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**Legislative Advocacy  
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Robert S. Brower, Sr.  
Molly Evans*

**Alternate:**  
*Mary Adams*

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*Dave Stoldt,  
General Manager*

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

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Tuesday, January 23, 2018, 3:30 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 October 17, 2017 Committee Meeting

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

2. Report from John Arriaga on Legislative Status and Tracking
3. Discuss Support for Water Supply and Water Quality Bond Act of 2018
4. Report on October 2017 Meetings in Washington DC
5. Discuss Preparation for February 2018 Trip to Washington DC for ACWA Conference

**Other Items**

**Set Next Meeting Date**

**Adjournment**

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## **LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY COMMITTEE**

### **ITEM: ACTION ITEM**

#### **1. ADOPT MINUTES OF OCTOBER 17, 2017 COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Meeting Date:** January 23, 2018

**From:** David J. Stoldt,  
General Manager

**Prepared By:** Arlene Tavani

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**SUMMARY:** Attached as **Exhibit 1-A** are draft minutes of the October 17, 2017 Legislative Advocacy committee meeting.

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

#### **EXHIBITS:**

**1-A** Draft Minutes of the October 17, 2017 Committee Meeting



## **EXHIBIT 1-A**

### **DRAFT MINUTES Legislative Advocacy Committee of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District October 17, 2017**

#### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 am in the MPWMD conference room.

**Committee members present:** Andrew Clarke, Chair  
Robert S. Brower, Sr.  
Molly Evans

**Committee members absent:** None

**Staff members present:** David J. Stoldt, General Manager  
Arlene Tavani, Executive Assistant

**District Counsel present:** David C. Laredo

**Legislative Consultant:** John Arriaga

**Comments from the Public:** No comments.

#### **Action Items**

1. **Adopt Minutes of February 8, 2017 Committee Meetings**  
On a motion by Evans and second of Brower, minutes of the February 8, 2017 committee meeting were approved on a unanimous vote of 3 – 0 by Evans, Brower and Clarke.

#### **Discussion Items**

2. **Report from John Arriaga on Legislative Status and Tracking**  
Arriaga reviewed the list of bills presented in the committee packet. Water related bills to be followed are: **SB2** – provides 275 to 300 million for affordable housing, and **SB3** that provides 4 billion per year over a number of years for affordable housing and veterans housing. **SB5** – a park bond issue that would provide 1 billion for water supply and conservation issues. **SB231** – stormwater legislation that added sewer systems to list of projects that qualify for Proposition 218 funding.

Stoldt noted that **AB1668** and **SB606** were not supported by ACWA and were submitted to the Rules Committee for consideration in the next legislative session. The District joined a coalition of organizations that expressed opposition to that legislation. The District does not support **SB623** sponsored by Senator Bill Monning that would assess a fee on all rate payers' water bills to fund development of safe drinking water in disadvantaged communities. The only area in the Water Management District that would qualify for funding is a trailer park in Cachagua. The ratepayers in the District are already subject to high water rates and would not support an additional service charge. This bill was strongly opposed by ACWA. Arriaga reported that the bill is in the suspense file, and Senator Monning is expected to work through

some issues regarding this bill in the next legislative session. Stoldt also reported on **AB401** that was adopted in 2015 and is related to lifeline rates. He believes that the legislature will establish a tax on water to fund the lifeline program that will be administered by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB). Arriaga reported that no action was taken on **AB554** regarding desalination, and that he would provide additional information regarding **AB642**, also relating to desalination. He also reported that **SB417**, related to responsibilities of the SWRCB, was a spot bill and no action was taken. Stoldt stated that **AB747** will need to be added to the list of bills to watch. It would establish a nitrogen tax on fertilizer to be used for water cleanup.

**3. Status Update from the General Manager and John Arriaga on SB 623, AB1668/SB606, and Receive General Guidance from Committee for District Position**

No discussion. Reviewed during discussion of agenda Item 2.

**4. Review Legislative Outreach for Calendar Year**

Stoldt reviewed the information outlined in the staff report and responded to questions. He will develop a legislative action plan from this report and present it to the Board of Directors at the November 13, 2017 Board meeting.

**Other Items:** No discussion.

**Set Next Meeting Date** – No date was set.

**Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 am

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**LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY COMMITTEE**

**ITEM: DISCUSSION ITEM**

**2. REPORT FROM JOHN ARRIAGA ON LEGISLATIVE STATUS AND TRACKING**

**Meeting Date:** January 23, 2018

**From:** David J. Stoldt,  
General Manager

**Prepared By:** Arlene Tavani

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**SUMMARY:** Attached as **Exhibit 2-A** is a Legislative Report that updates the committee on water-related California Senate and Assembly bills that are being monitored by John Arriaga.

**EXHIBITS:**

**2-A** Legislative Report from John Arriaga



**EXHIBIT 2-A**

January 23, 2018

To: MPWMD Board

Fr: John E. Arriaga, JEA & Associates

Re: Legislative Report

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**Budget:**

On January 10<sup>th</sup>, Governor Brown released a proposed \$190.3 billion spending plan that includes funding for several key water-related issues, such as:

- The Administration is proposing statutory language, consistent with the policy framework of SB 623, introduced in the 2017-18 legislative session, to establish a program that provides grants, loans, and administrator contracts or services to assist eligible communities and households in securing access to safe and affordable drinking water.
- The Budget proposes \$4.7 million in 2018-19 for the State Water Board and the Department of Food and Agriculture to take initial steps toward implementation of this new program, including (1) developing and implementing fee collection systems, (2) conducting an assessment to estimate the level of funding needed to assist water systems in the state to ensure the delivery of safe and affordable drinking water, and (3) developing and making available a map of high-risk aquifers used as drinking water sources
- Safe Drinking Water Projects—\$63 million from SB 5 (Park Bond on June ballot), if passed, for the State Water Board to provide grants to public water systems in disadvantaged communities for infrastructure improvements to meet safe and affordable drinking water standards, including both drinking water and wastewater treatment projects.
- \$61.8 million from SB 5 for the work of groundwater sustainability agencies operating under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA);

- \$84 million (assuming passage of bond funding in June) for the State Water Board to support regional groundwater treatment and remediation activities that prevent or reduce contamination of groundwater that is a source of drinking water.
- \$98.5 million (assuming the passage of bond funding in June) for flood control projects that achieve public safety, along with fish and wildlife improvements.

## **Legislation:**

This legislative session, like in recent years, will introduce numerous water bills impacting all agencies and ratepayers. However, before we review those bills prior to the February 16<sup>th</sup> deadline, here are some of the significant water bills leftover from last year that we have been monitoring closely:

AB 1668 (Friedman) and SB 606 (Skinner) – These bills, which were jointed at the end of session, will provide authority for long-term standards for the efficient use of water, and expressly limit that authority to the 2020-2026 UWMP planning cycle. The bills require the standard to be a water budget based methodology. The standard is to include specific components on indoor residential water use, outdoor residential water use, outdoor irrigation of landscape areas with dedicated irrigation meters in connection with CII water use, and water loss through leaks; establishes an ongoing 10% credit for delivered potable reuse of water; and, establishes a water use objective to be the sum of the standard components as the benchmark by which urban water suppliers are measured to determine if they are meeting the standards.

The DWR and the SWRCB are required to solicit broad public participation from stakeholders in the development of the long-term standards. The bills require a process for the inclusion of variances for water uses. The bills further require that the development of data necessary for the development of the outdoor residential standards is reasonably accurate. The bills establish an enforcement mechanism for the standards of civil liability and provide the SWRCB with the authority to issue information notices, written notices, and conservation orders to urban water suppliers that do not meet their water use objective.

Furthermore, the bills make substantive revisions to water shortage planning required in UWMPs. Among other things, it requires each urban water supplier to have a water shortage contingency plan that is comprised of annual water supply and demand assessment, standard water shortage levels, shortage response actions, and communication protocols and procedures. The bills provide for urban water suppliers to make a determination about the reliability of their water suppliers for their water supply and demand assessment, and allows for existing plans to meet standard water shortage level requirements by including a cross-reference relating its existing categories to the standard water shortage level. Additionally, they establish an enforcement mechanism for compliance with water shortage contingency planning by making urban water suppliers who are not in compliance ineligible for a water grant or loan administered by the state.

Lastly, the bills add a new concept of studying the feasibility of developing and enacting water loss reporting requirements for urban wholesale water suppliers.

AB 1668 was referred back to Senate Rules at the end of session and SB 606 is currently on the Assembly Floor. MPWMD has no position; ACWA is opposed to both bills.

SB 623 (Monning) - This bill creates the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund, administered by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), and imposes water, fertilizer and dairy fees to fund safe drinking water programs.

As mentioned above in the budget review, the Governor publicly endorsed this policy in his proposed budget. However, it is unknown if it is the ***exact*** policy or a version of it or if the fees are a part of the Governor's intent. We expect to see some type of draft language or amendments to SB 623 in the upcoming weeks, and plan on meeting with the Senator and his staff on this issue.

The bill was held in Assembly Appropriations after the Chair of the committee felt that the fee amendments added two days prior were significant enough to warrant further public discussion. MPWMD is opposed, however is not actively nor publicly pursuing this position given the Board's relationship with Senator Monning. ACWA is strongly opposed.



**LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY COMMITTEE**

**ITEM: DISCUSSION ITEM**

**3. DISCUSS SUPPORT FOR WATER SUPPLY AND WATER QUALITY BOND ACT OF 2018**

**Meeting Date: January 23, 2018**

**From: David J. Stoldt,  
General Manager**

**Prepared By: David J. Stoldt**

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**SUMMARY:** Attached for your review and discussion is **Exhibit 3-A**, a short summary of major programs in the Water Supply and Water Quality Bond Act of 2018.

**EXHIBITS:**

**3-A** Summary of Major Programs in Water Supply and Water Quality Bond Act of 2018

## **EXHIBIT 3-A**

Short Summary of major programs in Water Supply and Water Quality Bond Act of 2018

**Safe drinking water and wastewater treatment for disadvantaged communities. \$750 million.**

Provides safe drinking water and wastewater treatment for disadvantaged communities, especially in the Central Valley.

**Wastewater recycling. \$400 million.** Recycles wastewater mainly for landscaping and industrial uses

**Groundwater desalination. \$400 million.** Converts salty groundwater to usable water supply.

**Urban water conservation. \$300 million.** Leak detection, toilet replacement, landscape conversion.

**Agricultural water conservation. \$50 million.** Improves inefficient irrigation systems, increasing river flows

**Central valley flood management, including flood plain restoration. \$100 million.** Makes farms and communities more flood safe, and makes flood plains for habitat friendly. Additional \$50 million for retrofit of a reservoir (probably Bullard's Bar) for better flood management.

**San Francisco Bay Wetlands and flood improvements. \$200 million.** Improves wetlands in San Francisco Bay to provide flood protection and mitigate sea level rise.

**Data management. \$60 million.** Better data collection and management: streamflow, etc.

**Stormwater management \$600 million for a variety of state agencies.** Capture and treatment of stormwater flows improved river and ocean water quality and increasing water supplies

**Watershed Improvement \$2355 million to a wide variety of state agencies.** Pays for better management of watersheds throughout the state to improve water quality and water supply. Includes \$150 million for the Los Angeles River, as well as \$100 million for the Delta Conservancy, which helps fund the governor's Eco-Restore program. Includes \$80 million for the removal of Matilija Dam, a silted-in dam in Ventura County. \$200 million for ecological restoration and dust control at the Salton Sea. Watershed restoration after fires in the Sierra Nevada and elsewhere receives \$100 million. Funds state conservancies and state parks to better manage watersheds.

**Land Management for Water Yield. \$100 million.** Removal of invasive weeds which use excessive amounts of surface and groundwater such as tamarisk, yellow starthistle, and Arundo. Estimates of water savings are in excess of one million acre feet per year.

**Fisheries restoration. \$400 million.** Restoring fish habitat. Supplements necessary streamflows.

**Groundwater. \$675 million.** Implements the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act., stabilizing groundwater levels in overdraft groundwater basins.

**Water and specific habitat improvements for fisheries. \$500 million.** Purchase of water for fish and waterfowl.

## **EXHIBIT 3-A**

**Completion of fish screens in Central Valley. \$100 million.** Will prevent baby fish from being diverted into irrigation systems.

**San Joaquin River fisheries Restoration. \$100 million.** Restoration of Spring Run Chinook Salmon downstream of Friant dam.

**Waterfowl habitat. \$280 million.** Helps meet waterfowl obligations under the Central Valley Project Improvement Act, and other waterfowl habitat improvement programs.

**Bay Area Regional Reliability. \$250 million.** Improves interconnections between Bay Area water agencies, making it easier to survive droughts.

**Improvement to Friant Kern Canal and other Friant water interconnections. \$750 million.** Restores lost capacity to Friant Kern Canal, pays for groundwater recharge programs, water conservation and possibly new water conveyance in the Friant area.

**Oroville Dam Spillway Repair. \$200 million.** Makes Oroville Dam more flood safe.

The initiative also allows state and federal water contractors to recover the funds they pay in climate change charges due to implementation of AB 32, and use those funds in their own systems for water and energy conservation to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

## **LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY COMMITTEE**

### **ITEM: DISCUSSION ITEM**

#### **4. REPORT ON OCTOBER 2017 MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON DC**

**Meeting Date:** January 23, 2018

**From:** David J. Stoldt,  
General Manager

**Prepared By:** David J. Stoldt

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**SUMMARY:** Please refer to **Exhibit 4-A**, the list of meetings that were scheduled in Washington DC between October 23 and 25, 2017.

#### **EXHIBITS:**

**4-A** MPWMD and Monterey One Water Meeting Schedule for Washington DC, October 23 and 25, 2017.

**MONTEREY PENINSULA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT &  
MONTEREY ONE WATER  
Meeting Schedule for Washington, DC  
October 23-25, 2017  
**DRAFT 8****

**Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> (9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.) – Pure Water Funding Opportunities, Agency and Committee Staff**

- 8:00 am**      **Breakfast Briefing – Hyatt Capitol Hill**  
400 New Jersey Ave., NW  
Tel: 202-719-8478  
*Reservation under Roger Gwinn*
- 10:00 am**      **Claudette Fernandez, Assistant Deputy Administrator**  
Rural Development – U.S. Department of Agriculture  
J. Whitten Building  
1400 Jefferson Drive SW, Room 221A  
(Use the Jefferson Dr. Entrance)  
Tel: 202-720-4031 (Turner Bridgforth)
- 11:00 am**      **Gray Payne, Deputy Commissioner**  
Department of Interior - U.S. Bureau of Reclamation  
1849 C Street, NW, Room 7637  
Tel: 202-513-0501 (Reggie Rogers)
- 1:00 pm**      **Jordan Dorfman, WIFIA Program**  
Office of Water/Wastewater Management  
Environmental Protection Agency  
1201 Constitution Ave., NW  
Tel: 202-564-0614 (Arnita Hannon)
- 2:00 pm**      **Angie Giancarlo, Staff Assistant (Majority)**  
**Taunja Berquam, Staff Assistant (Minority)**  
House Appropriations Committee - Energy and Water Development  
2362-B Rayburn House Office Building  
Tel: 202-225-3421
- 3:00 pm**      **Lane Dickson, Professional Staff (maj)**  
**Camille Touton, Professional Staff (min)**  
Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
370 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Tel: 202-224-4971

**4:30 pm**      **Joshua Maxwell, Senior Professional Staff (maj)**  
**Evan Jurkovich, Professional Staff (min)**  
House Agriculture Committee  
1301 Longworth House Office Building  
Tel: 202-225-2171

**6:00 pm**      **Dinner**

**Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> (9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.) – CA Legislative Delegation**

**9:00 am**      **Garrett Durst, Legislative Director**  
Office of Congressman John Garamendi  
2438 Rayburn House Office Building  
Tel: 202-225-1880

**10:00 am**      **John Watts, Senior Legislative Counsel**  
Office of Senator Diane Feinstein  
331 Hart Senate Office Building  
Tel: 202-224-3841

**11:30 pm**      **William Ball, Director**  
**Bryson Wong, Professional Staff**  
House Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Water, Power, and Oceans  
O'Neill Federal Building  
200 C Street, SW, Room 4480 (Please call Calvin when pass security)  
Tel: 202-225-8331 (Calvin Frauendelder)

**1:30 pm**      **Congressman Jimmy Panetta (CA-20)**  
228 Cannon House Office Building  
Tel: 202-225-2861 (Rose Leopold)

**2:45 pm**      **Joe Sheehy, Legislative Director**  
Office of Congresswoman Grace Napolitano  
1610 Longworth House Office Building  
Tel: 202-225-5256

**3:15 pm**      **John Mark Kolb, Legislative Assistant**  
Office of Congressman Jeff Denham  
1730 Longworth House Office Building  
Tel: 202-225-4540

**4:15 pm**      **Jennifer Armstrong, Professional Staff (maj)**  
**Samantha Nelson, Professional Staff (min)**  
Senate Appropriations Committee (Energy and Water Development)  
124 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Tel: 202-224-7260

**6:00 pm**      **Dinner**

**Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> (9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.) – District Meetings**

- 9:30 am**            **Christopher Oliver, Assistant Administrator**  
National Marine Fisheries Service  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
1315 East-West Highway, SSMC 3, Room 14636, Silver Spring, MD 20910  
Tel: (301) 427-8000 (Alesia Read)
- 11:00 am**            **Charles Wilson**  
U.S. Army Corp of Engineers  
441 G Street, NW, Room 3T61  
Tel: 202-761-1367
- 12:15 pm**            **Kevin Chang, Legislative Assistant**  
Senator Kamal Harris  
112 Hart Senate Office Building  
Phone: 202-224-3553
- 1:30 pm**            **Kelly Colyar, Chief**  
**Alex Hettinger, Program Examiner**  
Office of Management and Budget, Executive of the President  
725 – 17<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Room 8002  
Tel: 202-395-4590 (Sherron White)

***Attendees:***

- Dave J. Stoldt, General Manager, Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
- Robert S. Brower, Chair, Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
- Paul Sciuto, General Manager, Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency
- W. Roger Gwinn, CEO, The Ferguson Group
- Mark Limbaugh, President, The Ferguson Group
- Chris Kearney, Principal, The Ferguson Group
- Stephanie Missert, Senior Associate, The Ferguson Group

***Purpose:***

The purpose of the requested meeting is for the [Monterey Peninsula Water Management District](#) (MPWMD) and the [Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency](#) (MRWPCA) to provide an update on progress on the [Pure Water Monterey Groundwater Replenishment Project](#) and to discuss opportunities for the two agencies to build stronger partnerships with federal agencies to accelerate efforts to develop a more drought proof water supply to address regional agricultural, municipal and industrial and environmental needs. The MPWMD will also provide an update on the status of two studies currently underway in partnership with the Bureau of Reclamation: the Salinas and Carmel River Basin Study and the North Monterey County Drought Contingency Plan (DCP).

MPWMD and MRWPCA also support EPA's WIFIA program and will review how new, innovative, limited federal assistance tools, such as the low-cost, long-term financing that would be made available under proposals like H.R. 434, the New Water Act introduced by Rep. Jeff Denham, can leverage and accelerate significant non-federal support in critical water infrastructure.