

## EXHIBIT 11-A



### 2021 Legislative Advocacy Plan

This plan establishes the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District legislative and government affairs priorities for 2021.

#### **Federal Strategy**

##### 1) Continue relationship and services with The Ferguson Group

- Identifying legislation or proposed regulatory changes that may impact the District.
- Track additional Title XVI and WIIN Act funding for Pure Water Monterey
- Track Biden Administration budget actions and Infrastructure Funding/Financing Proposals
- Consult with staff to develop positions on relevant legislation.
- Advocate the District's position on bills and matters of interest.
- Identify funding opportunities and notify of timing, requirements, and advocate on behalf of District or District's partners (e.g. WaterSMART) for, but not limited to:
  - ✓ Fisheries and watersheds
  - ✓ Pure Water Monterey Expansion
  - ✓ CSIP Annexations
  - ✓ Desalination (if proceeding)
- Prepare materials for briefing – talking points, briefing books, letters, as necessary
- Coordinate with other water district lobbyists and organizations
- Maintain close relationships with Monterey legislative delegation

##### 2) Maintain Washington DC profile:

- Work with The Ferguson Group to organize timely trips as needed, but at least once a year separate from ACWA trip (Covid-19 dependent)
- Both Congressional delegation and regulatory departments related to water, including but not limited to BLM, NOAA (NMFS), USBR, USDA, and EPA.
- Develop relationships with new legislative staff.
- Attend ACWA trip each year or every other year
- Direct contact with associations including ACWA, WateReuse, etc.

##### 3) Provide support for relevant legislation.

- 4) Perform on existing federal grants:
  - Salinas and Carmel Rivers Basin Study (\$900,000 USBR to be completed in 2021)

### **State of California Strategy**

- 1) Monitor and pursue grant opportunities:
  - Fisheries Restoration Grant Program (FRGP): Position the District for a 2021 application for Monitoring Watershed Restoration (MO) for Carmel River in the aftermath of the San Clemente dam removal.
  - IRWM: Updated IRWM Plan was accepted by the State in February. Will maintain our lobbying effort to retain the funding agreement to ensure we receive over \$3 million in the next IRWM rounds of Prop 1 moneys
- 2) Maintain Sacramento profile:
  - Work with JEA Associates to organize timely trips as needed, but at least once a year separate from needs-based visits.
  - Submit “Water for Housing” application to SWRCB and develop and execute advocacy plan.
  - Meet Governor Newsom’s appointee’s in relevant key positions
  - Meet with legislative team locally
  - Attend CSDA, ACWA, and/or WateReuse legislative days
- 3) Provide support/opposition for relevant legislation.
  - Maintain JEA bill-tracking
  - Provide letters of support or opposition on legislation and regulations that affect the water industry. Current effort on proposed SWRCB permanent conservation regulations.
- 4) Develop helpful relationships: ACWA, WateReuse, others

### **Local Strategy**

- 1) Maintain District role in regional water issues related to:
  - Pure Water Monterey – CSIP expansion and expansion for MCWD
  - Los Padres Dam and Reservoir studies
  - Manage local IRWM effort
  - Groundwater Sustainability
  - Regionalism in water, generally
- 2) Encourage information flow and public participation in Rule 19.8/Measure J feasibility analysis where possible.

- 3) Participate in County-wide efforts (CEQA, OES, Water planning, Carmel River/Lagoon)
- 4) Maintain outreach to local associations government affairs committees (Chambers, MCAR, MCHA, Coalition of Peninsula Businesses, jurisdictions' mayors and councils); Meet new councilmembers and board members.
- 5) Better articulate CPUC activities to local ratepayer groups