



LEGISLATION, CONSERVATION AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE

AGENDA FOR

SEPTEMBER 23, 2010

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1. Roll call – determination of quorum.
2. Additions to agenda (Government Code Section 54954.2(b)).
3. Public comment – opportunities for members of the public to address the Committee on matters within the Committee’s jurisdiction.
4. Chair’s report.
4-A Directors’ comments.

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

II. ACTION/DISCUSSION

1. Legislative Issues.
1-A Report by Carpi and Clay. (pickup packet) Jeff Volberg

III. INFORMATION

1. Website redevelopment preview presentation. Tenille Otero
2. Water Conservation Garden report. Jim Bowersox
3. Conservation Action Committee. Frank Hilliker



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| 4. | Quarterly report on Public Affairs outreach activities. | Jason Foster |
| 5. | Status report on legislation and legislative positions. | Alexi Schnell |
| 6. | Government relations update. | Jeff Volberg |

IV. ADJOURNMENT

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September 15, 2010

Attention: Legislative, Conservation and Outreach Committee

Website Redevelopment Preview Presentation (Information).

Purpose

Provide a preview of the new www.sdcwa.org website.

Background

The Water Authority maintains a comprehensive website with the domain name www.sdcwa.org. The website serves as a vital public communication tool for sharing information from nearly all departments, including details on the Water Authority's mission, board meetings and documents, finances, capital projects, human resource opportunities, current water-related issues, and other subjects.

The Water Authority last upgraded the website in July 2001. Most major corporations and organizations upgrade their website platforms every three to five years because of technology advancements that improve the efficiency and functionality of websites.

The Water Authority identified a need to redevelop its website as part of its Information Technology Strategic Plan. Funding for the website redevelopment project is included in the current two-year budget.

As part of the sdcwa.org website redevelopment process, staff and the project consultant conducted a needs assessment. Staff and the consultant conducted an online survey to help gauge public and member agency needs. In addition, Water Authority departments also participated in a series of questionnaires and interviews. Feedback from these assessments led to the creation of a list of nearly 140 website needs. Information Systems and Public Affairs staff collaborated to prioritize each of the needs factoring in project scope, available resources, internal policies, security issues, and other considerations.

Staff also has previewed the new website design and its functionalities to Water Authority staff, member agency public information officers and conservation coordinators on the Joint Public Information Council, and the member agency general managers.

Previous Board actions:

In March 2009, the Board authorized the General Manager to enter into a professional services contract with Parallax Visual Communication for professional services to redevelop the Water Authority's website and develop a new website to support the implementation of the WaterSmart conservation brand for a not-to-exceed amount of \$150,000 and contract term of up to 36 months.

Discussion

The scheduled public launch for the first phase of the redeveloped www.sdcwa.org website is planned for mid-October.

The key benefits of the website redevelopment project are to:

- Enhance communication with the Water Authority's key audiences including the general public, member agencies, investors, media, contractors, educators, water industry leaders, elected officials, and other stakeholders.
- Improve the site's ease of use for visitors through better navigation tools and advanced website technologies.
- Increase staff efficiency and enhance business processes through use of a Water Authority-customized Content Management System that will streamline how staff develops and displays information online and will enable staff members to update content more quickly and easily.

The website's new structure and design serve as a foundation to address the priorities identified during the needs assessment, and help establish a stronger, more understandable brand for the Water Authority. A diagram showing the new website's home page design and key features is attached to this memo.

Key to the Water Authority's website development project is the implementation of the latest online technologies and best practices, including:

- Timely and relevant content – A content management system tailored for the Water Authority allows for content to be updated, streamlined and disseminated quickly.
- Multimedia – A state-of-the-art news center with better audio and video capabilities allows for more interactive display of information using calendars, graphs and maps.
- Social media and user-generated content – New functions enable site users to more easily share Water Authority website pages or other information through their own social media platforms, and allow users to readily connect to the Water Authority's social media pages.
- RSS feeds - Water Authority news and web page updates can be “pushed” to subscribed website visitors, ensuring they receive news or updates they want from the Water Authority automatically.
- Interactive forms – Handling more requests electronically will reduce staff time needed to handle the same kinds of requests via phone calls and email.
- Analytics and user feedback – Better tracking of user behavior enables staff to more accurately measure website use and make improvements or changes to the site as needed.
- Advanced search functionality – Users will have multiple options for finding relevant information, including stakeholder-based searches, keyword searches and agency locators.
- Translated content – Web pages will be translated into Spanish.
- Accessibility - Users with visual and hearing disabilities can interact with the website.
- Support for mobile devices – New website platform allows Water Authority web pages to be more cleanly displayed on smartphones.

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Water Authority staff will return to the Legislative, Conservation and Outreach Committee at its October meeting to provide a detailed “walk-through” of the live website.

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Matt Brown, Information Systems Manager

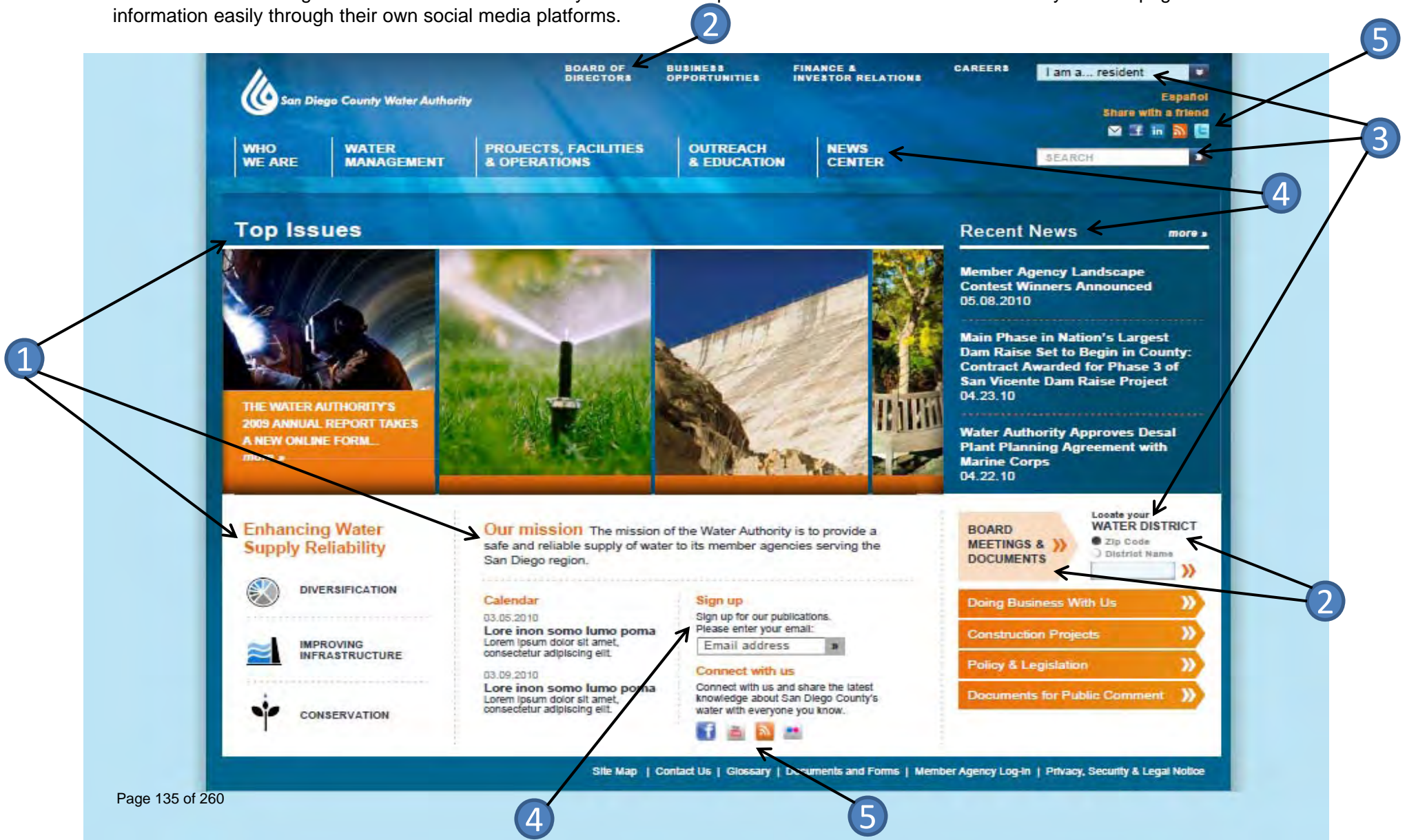
Approved by: Jason Foster, Public Affairs Director

Attachment(s)

Home Page Design Diagram – This diagram will provide a brief summary of the key components from the new sdewa.org website.

New www.sdcwa.org Home Page Design Diagram

1. Enhanced Visibility for Water Authority Mission and Strategies – Generous high-profile space, icons and scrolling feature stories immediately convey organizational goals and important or timely programs.
2. Board of Directors/Member Agency Information – Prominent links are provided to Board meetings, agendas, and documents, bios, committees, and member agency contact information.
3. Enhanced Search Functionality – Users can employ more options to find desired information through several advanced search functions.
4. News Center and RSS Feeds – These “push” important information and updates to the sdcwa.org website and to users through a subscription system.
5. Social Media – Users get access to the Water Authority’s social media platforms and can share Water Authority website pages or information easily through their own social media platforms.





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Quarterly report on Public Affairs outreach activities (Information)

Background

From June 2010 through August 2010, Public Affairs supported Water Authority programs and projects, assisted member agencies, worked with communities directly affected by Water Authority construction projects, conducted media relations activities, worked on education programs, and supplied information through various means, including publications and online communications.

Discussion

During the quarter, Public Affairs focused on conveying key facts and messages on several important issues to the community. These issues included potentially buying water directly from the Carlsbad Desalination Project, challenging the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's water rates in court, and approving new Water Authority water rates for calendar year 2011. Public Affairs coordinated presentations to community groups on water supplies, water rates and other issues; conducted outreach events; updated education programs for the 2010-2011 school year; and informed communities affected by Water Authority capital projects about upcoming project activities.

Community Relations

Board members and staff completed nine presentations, and staff participated in four community outreach events and provided materials for three member agency events. Water Authority board members also participated in the San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation's Annual Dinner.

Media Relations

The Water Authority distributed seven news releases. The subjects of the news releases were:

- The All-American Canal Lining Project winning the Project of Year Award from the American Public Works Association
- Board approval to pursue terms for an agreement with Poseidon Resources to purchase water from the Carlsbad Desalination Project
- Board approval of the term sheet for negotiating the purchase of desalinated seawater from the Carlsbad Desalination Project
- Approval of 2011 Water Authority rates and charges
- The Water Authority filing suit over MWD's 2011 and 2012 water rates
- Regional water use declining almost 13 percent during fiscal year 2010
- Online registration opening for the 2010 Paths to Partnerships event

Public Affairs also released a commentary by Chair Lewis regarding the MWD rate lawsuit that was published in *The San Diego Union-Tribune*. Public Affairs also coordinated a CNBC

interview with the general manager on the Water Authority's supply diversification strategy. The interview is scheduled to be broadcast nationally as part of a CNBC water special on Sept. 30, 2010.

Overall, staff tracked 49 media reports resulting from Water Authority communications or media requests. There were 11 broadcast stories, 33 print articles and five website stories. More than half of the reports were related to conservation or water supply issues.

Key subjects covered during the period include:

- Desalinated water purchase agreement terms and negotiations
- Water Authority lawsuit challenging MWD rates
- Water Authority 2011 water rates and charges
- Regional water use declining 13 percent in fiscal year 2010
- MWD's Integrated Resources Plan forum in San Diego
- Recycled water and IPR use in San Diego County
- Postponement of the 2010 Water Bond
- AACLP award from American Public Works Association
- Right of way issue in Poway

Publications and Online Communications

Staff distributed regular editions of *WaterSource*, the Water Authority's water issues e-newsletter, in June and July. Staff also distributed a special edition in mid-June on the MWD rate lawsuit.

Staff completed monthly distributions of *GM's News and Notes* to board members and member agency general managers and *Connections* to employees.

Staff made regular updates to the Water Authority's Facebook page and continued work on the www.sdcwa.org redevelopment project. More details on that project are provided in a separate memo to the Legislation, Conservation and Outreach Committee this month.

School Education

Staff hosted a DWR Water Education Committee Conference in San Diego. This event attracted 44 people representing 34 water districts from around the state.

Staff also prepared changes and updates to education programs for the 2010-2011 school year and produced a new education brochure to promote the programs. The brochure is being distributed to more than 15,000 teachers countywide.

Staff expanded its conservation promotions for the coming year. Staff successfully retained the San Diego Zoo, Wild Animal Park, Sea World, and LEGOLAND California as sponsors for the 20-Gallon Challenge School Pledge Promotion. In addition, staff developed a conservation-focused "Be WaterSmART" essay and art contest for the upcoming school year and secured

Geppetto's toy stores, Boomers! and Atlantis Laser Tag as sponsors. All students in second through fifth grades countywide will be eligible to write an essay and draw an accompanying picture on the topic, "What Does Being Water Smart Mean to Me?" Winners at each grade level will be determined in March 2011 and receive gift certificates from one of the sponsors.

During this time period, education programs reached 3,289 students and 123 teachers. These figures are normal for summer months, when most schools are closed.

Joint Public Information Council

Staff facilitated two meetings and one conference call with member agency conservation coordinators and JPIC members, providing monthly legislative, outreach, and conservation program updates.

Cooperative Communications Grant Program

The Water Authority's Cooperative Communications Grant Program provides up to \$20,000 annually in matching grants to member agencies and their partners. The grant promotes new, innovative, and effective water-related communications programs or projects that reach out to new audiences and can benefit or be replicated by other member agencies.

Helix Water District, Otay Water District, Padre Dam Municipal Water District, and Sweetwater Authority collectively received \$5,000 to produce four residential landscape design templates that are consistent with the region's Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance. The city of San Diego received \$2,366.50 to reproduce the "U.C. Davis Arboretum All Stars" brochure, which contains information to assist the public on the selection of climate-appropriate plants.

MWD/Water Authority Inspection Trips

Directors Fern Steiner, Bud Pocklington, Keith Lewinger, and Lynne Heidel, the Water Authority's delegates to MWD's Board of Directors, will host or co-host six inspection trips in fiscal year 2011. Below is the inspection trip schedule:

Dates	Hosting Directors	Inspection Trip
November 5-6, 2010	Keith Lewinger	Colorado River Aqueduct
January 22-23, 2010	Fern Steiner	Colorado River Aqueduct
February 26-27, 2011	Keith Lewinger and Fern Steiner	State Water Project
March 18-19, 2011	Bud Pocklington and Lynne Heidel	State Water Project
May 6-7, 2011	Bud Pocklington	Colorado River Aqueduct
May 20, 2011	Bud Pocklington	Local Water Resources

CIP Projects

San Vicente Projects

For the San Vicente Dam Raise, the outreach team conducted a tour for representatives of the cities of Escondido and Encinitas, for the Department of Water Resources Education Committee, and three tours for Lakeside community members. Staff provided site support for the CNBC interview with General Manager Maureen Stapleton, responded to concerns raised by a

neighboring resident, and prepared a postcard notification regarding upcoming roadwork at the intersection of Moreno Avenue and Vigilante Road. Staff also coordinated with Katz & Associates to provide a written project update to the Lakeside Community Planning Group.

For the San Vicente Pipeline, Katz & Associates coordinated with the outreach team to provide a written update to Lakeside Community Planning Group, Scripps Miramar Ranch Planning Group, Miramar Ranch North Planning Committee, Rancho Peñasquitos Planning Board, Mira Mesa Community Planning Group, city of Poway, and StoneBridge Estates HOA. Staff and the consultant also produced a doorhanger notice for businesses on Slaughterhouse Canyon Road regarding improvements to the road leading to the Slaughterhouse Shaft.

Overall ESP

The thrice-yearly *ESP Update* newsletter received its first graphic makeover in its 10-year history. The outreach team has trimmed the size of the newsletter to reflect the near-completion of major ESP projects, and is taking advantage of more cost-effective technology to enable full-color printing. The team has signed up many readers for electronic delivery, further reducing expenses. The newsletter is now emailed to 1,750 readers and sent via surface mail to an additional 3,000 members of the public. The first redesigned *ESP Update* is being distributed in September.

Lake Hodges Pipeline and Pump Station

Public Affairs staff and the project outreach consultant, Katz & Associates, updated project email subscribers, posted online notices on the Del Dios Bulletin and Lake Hodges Yahoo! News Group, and submitted an article to the San Diego Bicycle Coalition's newsletter. These outreach activities provided notice about the opening of the Coast to Crest Trail segment crossing the project site. The trail segment was previously closed or restricted to allow for public safety and facilitate construction.

Mission Trails Projects

Staff emailed three project update notices to stakeholder groups regarding the need to maintain trail closures in Mission Trails Regional Park through the end of project construction. Staff also responded to several inquiries from members of the public regarding trail closures in MTRP at the San Diego River.

Pipeline 4 Relining SR 52 to Lake Murray

Staff began outreach for this project by providing introductory presentations to the San Carlos Area Council and Navajo Community Planners, Inc. in anticipation of release of the environmental documents for the project.

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Reviewed by: Jason Foster, Director of Public Affairs



September 15, 2010

Attention: Legislation Conservation and Outreach Committee

Status Report on Legislation and Legislative Positions (Information)

Background

During the 2009-2010 state legislative session, the Water Authority reviewed and monitored 173 bills in the Legislature for potential impact on the organization and its member agencies. Eleven bills in Congress continue to be monitored. The Water Authority's staff and legislative advocates reviewed each bill in the context of the adopted 2010 Legislative Policy Guidelines. The Legislative Policy Guidelines provide direction to staff and the Water Authority's legislative advocates to communicate support or opposition to legislation and amendments. Bills for which staff recommends a position are brought before the Legislation, Conservation and Outreach Committee and the board for consideration.

Discussion

As of September 7, 2010, the board sponsored two bills in the Legislature, has taken a position of Support on eight bills, a position of Support, if amended on two bills, and a position of Oppose on eight bills. An Oppose, unless amended position adopted previously on one bill was changed to a neutral position when the bill was amended in keeping with amendments sought by the Water Authority. The board has adopted a Support position on five federal bills and an Oppose position on one federal bill.

The last day for the Assembly and Senate to pass bills in their respective houses was August 31, 2010. The Governor has until September 30, 2010 to sign or veto bills passed by the last day of session. The October board memo will provide a final report on this year's legislative activity.

Bills of interest to the Water Authority include:

AB 1793 (Saldaña) Common Interest Developments: artificial turf

- Water Authority sponsored bill
- Bans homeowners' associations from prohibiting the use of artificial turf for landscaping purposes
- Enrolled and sent to the Governor for signature

AB 1929 (Hall) Invasive Aquatic Species: mussels

- Protects water suppliers from liability for the movement of quagga mussels, as long as they have developed and are following a plan for control and eradication of mussels
- This bill has been signed by the Governor and will go into effect January 1, 2011

AB 2277 (Fletcher) Water Conservation

- Corrects an outdated reference to a presidential executive order in last year's SBX7-7, relative to Camp Pendleton
- Enrolled and sent to the Governor for signature

SB 1478 (NR&W Committee) Water Conservation: urban water management

- Extends the deadline for wholesale water agencies to submit urban water management plans to the Department of Water Resources (DWR)
- Enrolled and sent to the Governor for signature
- The Governor is expected to sign the bill and DWR has said they will treat this legislation as if it were in effect (actual date bill would go into effect is January 1, 2011)

The Water Authority has adopted positions on three state ballot measures. The board adopted a position of Support on the Safe, Clean and Reliable Water Supply Act of 2010, the water bond measure which was set to appear on the November 2, 2010 ballot as Proposition 18. The Legislature voted to delay the water bond measure until the November 2012 General Election, as requested by the Governor. The board adopted a position of Oppose on Proposition 16 which appeared on the June 8, 2010 statewide ballot; that measure was defeated by voters 52.5 percent to 47.5 percent. The board has also taken a position of Support on Proposition 22, which will appear on the statewide ballot on November 2, 2010.

Water Authority staff and its legislative advocates will continue to track legislation and monitor amendments to ensure consistency with board policies, positions and the 2010 Legislative Policy Guidelines. Attached is a chart outlining current positions on legislation of interest to the Water Authority as of September 7, 2010.

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Attachments: 1. Chart summarizing the Water Authority's current positions on 2009-2010 legislation as of September 7, 2010

**San Diego County Water Authority
Summary of Current Positions on
2009-2010 Legislation
as of September 7, 2010**

Date of Board Action/Activity	Position	Bill Number	Author	Bill Name	Status
18-Dec-08	Sponsor	AB 1465	Hill	Urban Water Management Planning	Chapter 534, Statutes of 2009
22-Jan-09	Support	AB 13	Salas	Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy	Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Water
22-Jan-09	Oppose	SB 42	Corbett	Coastal Resources: once-through cooling	Dead; failed to meet the deadline for a 2-year bill to pass out of the house of origin.
26-Feb-09	Support	AB 28	Jeffries	Natural Gas Engines: water movement: emissions limitation requirements	Dead; failed to meet the deadline for a 2-year bill to pass out of the house of origin.
26-Mar-09	Support	AB 804	Hall	Invasive Aquatic Species: mussels	Vetoed

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26-Mar-09	Support	AB 1061	Lieu	Common Interest Developments: water-efficient landscapes	Chapter 503, Statutes of 2009
26-Mar-09	Support	AB 1366	Feuer	Residential Self-Regenerating Water Softeners	Chapter 527, Statutes of 2009
26-Mar-09	Support	SB 407	Padilla	Property Transfers: plumbing fixtures replacement	Chapter 587, Statutes of 2009
26-Mar-09	Support (Contents of S 22 were amended into HR 146)	S. 22 H.R. 146	Bingaman Holt	Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009	Failed in House Signed by President 03/30/09; Public Law No: 111-11
23-Apr-09	Support	AB 900	De Leon	Water Diversion: statements of water diversion and use	Bill was amended to another subject.

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23-Apr-09	Support, if amended	AB 1408	Krekorian	Subdivisions: Water Demand Mitigation Fund	Died on Inactive File
23-Apr-09	Oppose, unless amended	SB 565	Pavley	Water Recycling	Bill was amended to another subject
22-Jul-10	Oppose			Water Resources	Assembly Inactive File
23-Apr-09	Support, if amended Support (position modified to full Support following adoption of requested amendments on 4/27/2009)	ACA 9	Huffman	Local Government Bonds: special taxes: voter approval	Assembly Inactive File
28-May-09	Support	AB 234	Huffman	Federal Stimulus Funds for Energy and Water Use Efficiency	Bill was amended to another subject

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28-May-09	Support, if amended	AB 262	Bass	Federal Stimulus Funds for Energy Activities, Programs, or Projects	Chapter 227, Statutes of 2009
28-May-09	Support, if amended	AB 300	Caballero	Subdivisions: Water Supply	Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Water
28-May-09	Support	AB 410	De La Torre	Recycled Water	Senate Appropriations Committee
28-May-09	Support	AB 1100	Duvall	Potable Reuse Demonstration Water	Senate Committee on Environmental Quality
28-May-09	Support	SB 207	Florez	Delta Smelt Preservation and Restoration Act	Dead; failed to meet the deadline for a 2-year bill to pass out of the house of origin.
28-May-09	Support	SB 555	Kehoe	Eminent Domain: Conservation Easements	Vetoed
28-May-09	Oppose	SB 711	Leno	Public Meetings: Closed Sessions: Labor Negotiations	Dead; failed to meet the deadline for a 2-year bill to pass out of the house of origin.

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28-May-09	Oppose	S. 787	Feingold	Clean Water Restoration Act	Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works
25-Jun-09	Support	AB 1253	Fuller	Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta	Bill was amended to another subject
25-Jun-09	Support	H.R. 856	Radanovich	California Drought Alleviation Act of 2009	House Committee on Natural Resources
25-Jun-09	Support and seek amendments	H.R. 1908	Coffman	Water Accountability Tax Efficiency Reinvestment Act of 2009	House Committee on Ways and Means
25-Jun-09	Support	S. 531	Bingaman	Energy and Water Integration Act of 2009	Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
23-Jul-09	Support, if amended	AB 49	Feuer/ Huffman	Water Conservation	Assembly Inactive File

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23-Jul-09	Support, if amended	SB 261	Dutton/ Ducheny	Water Use: Water Management Plans	Assembly Appropriations Committee: To Suspend File
27-Aug-09	Support, if amended	PAB 1 (Preprint)	Huffman	Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Plan	Incorporated into SBX7, 1 - 8
27-Aug-09	Support, if amended	PAB 2 (Preprint)	Feuer/ Huffman	Water Conservation	Incorporated into SBX7, 1 - 8
27-Aug-09	Support, if amended	PSB 1 (Preprint)	Simitian	Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta	Incorporated into SBX7, 1 - 8
27-Aug-09	(No position taken)	PSB 2 (Preprint)	Pavley	Water Diversion and Use; Groundwater	Incorporated into SBX7, 1 - 8

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27-Aug-09	Support, if amended	PSB 3 (Preprint)	Wolk	Delta Protection Commission; Delta Conservancy	Incorporated into SBX7, 1 - 8
17-Dec-09	Sponsor	AB 1774	Saldaña	Recycled Water: state agency landscape irrigation	Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Water
17-Dec-09	Sponsor	AB 1793	Saldaña	Common Interest Developments: artificial turf	Enrolled and sent to Governor for signature
28-Jan-10	Support	S. 1759 (H.R. 3750 is the companion bill in the House)	Feinstein	The Water Transfer Facilitation Act of 2009	On Senate Legislative Calendar

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28-Jan-10	Support	H.R. 4349 (S. 2891 is the companion bill in the Senate)	Napolitano	The Hoover Power Allocation Act of 2009	Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
25-Feb-10	Oppose	AB 1594	Huber	Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta: peripheral canal	Assembly Committee on Water, Parks & Wildlife
25-Mar-10	Support	AB 1929	Hall	Invasive Aquatic Species: mussels	Chapter 152, Statutes of 2010
25-Mar-10	Support	AB 1975	Fong	Water Charges and Meters: multiunit residential structures	Senate Appropriations Committee
25-Mar-10	Oppose	AB 2049	Arambula	State Water Resources Development System: water delivery	Failed to pass Assembly

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25-Mar-10 April 2010	Oppose, unless amended Neutral (bill amended)	AB 2092	Huffman	Delta Stewardship Council: planning and administration fee	Failed to pass Senate
25-Mar-10	Support	AB 2336	Fuller	Delta Stewardship Council	Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Water
25-Mar-10	Support	SB 808	Wolk	Delta Levee Maintenance	Chapter 23, Statutes of 2010
25-Mar-10 April 2010	Support, if amended Support (bill amended)	SB 918	Pavley	Water Recycling	Enrolled and sent to Governor for signature

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25-Mar-10	Support	H.R. 4132 (S. 1371 is the companion bill in the Senate)	Becerra	Clean Renewable Water Supply Act of 2009	House Committee on Ways and Means
22-Apr-10	Support	AB 1677	Caballero	Public Resources	Bill was amended to another subject
22-Apr-10	Support	AB 2277	Fletcher	Water Conservation	Enrolled and sent to Governor for signature.
22-Apr-10	Oppose	AB 2422	Berryhill, T.	Urban Water Demand Management: model water efficient landscape ordinance	Failed passage; Assembly Committee on Water, Parks and Wildlife

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22-Apr-10	Support, if amended	SB 1469	Simitian	Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta	Senate Appropriations Committee
22-Apr-10	Support	SB 1478	Natural Resources & Water Committee	Water Conservation: urban water management	Enrolled and sent to Governor for signature
22-Apr-10	Support	H.R. 4225	Costa	Stimulus Funds: drought assistance	House Committee on Natural Resources
27-May-10	Oppose	AB 1664	Swanson	Metropolitan Water District Act	Assembly Committee on Local Government
27-May-10	Oppose	AB 2583	Hall	Water Treatment: hazardous materials	Assembly Appropriations Committee
27-May-10	Support (with inclusion of Support/implementation of AB 3030 - Groundwater Basin Study)	H.R. 4579	Filner	South San Diego County Water Reclamation Project of 2010	House Committee on Natural Resources

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27-May-10	Oppose	H.R. 5088	Oberstar	America's Commitment to Clean Water Act	House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
22-Jul-10	Oppose	AB 1955	De La Torre	Public Officers: incompatible offices	Amended to another subject
22-Jul-10	Oppose	AB 2776	Huffman	Transfers of Water: agricultural use to municipal use	Failed passage
22-Jul-10	Oppose	SB 972	Wolk	Indemnity: design professionals	Enrolled and sent to Governor for signature.

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22-Jul-10	Support, if amended, as described in the board memo	SB 1173	Wolk	Recycled Water	Enrolled and sent to Governor for signature

**Current Positions on
2010 Ballot Measures and Initiatives
as of September 7, 2010**

Date of Board Action/Activity	Position	Initiative or Measure Name	Status
28-Jan-10	Support	Proposition 18 - Safe, Clean and Reliable Water Supply Act of 2010 (Water Bond)	The Legislature has voted to delay the measure until the Nov. 2012 General Election, as requested by the Governor.
25-Feb-10	Support	Proposition 22 - Local Taxpayer, Public Safety and Transportation Protection Act of 2010	Measure will appear on November 2, 2010 General Election ballot as a constitutional amendment.
27-May-10	Oppose	Proposition 16 - New Two-thirds Voter Approval Requirement for Local Public Electricity Providers	Measure failed on the June 8, 2010 statewide primary election ballot.



September 15, 2010

Attention: Legislation, Conservation and Outreach Committee

Government Relations Update (Information)

Discussion

This report is an update of the Water Authority's government relations program.

Legislative Activities

The Legislature ended its 2010 regular session at midnight on August 31. Under the state Constitution, the Governor has thirty days to sign or veto bills. He must sign bills that passed the final day of session by September 30.

In July and August, the Los Angeles Times published a series of articles that described abuses of compensation and pensions by the City of Bell. In the last two weeks of session, seven bills were amended to deal with the abuses. Three bills passed the last night of session. The other four failed to pass.

Also in August, the state Senate confirmed the Governor's appointments to the Delta Stewardship Council. The members confirmed were Council Chairman Phil Isenberg, Hank Nordhoff, Randy Fiorini, and Felicia Marcus.

One of the Water Authority's sponsored bills, AB 1793 (Saldaña), passed out of the Legislature and is now on the Governor's desk. The bill prohibits homeowners' association from banning outright the use of artificial turf in landscaping. The Water Authority's other sponsored bill, AB 1774 (Saldaña), which would have required state agencies to use recycled water for landscaping, was held in committee.

State Budget

As of September 7, there was no state budget. During the morning of August 31, both houses took up two different versions of the budget. Neither version gained the two-thirds vote necessary to pass in either house. The Governor and legislative leaders have only met once to discuss the budget since mid-June. In late August, the Governor held a press conference at which he declared that he would not sign a budget unless the Legislature also passed bills that reform public pensions.

Early this month, the Controller announced that the state has enough cash that it will not have to resort to IOUs until October. However, some state-supported care facilities are running out of money to buy groceries and other supplies. College students are unable to start classes because their state grants and loans are not being funded.

Bay-Delta

On September 3, the Central Valley Water Quality Control Board released a tentative permit that will require the Sacramento Regional Wastewater Treatment plant to go from secondary to tertiary treatment before putting water into the Sacramento River. The tentative permit specifically addresses the release of ammonia, which some scientists believe to be a major factor in the decline of the Delta smelt population.

Former state Senator Mike Machado (D-Linden) has been named the new executive director of the Delta Protection Commission. The Commission is an umbrella land use agency that oversees land use decisions in the statutory Delta. The Delta bill package passed last November expanded the Commission from nine to 15 members and gave the Commission new duties.

Legislative Alert System

The Legislative Alert system was used in August to inform member agency legislative coordinators about the bills that were amended to address the City of Bell scandal.

Lobbyist Activities

Jonathan Clay of Carpi and Clay will provide a separate report of the firm's monthly activities.

Bob Giroux of Lang, Hansen, O'Malley & Miller reports that he performed the following lobbying activities on behalf of the Water Authority in August:

- Met with key legislative staff in the Assembly Speaker's and the Senate President Pro Tem's offices to assist with passage of two bills that postpone the water bond measure on the November ballot to November 2012;
- Met with key legislative staff in the Senate President Pro Tem's office to obtain confirmation of members of the Delta Stewardship Council; and
- Participated in weekly conference calls with board Chair Bud Lewis and Legislation, Conservation and Outreach Committee Chair Marilyn Dailey.

John White's activities in August included:

- Meeting and discussions with Jeff Volberg, Jonathan Clay, and Bob Giroux regarding legislation and state budget issues and political developments.
- Participation in regularly scheduled conference calls with Water Authority Board leadership and agency management.
- Meetings and discussions with Kip Lipper, Senator Steinberg's Chief Environmental Advisor, and other Senate and Assembly legislative staff regarding legislative and

political issues of interest to the Water Authority, including appointments to Bay Delta Stewardship Council and budget issues.

- Meetings and discussions with lobbyists for environmental groups, water agencies, and agricultural water users.

Washington, D.C.

Congress recessed for the month of August, returning September 13. Congress will recess again in early October and may meet again in a lame duck session after the election. Congress has not been able to pass its appropriations bills this year, so those will probably be brought up in the lame duck session in November.

Ken Carpi of Carpi & Clay will provide a separate report of the firm's monthly activities in Washington, D.C. and provide oral remarks to the committee.

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