. The legislation was introduced on Tuesday, January 30, 2018 and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S.2329	Sen. John Hoeven (R-ND)	Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Reauthorization Act of 2018	<p>This measure is designed to spur investments in water project development across the nation by supplementing federal funding of water infrastructure projects — including wastewater treatment, flood control and storm water management — with long-term, low-cost loans and loan guarantees, reauthorize and amend the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act of 2014, and double the Environmental Protection Agency’s fiscal year 19 WIFIA authorization to \$90 million and extend the program for five years, through 2024.</p> <p>The legislation was introduced Tuesday, January 23, 2018 was referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works</p>
H.R.4492	Rep. Brian Mast (R-FL)	Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Reauthorization Act of 2017	<p>H.R. 4492 is a companion bill to S.2329 and would spur investments in water project development across the nation by supplementing federal funding of water infrastructure projects.</p> <p>This bill was introduced Thursday, November 30, 2017 and was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.</p>
H.R. 5127	Rep. Grace Napolitano (D-CA)	Water Recycling Investment and Improvement Act	<p>The legislation would assist water agencies with the expansion, planning, designing, and building of water recycling plants and modernizing water infrastructure by making changes to the WIIN Act Title XVI water recycling and reuse program by removing the requirement of funding projects that are in drought or disaster areas, increasing the authorization from \$50 million to \$500 million, making the program permanent rather than sun-setting in 2021, and taking away the requirement that the projects need to be designated in an appropriations legislation.</p> <p>The bill was introduced on Tuesday, February 27, 2018 and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.</p>
S.1	Sen. Mike Enzi	Tax Cuts and Jobs Act	<p>This bill provides for the reconciliation pursuant to title II of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2018. Tax rates would be reduced, dozens of breaks would be eliminated, and the individual mandate from the Affordable Care Act would be eliminated. The corporate income tax rate would be set at 20 percent. Related to H.R. 1.</p> <p>S.1 was introduced by the Senate Budget Committee on Tuesday, November 28, 2017. It was placed on the Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders.</p>

H.R. 3711	Reps. Lamar Smith (R-TX)/Ken Calvert (R-CA) /Bob Goodlatte (R-VA)	Legal Workforce Act	<p>A bill that would require all U.S. employers to use the E-Verify electronic employment verification system. The requirement would be phased over a two-year period, starting with the largest employers. The agriculture industry would have an additional six months (or 30 months total) to come into compliance.</p> <p>H.R. 3711 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, and Education and the Workforce on Friday, September 8th. On Wednesday, September 27th, H.R.3711 was referred to Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security. Judiciary Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session was held on Wednesday, October 25th. H.R. 3711 was ordered and reported (amended) by the yeas and nays: 20-10 on October 25, 2017.</p>
H.R. 23	Rep. David Valadao (R-CA)	Gaining Responsibility on Water Act of 2017	<p>Among other things the legislation would require regulators to comply with the Bay-Delta Accord and make changes to the state's Central Valley and State Water projects and streamline permitting processes. The bill included provisions from multiple other bills previously passed by the House that sought to increase the flow of water to areas of California that have experienced drought over the past five years. The measure was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources and the Committee on Agriculture.</p> <p>By a vote of 230-190, the House passed H.R. 23, as amended, on July 12, 2017. H.R. 23 was received in Senate, read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on July 18, 2017.</p>
H.R. 4	Rep. Bill Shuster (R-PA)	FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018	<p>Among other issues this legislation would reauthorizes the Federal Aviation Administration for five years. Among other things the FAA reauthorization funds aviation programs, Airport Planning and Development and Noise Compatibility Planning and Programs and authorizes FAA's Airport Improvement Program (AIP) account at \$3.350 billion annually for each of fiscal years 2018-2023.</p> <p>By a vote of 393 – 13, the House passed H.R.4, the Senate has yet to take up the House version of the bill.</p>
H.R. 1663	Rep. Grace Napolitano (D-CA) / Rep. Rob Wittman (R-VA)	Water Resources Research Amendments Act	<p>This legislation would extend a Federal-State partnership aimed at addressing state and regional water problems, promoting distribution and application of research results, and providing training and practical experience for water-related scientists and engineers. H.R. 1663 would authorize \$9,000,000 annually over five years for grants</p>

			<p>to water resources research institutes and require two-to-one matching with non-federal funds. It would also promote exploration of new ideas, expand research to reduce energy consumption, and bolster reporting and accountability requirements.</p> <p>The bill has been introduced in the House Committee on Natural Resources and referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans on March 27, 2017.</p>
H.R. 497/ S.357	Rep. Paul Cook (R-CA)/ Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA)	Santa Ana River Wash Plan Land Exchange Act	<p>This bill directs the Department of the Interior: (1) to quitclaim to the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District in California approximately 327 acres of identified federal land administered by the Bureau of Land Management, and (2) in exchange for such land, to accept from the Conservation District a conveyance of approximately 310 acres of its land.</p> <p>On April 27th H.R. 497 passed through the House Natural Resources Committee by unanimous consent and was scheduled for the House Floor Consideration on June 2nd.</p> <p>This bill was passed by the House on June 27th by a vote of 424-0. The bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on June 28th and no further action has been taken.</p> <p>The Senate Environment and Public Works Committee held a hearing on S. 357 on July 26, 2017.</p> <p>On May 15, 2018 the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources ordered H.R. 497 to be reported without amendment favorably.</p>
S. 32	Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA)	California Desert Protection and Recreation Act	<p>This bill would designate important wilderness in the California desert and protect lands for recreation, wildlife and tourism. Aspects of the bill include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mandate study and protection of Native American cultural trails along the Colorado River. • Designate 230,000 acres of additional wilderness area between the Avawatz Mountains near Death Valley to Imperial County's Milpitas Wash. • Add 43,000 acres to Death Valley and Joshua Tree national parks. • Create a 75,000-plus acre special management area at Imperial County's Vinagre Wash. • Designate Inyo County's Alabama Hills as a National Scenic Area.

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prohibit new mining claims on 10,000 acres in Imperial County considered sacred by the Quechan Tribe. <p>Additionally, the bill protects 140,000 acres of existing off-road vehicle riding areas from mining, energy development, military base expansion or other decisions that would close them to vehicle use.</p> <p>The Senate Environment and Public Works Committee held a hearing on S.32 on July 26, 2017.</p> <p>H.R. 857, California Off-Road Recreation and Conservation Act, is a similar bill and largely aims to address similar issues.</p>
H.R. 2510	Rep. Peter DeFazio (D-OR)	Water Quality Protection and Job Creation Act of 2017	<p>This bill would amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to authorize appropriations for State water pollution control revolving funds.</p> <p>This bill has been introduced to the House Transportation and Infrastructure subcommittee on Water resources and Environment on May 19, 2017.</p>
H.R. 1654	Rep. Tom McClintock (R-CA)	Water Supply Permitting Coordination Act	<p>This bill would allow water project sponsors the opportunity to use an expedited permitting process for new or expanded surface non-federal storage facilities through the Bureau of Reclamation, which would be the lead and central agency coordinating the review process.</p> <p>The House Natural Resources Committee approved the bill by a vote of 24-16 on April 27. The House Rules Committee on June 20th dictated final amendments for passage on the House Floor; this bill passed the House on June 22 by a vote of 233-180. H.R. 1654 was referred to the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on June 26 and not further action has been taken.</p>