

LEGISLATIVE AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE NOTES

June 12, 2019

Attendees:

Committee members: Oscar Gonzalez (Chair) and Kathy Tiegs
Staff members: Carrie Corder, Chad Brantley, and Eric Grubb
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 Drinking Water issue remains at the center of discussion. A new proposal includes using revenue from the State's Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) and General Fund to help address the issue of safe drinking water for disadvantaged communities that do not currently have access to safe drinking water instead of the proposed tax. The package will be approved as part of the 2019-2020 FY State Budget. The plan will continuously appropriate \$100 million from the GGRF Fund and \$30 million from the General Fund.
- SB 414 (Caballero) which is 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 is still active. Support
- SB 204 (Dodd), would impact State Water Contractor contracts. It received amendments so most of the opposition was removed and it is still active. Oppose
- SB 307 (Roth), would impact the Cadiz project. More importantly, it would set a bad precedent for the CEQA process and other projects. The District is opposing this bill and it is still active and going to the Assembly for consideration.
- There are two PFAS/PFOA bills: AB 756 (Garcia) Oppose and AB 841 (Ting) Support
- Wildfires are still an issue, there was the first power line shutdown in Northern California, Governor will have proposal to deal with wildfire and power agencies. Voters may not want to bail out power providers. The Governor's handlers are concerned about "rolling blackouts".
- Governor's Water Action Plan meetings will begin next week. The Water Commission will be facilitating the series of meetings.
- Mr. Boccadoro and Ms. Olhasso exited the Committee call at 5:30 pm.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:45 p.m.