

LEGISLATIVE AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE NOTES

May 23, 2019

Attendees:

Committee members: Oscar Gonzalez (Chair) and Kathy Tiegs

Staff members: John Bosler, Carrie Corder, Chad Brantley, Eric Grubb, and Erin Morales

Members of the Public: Michael Boccadoro and Beth Olhasso, West Coast Advisors

Call to Order: 5:00 p.m.

Public Comment: None

Additions/Deletions to Agenda: None

I. Legislative Conference Call

- Michael Boccadoro and Beth Olhasso from West Coast Advisors called in and provided an update on state legislative and policy issues. The Safe and Affordable Drinking Water issue remains at the center of discussion. The latest development is the Senate's Safe Drinking Water Plan which includes three components:
 1. An annual continuous appropriation of \$150 million from the General Fund to the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund
 2. SB 200 (Monning) would create the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund and provide the requirements for this funding program (e.g., the scope of eligible applicants, how the money could be spent, etc.)
 3. SB 414 (Caballero) co-sponsored by Eastern Municipal Water District and the California Municipal Utilities Association, would provide for the creation of small system water authorities and would help the situation where small failing public water systems do not have the economies of scale to be sustainable.
- The Committee members directed staff to support the new Senate Drinking Water Plan. Staff will submit letters of support and outreach to our elected representatives.
- Other updates to legislation included:
 - SB 237 (Hertzberg) ocean discharge bill, which the District opposed, became a two-tee bill.
 - SB 204 (Dodd) took amendments; however, those amendments made the bill worse, the District will continue to oppose.
 - SB 307 (Roth), which the District is opposing, is still moving and is going to the Assembly for consideration.
- Mr. Boccadoro and Ms. Olhasso exited the Committee call at 5:25 pm.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:30 p.m.