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**Legislative Advocacy
Committee Members:**

*Molly Evans, Chair
Gary Hoffmann
Mary Adams*

Alternate:

Jeanne Byrne

Staff Contact

*Dave Stoldt,
General Manager*

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**AGENDA
Legislative Advocacy Committee
Of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District**

Thursday, December 12, 2019, 4:00 pm
District Conference Room, 5 Harris Court, Building G, Monterey, CA

Call to Order

Comments from Public

*The public may comment on any item within the District's jurisdiction. Please limit
your comments to three minutes in length.*

Action Items -- Public comment will be received on all Action Items

1. Adopt Minutes of August 8, 2019 Committee Meeting

Discussion Items -- Public comment will be received on all Discussion Items

2. Report from JEA & Associates on Legislative Status and Bill Tracking
3. Report on Legislative Outreach for Calendar Year 2019
4. Report from General Manager on Recent or Upcoming Legislative Actions

Other Items

Adjournment

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LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

ITEM: ACTION ITEM

1. ADOPT MINUTES OF AUGUST 8, 2019 COMMITTEE MEETING

Meeting Date: December 12, 2019

From: David J. Stoldt,
General Manager

Prepared By: Arlene Tavani

SUMMARY: Attached as **Exhibit 1-A** are draft minutes of the August 8, 2019 Legislative Advocacy committee meeting.

RECOMMENDATION: The Committee should review the draft minutes and approve them by motion.

EXHIBIT

1-A Draft Minutes of the August 8, 2019 Committee Meeting



EXHIBIT 1-A

DRAFT MINUTES Legislative Advocacy Committee of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District *August 8, 2019*

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm in the MPWMD conference room.

Committee members present:

Molly Evans, Chair
Mary Adams
Jeanne Byrne (participated by telephone)

Committee members absent:

Gary Hoffmann

Staff members present:

David J. Stoldt, General Manager
Arlene Tavani, Executive Assistant

District Counsel present:

David C. Laredo

Legislative Consultant:

John Arriaga, A&E Associates
Laurie Johnson, A&E Associates (participated by telephone)

Comments from the Public:

No comments.

Action Items

1. Adopt Minutes of March 21, 2019 Committee Meeting

On a motion by Adams and second by Evans, the minutes were approved on a vote of 2 – 1 by Adams and Evans, Byrne abstained.

Discussion Items

2. Report from John Arriaga on Legislative Status and Tracking

John Arriaga reviewed the August 8, 2019 Legislative Update memo provided in the committee packet and responded to questions. He reported that SB 669 which would have established a tax on water bills to fund water system improvements in disadvantage communities, was rejected. Instead, SB 200 was approved which allocated \$130 million for safe drinking water projects. Regarding the MPWMD Legislative Track document, he reported that no further action will be taken in this legislative session on most of the highlighted bills. The legislature will convene for five weeks and then adjourn on September 13, 2019.

3. Report from Ferguson Group on Federal Activities

No report.

4. Report from General Manager on Recent or Upcoming Legislative Actions

General Manager Stoldt distributed a packet of documents related to the District's discussions with state and federal legislative staff, and also letters to legislators advocating support or opposition to

bills related to water infrastructure, conservation and office administration. Stoldt responded to questions from the committee.

Other Items: No discussion.

Adjournment – 4:40 pm.

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LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

ITEM: DISCUSSION ITEM

3. REPORT ON LEGISLATIVE OUTREACH FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2019

Meeting Date: December 12, 2019 **Budgeted:** N/A

From: David J. Stoldt,
General Manager **Program/
Line Item No.:** N/A

Prepared By: David J. Stoldt **Cost Estimate:** N/A

General Counsel Review: N/A

Committee Recommendation: N/A

CEQA Compliance: No CEQA Review Required

SUMMARY: During the course of the 2019 calendar year, the District has undertaken a variety of outreach efforts with the legislature, government agencies, and industry groups consistent with its adopted 2019 Legislative Advocacy Plan. Several of these activities are identified chronologically below.

Federal:

- Hired federal lobbying firm The Ferguson Group in January 2017. Monthly conference calls. Notifications of bills and federal activity. Consultation on other western water recycling lobbying activities. Accompanied MPWMD staff at meetings with US Bureau of Reclamation during ACWA in May and December (see **Exhibit 3-A**)
- Received w/ Monterey One Water USBR Title XVI WaterSMART WIIN grant for Pure Water Monterey (awaiting appropriation).
- Coordinated with Congressman Panetta's office on changes to tax code for water-related rebates
- Submitted USBR Title XVI WaterSMART grant application in July (awaiting notification.).
- District co-signed letters of support for variety of issues (see **Exhibit 3-B**)

State:

- Miscellaneous meetings with JEA Associates to discuss Sacramento strategy.
- Multiple meetings and correspondence regarding state issues (see **Exhibit 3-A**)

- Numerous letters regarding proposed Statewide legislation, several in consultation with ACWA (see **Exhibit 3-B**)
- Attended conferences and maintained visibility for Association of California Water Agencies, California Special Districts Association, California Water Association.

Local:

- Meet regularly with local interest groups (e.g. Coalition of Peninsula Businesses, Hospitality Association, Chambers of Commerce, Carmel Valley Association, LandWatch, Public Water Now, among others) and their representatives as requested.
- Sponsored, exhibited, and attended public events such as the County Fair water wise landscape competition, golf outings for Hospitality Association, and Commercial Property Owners Association.

EXHIBITS

3-A 2019 Meeting Agendas

3-B 2019 Legislative Letters of Support/Opposition

EXHIBIT 3-A

2019 Meeting Agendas

Sacramento Meetings

February 6, 2019

Dave Stoldt, Molly Evans, JEA & Associates

9:30 – 11:00 Joint Assembly Committees on Water Tax

12:30 Assemblymember Robert Rivas

1:30 Senator Anna Caballero

2:00 Assemblymember Mark Stone

Sacramento Meetings

March 27, 2019

Dave Stoldt, JEA & Associates

9:30	Erik Ekdahl, SWRCB staff
1:30	Sean Maguire, SWRCB board member
2:45	Sherly Rosilela, Department of Drinking Water (w/ Mike McCullough)
3:30	Assemblymember Robert Rivas (w/ Mike McCullough)

May 8, 2019
Association of California Water Agencies
Monterey, CA

7:30 Art Hinojosa, DWR's Division of Integrated Regional Water Management,

1:00 Meet w/ US Bureau of Reclamation staff
(w/ Monterey One Water and The Ferguson Group)

Sacramento Meetings

July 10, 2019

Dave Stoldt. JEA & Associates

8:30	Erik Ekdahl & Steven Westhoff, SWRCB staff
10:00	Secretary Wade Crowfoot, Deputy Secretary Tom Gibson
11:30	Joaquin Esquivel, Chair SWRCB, Eileen Sobeck, Executive Director SWRCB, Michael Lauffer, Chief Counsel SWRCB
12:00	Bethany Westfall, Legislative Director for Sen. Monning
2:00	Craig Scholer, Legislative Director for Asm. Stone

December 4, 2019
Association of California Water Agencies
San Diego, CA

1:30 Meet w/ US Bureau of Reclamation staff
(w/ Monterey One Water and The Ferguson Group)

EXHIBIT 3-B

- 2019 Legislative Letters of Support/Opposition

September 11, 2019 (updated)

To: Members of the California Assembly

Re: SB 1 (Atkins): Environmental, Public Health and Workers Defense Act
OPPOSE (As Amended September 10, 2019)

On behalf of the 88 signatories noted below, we regret to inform you of our continued opposition to SB 1 by Senate President Pro Tempore Toni Atkins. The bill fails to address a key concern identified in previous versions of the bill, therefore, we respectfully request your **NO** vote on the bill.

Although we are grateful for the deletion of the previous Section 6 (Water Code Section 13050) and the positive change to Section 3 [Fish and Game Code Section 2076.7 (c)] to permit application of best available science, retaining Section 2 (Fish and Game Code Section 2057) attempts to apply the California Endangered Species Act to the federal Central Valley Project. This is an unsettled area of law, and will likely lead to protracted and expensive litigation, instead of collaborative adaptive management and resources as contemplated in the Voluntary Agreements.

Inclusion of Section 2057 would do great injury to the efforts by a wide spectrum of water users to develop adaptive management practices for Delta water supply, water quality, and fish species commonly known as the Voluntary Agreements. These important negotiations span the Brown and Newsom Administrations and are the only real chance of avoiding a decade of non-productive litigation and for making real progress on species and habitat restoration in the Sacramento and San Joaquin River watersheds.

For these reasons, we must ask for your NO vote on the bill. If you have questions or wish additional information, please contact Kathy Viatella of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California at (916) 650-2614.

Sincerely,

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General Manager
**Metropolitan Water
District of Southern
California**

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cc: Senate President Pro Tempore Toni Atkins
Senator Anthony Portantino
Senator Henry Stern

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Secretary Wade Crowfoot, California Natural Resources Agency
Secretary Jared Blumenfeld, California Environmental Protection Agency

July 26, 2019

The Honorable Jared Huffman
1527 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

RE: SUPPORT FOR HR 2313

Dear Congressman Huffman:

The Alliance for Water Efficiency and the 72 undersigned water utilities, manufacturers, distributors, consumer groups, and water efficiency advocates strongly support H.R. 2313, the Water Conservation Tax Parity Act, and we applaud your leadership in sponsoring this important legislation.

Your bill would make clear that rebates provided by water utilities for water conservation and water runoff management improvements are not subject to federal income taxation. As the bill's title implies, it would create parity between water conservation rebates, which can be taxed, and energy conservation rebates, which Congress declared nontaxable in 1992.

Water utilities are offering rebates to incentivize the reduction of water use and to ease the strain on public infrastructure. These programs can provide significant water savings, which is a societal benefit, not a personal benefit to the consumer.

As these rebate programs have grown, however, so have the size of rebates and the number of homeowners receiving an Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Form 1099 reporting "income" of \$600 or more. The Treasury Department and the IRS have so far taken the position that these rebates are taxable as income to the recipient. At the same time, the Treasury Department has urged Congress in the past to amend the Internal Revenue Code to make water conservation rebates tax-exempt, just as energy efficiency rebates are.

Your bill would make that change and eliminate a major disincentive for millions of Americans willing to do their part in promoting water conservation efforts.

We stand ready to assist you in the passage of this bill.

Sincerely yours,

**Alliance for Water
Efficiency**
Chicago, IL

American Rivers
Decatur, GA

**Arizona Municipal Water
Users Association**
Phoenix, AZ

**Alameda County Water
District**
Fremont, CA

**Amy Vickers &
Associates, Inc.**
Amherst, MA

**Arizona Nursery
Association**
Tempe, AZ

**Association of
Professional Landscape
Designers - California
Chapter**
Sacramento, California

Aurora Water
Aurora, CO

City of Bend
Bend, OR

**Big Bear Lake Department
of Water**
Big Bear Lake, CA

**Bottom Line Utility
Solutions, Inc.**
Laguna Hills, CA

C + C
Seattle, WA

**California Water
Efficiency Partnership**
Sacramento, CA

**Carpinteria Valley Water
District**
Carpinteria, CA

Town of Cary
Cary, NC

**Cobb County Water
System**
Marietta, GA

**Codes and Standards
International**
Belen, NM

**Contra Costa Water
District**
Concord, CA

City of Durham
Durham, NC

**East Bay Municipal Utility
District**
Oakland, CA

Elevate Energy
Chicago, IL

Exergy Systems, Inc.
Irvine, CA

City of Flagstaff
Flagstaff, AZ

**Golden State Water
Company**
San Dimas, CA

City of Goodyear
Goodyear, AZ

Green Builder Coalition
Glen Carbon, IL

H2O Connected, LLC
Coatesville, PA

**Hawai'i Commission on
Water Resource
Management**
Honolulu, HI

Intellecty, Inc.
San Diego, CA

**International Association
of Plumbing &
Mechanical Officials**
Dayton, NJ

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Conservancy District**
Jordan, UT

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Seattle, WA

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Las Vegas, NV

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Standard Brands**
Piscataway, NJ

Madison Water Utility
Madison, WI

**ManageWater
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Redwood City, CA

City of Mesa
Mesa, AZ

**Metropolitan Water
District of Southern
California**
Los Angeles, CA

**Miami Dade Water &
Sewer Dept.**
Miami, FL

**Monterey Peninsula
Water Management
District**
Monterey, CA

**Municipal Water District
of Orange County**
Fountain Valley, CA

**Myoma Dunes Mutual
Water Company**
Bermuda Dunes, CA

Northern Water
Berthoud, CO

**Northwest EcoBuilding
Guild**
Olympia, WA

Nth Solutions, LLC
Exton, PA

City of Oceanside
Oceanside, CA

**Plumbing Manufacturers
International**
McLean, VA

Purlin, LLC
Sarasota, FL

**Rancho California Water
District**
Temecula, CA

**Regional Water Providers
Consortium**
Portland, OR

City of Round Rock
Round Rock, TX

**Sacramento Suburban
Water District**
Sacramento, CA

**San Bernardino Valley
Municipal Water District**
San Bernardino, CA

**San Diego County Water
Authority**
San Diego, CA

**San Francisco Public
Utilities Commission**
San Francisco, CA

**Santa Margarita Water
District**
Rancho Santa Margarita,
CA

City of Santa Barbara
Santa Barbara, CA

**City of Santa Cruz Water
Department**
Santa Cruz, CA

Scottsdale Water
Scottsdale, AZ

**Southern Nevada Water
Authority**
Las Vegas, NV

Stewardship Partners
Seattle, WA

City of Thornton
Thornton, CO

Tohono O'odham Nation
Sells, AZ

TOTO USA, Inc.
Morrow, GA

**Tualatin Valley Water
District**
Beaverton, OR

Tucson Water
Tucson, AZ

Valley Water
San Jose, CA

WasteWater Education
Traverse City, MI

Water – Use It Wisely
Phoenix, AZ

**Water Demand
Management**
Boulder, CO

**Water Wise Program,
University of Arizona –
Cochise County
Cooperative Extension**
Sierra Vista, AZ

City of Westminster
Westminster, CO

Whirlpool Corporation
Benton Harbor, MI

From: Roger Gwinn
To: Dave Stoldt
Cc: Stephanie Locke; Stephanie Missert
Subject: Re: AWE's letter of support for tax exempt water rebates
Date: Thursday, August 1, 2019 11:35:38 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Absolutely. Will do.

Sent from my iPhone
Roger Gwinn
The Ferguson Group

On Aug 1, 2019, at 1:57 PM, Dave Stoldt <dstoldt@mpwmd.net> wrote:

Roger,

Would you please ensure that Feinstein and Harris office's are aware of this?

Dave

Begin forwarded message:

From: Dave Stoldt <dstoldt@mpwmd.net>
Subject: Fwd: AWE's letter of support for tax exempt water rebates
Date: August 1, 2019 at 11:05:35 AM PDT
To: Lee Kathleen <Kathleen.Lee@mail.house.gov>

Hi Kathleen,

Please ensure Jimmy is aware of this important issue. Thanks.

Dave

Begin forwarded message:

From: Liam McCarthy <Liam@a4we.org>
Sent: Thursday, August 1, 2019 7:35 AM
To: Liam McCarthy <Liam@a4we.org>
Subject: AWE's letter of support for tax exempt water rebates

Hello,

Thank you again for signing on to our letter of support for

Tax Exempt Water Conservation rebates! See attached for the final letter that we sent to Congressional Representatives.

Stay up to date with all the news related to this issue, and other activities at AWE, here:

<http://www.allianceforwaterefficiency.org/news/default.asp>

X

Best,
Liam and the AWE team

Liam R. McCarthy
Administrative and Outreach Coordinator
Alliance for Water Efficiency
33 N. LaSalle St., Ste. 2275
Chicago, Illinois 60602
773-360-5100

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<V2 2019-07-26 AWE Letter Supporting HR 2313.pdf>

From: Lee, Kathleen
To: Dave Stoldt
Subject: RE: AWE's letter of support for tax exempt water rebates
Date: Thursday, August 1, 2019 11:31:34 AM
Attachments: image001.png

Dave,

Thank you for sharing this letter and I will be sure to share it with Mark Dennin, who is our legislative assistant for Ways and Means and tax issues.

Thank you,
Kathleen Lee

From: Dave Stoldt <dstoldt@mpwmd.net>
Sent: Thursday, August 1, 2019 10:56 AM
To: Lee, Kathleen <Kathleen.Lee@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Fwd: AWE's letter of support for tax exempt water rebates

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Dave

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Stay up to date with all the news related to this issue, and other activities at AWE, here:
<http://www.allianceforwaterefficiency.org/news/default.aspx>

Best,
Liam and the AWE team

Liam R. McCarthy
Administrative and Outreach Coordinator



June 10, 2019

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
Chairman
Senate Energy and Natural Resources
Committee
304 Dirksen Senate Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Joe Manchin
Ranking Member
Senate Energy and Natural Resources
Committee
304 Dirksen Senate Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Murkowski and Ranking Member Manchin:

The Monterey Peninsula Water Management District urges your support for the Drought Resiliency and Water Supply Infrastructure Act, which includes a 5-year, \$100 million reauthorization of the Bureau of Reclamation's Title XVI Water Reclamation and Reuse competitive grant program, originally authorized in the 2016 Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Act (Title XVI-WIIN). In addition to the key Title XVI-WIIN Competitive Grant Program, the legislation includes \$60 million for desalination, additional funding for surface and groundwater storage, and a new low-interest loan program for the financing of a range of water infrastructure projects.

We greatly appreciate the bipartisan nature of this bill and hope to see the bill amended to further increase the authorization level for the Title XVI-WIIN program. Title XVI is the only federal program focused on funding water recycling projects in the western states, yet with enactment of the FY 2019 Energy and Water Appropriations bill, the \$50 million authorization for Title XVI-WIIN has been reached. Therefore, it is critical to reauthorize Title XVI-WIIN in support of continued development of water reuse in the West.

The 2016 WIIN Act created a mechanism to continue support for Western water reuse projects by establishing a competitive grant program within Title XVI, enabling new projects to be eligible for federal assistance. There are currently 55 Title XVI-WIIN eligible projects awaiting assistance, with a total of more than \$550 million in eligible federal cost-share, this list will only grow as more projects become eligible. The need is clearly there as demonstrated by the range of communities who have applied for and are awaiting funding to drought-proof their future.

A clean and reliable water supply is the foundation of a community's health, economy, and sustainability. We appreciate the authors for their vision, breadth, and bipartisan efforts in addressing one of our greatest challenges.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David J. Stoldt".

David J. Stoldt
General Manager



June 4, 2019

The Honorable Hannah-Beth Jackson
Chair, Senate Judiciary Committee
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Assembly Bill 1184 (Gloria) – Oppose [As Amended May 16, 2019]

Dear Senator Jackson:

The Monterey Peninsula Water Management District is respectfully opposed to Assembly Bill 1184, which will require all public agencies to maintain all transmitted emails related to agency business for at least two years.

To be very clear, this is not a transparency bill, it is a data storage bill. The public will have no greater or less access to public records under AB 1184. This bill creates no new disclosures or exemptions of records. This bill only mandates that public agencies retain all emails related to agency business for two years and attempts to avoid the constitutionally required mandate subvention process by placing the data retention policy in the California Public Records Act (CPRA).

While this measure appears intended to improve public access to government records, in practice it will merely increase the burdens for both public agencies and CPRA requesters. The vast majority of emails consist of auto-replies, spam, and insignificant routine communications of minimal public interest. As the bulk of these emails increases, the burden to search through them and locate responsive records in the event of a CPRA request rises accordingly. Indiscriminately mandating that emails be retained will thus make CPRA requests more expensive, perversely impeding public access. Moreover, for those costs that cannot be passed on to the requester, the public agency has no source for reimbursement, and must divert funds from other public programs. Compelling public agencies to retain masses of routine emails - which neither the sender nor recipient otherwise thought important enough to save - imposes significant burdens on all concerned for minimal public benefit.

Additionally, Article XIII B, Section 6 states that "whenever the Legislature or any state agency mandates a new program or higher level of service on any local government, the state shall provide a subvention of funds to reimburse that local government..." There are a small number of constitutional exceptions to that rule, one of which are costs related to the CPRA. AB 1184 attempts to exploit that exception by placing the email retention requirement in the CPRA. Public agencies have numerous records retention requirements in law, however, those requirements are not contained in the CPRA, and expansion of those requirements would clearly trigger state subvention. AB 1184 purposefully endeavors to create an unfunded mandate on local agencies by placing this major new retention requirement into the CPRA, specifically to avoid reimbursing local agencies for a new program or higher level of service.

For these reasons, MPWMD opposes AB 1184.

Sincerely,


David Stoldt
General Manager



June 4, 2019

The Honorable Mark Stone
California State Assemblymember
State Capitol, Room 3146
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Safe Drinking Water Plan

Dear Assemblymember Stone:

The Monterey Peninsula Water Management District asks you to support the Senate's Safe Drinking Water Plan because it would provide a durable funding solution needed without a water tax. The elements of the plan are:

1. A \$150 million per year continuous appropriation from the General Fund to the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund;
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3. 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. This bill would help the situation where small failing public water systems do not have the economies of scale to be sustainable.

These have the makings of a strong foundation to address safe and affordable drinking water throughout California.

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The Honorable William Monning
California State Senator
State Capitol, Room 4040
Sacramento, CA 95814

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April 22, 2019

The Honorable Betty McCollum, Chairwoman
House Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and
Agencies
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski, Chairwoman
Senate Committee on Appropriations
Interior, Environment and
Agencies
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable David Joyce, Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related
Related Agencies
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Tom Udall, Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Appropriations Subcommittee on
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related
Related Agencies
Washington, DC 20510

RE: SUPPORT FOR WATERSENSE® IN FISCAL YEAR 2020

Dear Chairwoman McCollum, Ranking Member Joyce, Chairwoman Murkowski, and Ranking Member Udall:

The 126 undersigned water utilities, manufacturers, distributors, consumer groups, and water efficiency advocates write to express our strong support for the WaterSense program at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Since its inception in 2006, this voluntary public/private partnership has helped Americans save more than 3 trillion gallons of water and more than \$65 billion in water and energy bills. Additionally, the use of WaterSense labeled products has saved more than 400 billion kilowatt-hours of electricity.

Congress recognized the success and importance of WaterSense this past December by authorizing the program as part of America's Water Infrastructure and Improvement Act. That bill, signed into law by President Trump, gave WaterSense statutory status for the first time.

Yet, President Trump's proposed FY 2020 budget proposes elimination of the WaterSense program. We urge you to reject the administration's proposal and approve funding for WaterSense in FY 2020 at the current level of \$3.1 million or higher.

WaterSense works with over 2,000 business and organizational partners, with nearly 28,000 water-efficient products carrying the WaterSense label. Public and private utilities in all 50 states tailor successful water conservation programs around consumer use of WaterSense labeled products. And because of the nexus between water and energy use, the billions of gallons of water saved by WaterSense result in billions of kilowatt hours of energy that are not used to heat, pump and distribute water.

For all of these reasons, we believe that the WaterSense program is deserving of your support.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

The following 126 national, regional and local organizations:

Alliance for Water Efficiency
Chicago, IL

Alameda County Water District
Fremont, CA

American Rivers
Decatur, GA

American Water Works Association
Denver, CO

Amy Vickers & Associates, Inc.
Amherst, MA

Apache Junction Water Utilities
Apache Junction, AZ

Arizona Municipal Water Users Association
Phoenix, AZ

Arizona Nursery Association
Tempe, AZ

Athens-Clarke County Public Utilities Department
Athens, GA

City of Austin
Austin, TX

City of Bellingham
Bellingham, WA

City of Bend
Bend, OR

Bernalillo County Public Works
Albuquerque, NM

City of Big Bear Lake Department of Water and Power
Big Bear Lake, CA

Broward County Environmental Planning & Community Resilience Division
Fort Lauderdale, FL

City of Buckeye
Buckeye, AZ

Business for Water Stewardship
Portland, OR

C+C
Seattle, WA

Cahaba River Society
Birmingham, AL

California Water Efficiency Partnership
Sacramento, CA

California Water Services Company
Torrance, CA

Carpinteria Valley Water District
Carpinteria, CA

Cavanaugh
Winston Salem, NC

Center for Water-Energy Efficiency, University of California, Davis
Davis, CA

Center for Water Efficient Landscaping, Utah State University
Logan, UT

Cobb County Water System
Marietta, GA

Codes and Standards International
Belen, NM

Colorado WaterWise
Denver, CO

Connecticut Water
Clinton, CT

Contra Costa Water District
Concord, CA

Cool Choices
Madison, WI

Denver Botanic Gardens
Denver, CO

City of Durham
Durham, NC

East Bay Municipal Utility District
Oakland, CA

Elevate Energy
Chicago, IL

Ewing Irrigation & Landscape Supply
Phoenix, AZ

Exergy Systems, Inc.
San Jose, CA

City of Flagstaff
Flagstaff, AZ

Flo Technologies, Inc.
Culver City, CA

Foothill Municipal Water District
La Cañada Flintridge, CA

Global Water Policy Project
Los Lunas, NM

Global Water Works
Libertyville, IL

Golden State Water Company
San Dimas, CA

City of Goodyear
Goodyear, AZ

Green Builder Coalition
Glen Carbon, IL

Greywater Action
Berkeley, CA

Hawaii Commission on Water Resource Management
Honolulu, HI

Hawaii First Water, LLC
Kailua Kona, HI

City of Hays
Hays, KS

Helix Water District
La Mesa, CA

Huron River Watershed Council
Ann Arbor, MI

Imagine H2O
San Francisco, CA

Intellec Inc.
San Diego, CA

**International Association of Plumbing
and Mechanical Officials**
Ontario, CA

International Code Council
Washington, DC

Irrigation Association
Fairfax, VA

**Jordan Valley Water Conservancy
District**
West Jordan, UT

Kohler Co.
Kohler, WI

Lane Community College
Eugene, OR

LIXIL Corp/American Standard Brands
Piscataway, NJ

Maddaus Water Management
Sacramento, CA

Madison Water Utility
Madison, WI

ManageWater Consulting, Inc.
Redwood City, CA

Marin MWD
Corte Madera, CA

**Massachusetts Water Works
Association**
Acton, MA

Maureen Erbeznik & Associates
Los Angeles, CA

City of Mesa
Mesa, AZ

**Metropolitan North Georgia Water
Planning District**
Atlanta, GA

**Metropolitan Water District of
Southern California**
Los Angeles, CA

**Miami-Dade Water and Sewer
Department**
Miami, FL

**Monterey Peninsula Water
Management District**
Monterey, CA

**Municipal Water District of Orange
County**
Fountain Valley, CA

Myoma Dunes Water Company
Bermuda Dunes, CA

National Wildlife Federation
Washington, DC

**Northern Arizona Municipal Water
Users Association**
Scottsdale, AZ

**Northern Colorado Water
Conservancy District**
Berthoud, CO

Nth Solutions LLC
Exton, PA

O'Cain Consulting, Inc.
Santa Monica, CA

City of Oceanside
Oceanside, CA

**Olivenhain Municipal Water
District**
Encinitas, CA

City of Peoria
Peoria, AZ

City of Phoenix,
Phoenix, AZ

Plumbing Manufacturers International
Tysons Corner, VA

City of Portsmouth
Portsmouth, NH

Purlin, LLC
Sarasota, FL

Rain Bird Corporation
Tucson, AZ

Ramona's Plumber
Ramona, CA

Rancho California Water District
Temecula, CA

Regional Water Authority
Citrus Heights, CA

Regional Water Providers Consortium
Portland, OR

Rogue Water, LLC
Fort Worth, TX

City of Round Rock
Round Rock, TX

City of Sacramento
Sacramento, CA

Sacramento Suburban Water District
Sacramento, CA

San Antonio Water System
San Antonio, TX

San Lorenzo Valley Water District
Boulder Creek, CA

City of San Marcos
San Marcos, TX

City of Santa Barbara
Santa Barbara, CA

City of Santa Cruz
Santa Cruz, CA

City of Santa Monica
Santa Monica, CA

Scotts Miracle-Gro
Marysville, OH

Scottsdale Water
Scottsdale, AZ

Seelig and Associates
Livermore, CA

**San Francisco Public Utilities
Commission**
San Francisco, CA

Southern Nevada Water Authority
Las Vegas, NV

**Southern Oregon Landscape
Association**
Medford, OR

STEMhero
Albany, OR

Sustainable Waters LLC
Crozet, VA

T&S Brass and Bronze Works, Inc.
Travelers Rest, SC

Tacoma Water
Tacoma, WA

Texas Water Foundation
Austin, TX

**The Meadows Center for Water
and the Environment**
San Marcos, TX

Tohono O'odham Nation
Sells, AZ

TOTO USA, Inc.
Ontario, CA

Tualatin Valley Water District
Beaverton, OR

Tucson Water
Tucson, AZ

**Turfgrass Water Conservation
Alliance**
Albany, OR

U.S. Green Building Council
Washington, DC

**Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal
Water District**
Monrovia, CA

Wastewater Education
Traverse City, MI

Water Demand Management
Boulder, CO

**Water Supply Citizens Advisory
Committee**
Belchertown, MA

Water – Use it Wisely
Phoenix, AZ

Waterless Co.
Vista, CA

WaterNow Alliance
San Francisco, CA

City of Westminster
Westminster, CO



March 13, 2019

Assemblymember Mark Stone
State Capitol
Room 3146
Sacramento, CA 95814-4900

Subject: SB 669 (Caballero) Safe Drinking Water Trust - SUPPORT

Dear Mark,

The Monterey Peninsula Water Management District supports SB 669 which would establish the Safe Drinking Water Trust, and is supported by the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) and the California Municipal Utilities Association (CMUA). It will be heard in the Senate Environmental Quality Committee this year.

The primary challenge in at-risk water systems is that O&M costs generally cannot be financed with existing federal and state safe drinking water funding sources, hence a financial solution is needed for O&M and consolidation costs that can complement existing available funding sources for capital costs. The Safe Drinking Water Trust proposed in SB 669 would provide a durable funding source to fill that gap.

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Best regards,

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David J. Stoldt
General Manager

cc: Senator Anna Caballero



March 13, 2019

Senator Benjamin Allen, Chair
Senate Environmental Quality Committee
State Capitol
Room 4076
Sacramento, CA 95814-4900

Subject: SB 669 (Caballero) Safe Drinking Water Trust - SUPPORT

Dear Senator Allen

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March 13, 2019

Senator Anna M. Caballero
State Capitol
Room 5052
Sacramento, CA 95814-4900

Subject: SB 669 (Caballero) Safe Drinking Water Trust - SUPPORT

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March 13, 2019

Senator Jerry Hill
Senate Environmental Quality Committee
State Capitol
Room 5035
Sacramento, CA 95814-4900

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Dear Senator Hill

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March 13, 2019

Senator Patricia C. Bates, Vice Chair
Senate Environmental Quality Committee
State Capitol
Room 3048
Sacramento, CA 95814-4900

Subject: SB 669 (Caballero) Safe Drinking Water Trust - SUPPORT

Dear Senator Bates

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March 13, 2019

Senator Jeff Stone
Senate Environmental Quality Committee
State Capitol
Room 4082
Sacramento, CA 95814-4900

Subject: SB 669 (Caballero) Safe Drinking Water Trust - SUPPORT

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March 13, 2019

Senator Nancy Skinner
Senate Environmental Quality Committee
State Capitol
Room 5094
Sacramento, CA 95814-4900

Subject: SB 669 (Caballero) Safe Drinking Water Trust - SUPPORT

Dear Senator Skinner

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Senator Bob Wieckowski
Senate Environmental Quality Committee
State Capitol
Room 4085
Sacramento, CA 95814-4900

Subject: SB 669 (Caballero) Safe Drinking Water Trust - SUPPORT

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Senator Henry Stern
Senate Environmental Quality Committee
State Capitol
Room 5080
Sacramento, CA 95814-4900

Subject: SB 669 (Caballero) Safe Drinking Water Trust - SUPPORT

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March 13, 2019

Chief Consultant Gabrielle Meindl
Senate Environmental Quality Committee
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814-4900

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SUPPORT THE SAFE DRINKING WATER TRUST



A STATEWIDE WATER TAX IS NOT THE RIGHT APPROACH

Why is the Trust a better approach?

- The vast majority of Californians have access to safe drinking water. However, some disadvantaged communities do not. This is a public health issue that the state must address.
- In 2018, the Legislature approved \$3 million for the preparation of a water systems needs analysis, and the State Water Resources Control Board is now determining how it will perform the analysis.
- Key to resolving the issue is addressing the funding gap for operation and maintenance (O&M) costs for community water systems that treat the water. O&M costs generally cannot be financed with existing federal and state safe drinking water funding sources.
- A financial solution is needed for O&M and consolidation costs that can complement existing funding sources for capital costs.
- The Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) and the California Municipal Utilities Association (CMUA) are sponsoring legislation to create a Safe Drinking Water Trust (Trust).
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For more information contact

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February 6, 2019

Senator Anna M. Caballero
State Capitol
Room 5052
Sacramento, CA 95814-4900

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David J. Stoldt
General Manager



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Assembly Member Mark Stone
P.O. Box 942849
Sacramento, CA 94249-0029

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Assembly Water, Parks & Wildlife Committee
Assembly Environmental Safety & Toxic Materials Committee, and
Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 3

Dear Committee Members,

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1199 North Fairfax St, Suite 900 - Alexandria, VA 22314

October 29, 2018

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
Chairman
Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee
304 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Maria Cantwell
Ranking Member
Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee
304 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Rob Bishop
Chairman
House Natural Resources Committee
1324 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Raul Grijalva
Ranking Member
House Natural Resources Committee
1329 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Murkowski, Ranking Member Cantwell, Chairman Bishop, and Ranking Member Grijalva:

The undersigned organizations and utilities are writing to urge your support for the reauthorization of the Bureau of Reclamation's Title XVI Water Reclamation and Reuse competitive grant program authorized in the 2016 Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Act (Title XVI-WIIN).

Title XVI is the only federal program focused on funding water recycling projects in the western states, and with enactment of the FY 2019 Energy and Water Appropriations bill, the \$50 million authorization for Title-WIIN has been reached. Therefore, it is critical to reauthorize Title XVI-WIIN to support the continued development of water reuse in the West and the development of drought-proof water supplies.

Since Title XVI's inception in 1992, Congress has authorized 53 Title XVI recycling projects producing more than 400,000 acre-feet of drought-resistant water supply. To date, Congress has appropriated approximately \$672 million in federal funding which has been leveraged with non-federal funding to implement more than \$3.3 billion in water reuse improvements – a nearly 5:1 leverage ratio. However, as no new projects had been authorized by Congress since 2009, the 2016 WIIN Act created a mechanism to continue support for Western water reuse projects by establishing a competitive grant program within Title XVI, enabling new projects to be eligible for federal assistance.

There are currently 44 Title XVI-WIIN eligible projects awaiting assistance, with a total of \$528 million in eligible federal cost-share, this list will only grow as more projects become eligible. To address the federal cost-share demand, we urge that Title XVI-WIIN be reauthorized at \$250 million over five years, paid for by deauthorizing "inactive" Title XVI projects following a similar deauthorization process Congress enacted for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers projects in the 2014 Water Resources Reform and Development Act. Currently, the federal cost-share for projects that have never received funding or have not received funding in the past ten years is approximately \$200 million. Under the proposal, sponsors of projects listed for deauthorization would have a transparent and public process to submit

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information demonstrating the project's active status to the Bureau of Reclamation with a request to revoke the deauthorization.

Clean and reliable water is the backbone of a community's health and economy. Water reuse provides a sustainable and secure water supply for communities, increasingly important in the face of more frequent and severe droughts and changing hydrologic conditions throughout the West.

We are also aware that the WIIN 2016 authorizations for the desalination program (\$30 million), and western water storage funds (\$335 million) have also expired with the enactment of the FY 2019 Energy and Water Appropriations measure. We support the reauthorization of these programs as water storage and desalination projects work in tandem with water recycling projects to ensure that communities across the West have safe, secure, and sustainable water supplies.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Should you have any questions or would like to discuss further, please do not hesitate to contact Patricia Sinicropi, WaterReuse Association at psinicropi@watereuse.org.

Sincerely,

National Organizations

American Public Works Association (APWA)
American Water Works Association (AWWA)
Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies (AMWA)
National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA)
National Rural Water Association (NRWA)
Rural Community Assistance Partnership Inc. (RCAP)
Water and Wastewater Equipment Manufacturers Association (WWEMA)
WaterReuse Association
Water Environment Federation (WEF)
Western Coalition of Arid States (WESTCAS)
Western Recycled Water Coalition (WRWC)

State and Regional NGOs

WaterReuse Arizona
WaterReuse California
WaterReuse Colorado
WaterReuse Nevada
WaterReuse Pacific Northwest (PNW)
WaterReuse Texas
California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA)

Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA)

Arizona Agencies

Apache Junction Water District
City of Tucson Water Department - Tucson Water
Flagstaff Water Services
Scottsdale Water

California Agencies

Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Zone 7
Central Contra Costa Sanitary District
City of Corona
City of Escondido, Utilities Department
City of Modesto
City of Pasadena
City of Pismo Beach
City of Pleasanton
City of San Diego Public Utilities Department
Delta Diablo
Dublin San Ramon Services District
Eastern Municipal Water District
El Toro Water District
Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA)
Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD)
Las Virgenes Municipal Water District

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Marina Coast Water District
Mesa Water District
Monterey One Water
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
Olivenhain Municipal Water District
Orange County Water District
Otay Water District
Padre Dam Municipal Water District
Rincon del Diablo Municipal Water District
San Diego County Water Authority
San Elijo Joint Powers Authority
Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County
Santa Clara Valley Water District
Santa Margarita Water District
Scotts Valley Water District
Santa Clarita Water (SCV Water)
Town of Marana Water Utilities Association
Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District
Victor Valley Wastewater Reclamation Authority
(VWVRA)

Colorado Agencies

Arapahoe County Water & Wastewater Authority
(ACWWA)
Denver Water

Nevada Agencies

City of Henderson - Utility Services

City of North Las Vegas Utilities Department
Clark County Water Reclamation District
Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA)

New Mexico Agencies

Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority
City of Rio Rancho

Oklahoma Agencies

City of Norman

Oregon Agencies

Clean Water Services

Texas Agencies

City of San Marcos
City of Wichita Falls
El Paso Water Utilities
Gulf Coast Authority (GCA)
McAllen Public Utility (MPU)
Upper Trinity Regional Water District

Utah Agencies

South Jordan City

Washington Agencies

King County, Wastewater Treatment Division

CC: The Honorable Kevin McCarthy, Majority Leader, U.S. House of Representative
The Honorable Dianne Feinstein, U.S. Senator