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General Manager

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AGENDA
Legislative Advocacy Committee
Of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District

Thursday, March 22, 2018, 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 January 23, 2018 Committee Meeting
2. Develop Recommendation to the Board on 2018-19 Legislative Advocacy Plan

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

3. Report from John Arriaga on Legislative Status and Tracking
4. Follow-up Report on February 2018 Meetings in Washington DC

Other Items

Set Next Meeting Date

Adjournment

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LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

ITEM: ACTION ITEM

1. ADOPT MINUTES OF JANUARY 23, 2018 COMMITTEE MEETING

Meeting Date: March 22, 2018

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

Prepared By: Arlene Tavani

SUMMARY: Attached as **Exhibit 1-A** are draft minutes of the January 23, 2018 Legislative Advocacy committee meeting.

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

EXHIBITS:

1-A Draft Minutes of the January 23, 2018 Committee Meeting

DRAFT MINUTES
Legislative Advocacy Committee of the
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
January 23, 2018

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm 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
Laurie Johnson

Comments from the Public: No comments.

Action Items

- 1. Adopt Minutes of October 17, 2017 Committee Meetings**
On a motion by Evans and second of Brower, minutes of the October 17, 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 Legislative Report submitted in the staff report on this item. He also submitted a document titled Governor's 2018-19 Proposed Budget and reviewed water-related items. He noted that emergency regulations related to cannabis will be in effect for 12 to 18 months until permanent rules are developed. He would be on the alert for regulations regarding water use for cannabis cultivation. Stoldt advised that District staff is researching greenhouse water use, in order to develop a water use factor for indoor cannabis cultivation within the District boundaries. Arriaga reported that AB1668 and SB606 would establish indoor residential water use at 55 gallons per-day-per-person through 2025; 52.5 gallons per-day-per-person through 2030; and thereafter 50 gallons of water per-day-per-person. ACWA is opposed to both bills. Stoldt distributed a document titled AB 1668/SB 606 Technical/Implementation Issues and Requested Amendments. He explained that the District opposed these bills in 2017 because they established an unfunded mandate that could cost ratepayers \$40 to \$70 per connection. There was consensus among committee members that the District should oppose the mandatory water conservation standards in AB 1668 and SB 606. Stoldt distributed a document titled Legislature Takes a Big Step Forward by Passing SB 5.

The bill established a \$4 billion park and water bond scheduled for the June 2018 ballot. There was consensus among the committee members that the District should support SB 5. Regarding AB 747, Stoldt stated that the District will withhold support for the bill until it is determined if SB 623 will address nitrate issues on a statewide basis. Arriaga reported that the California Water Plan Update should be released in February 2018 and that the Association of California Water Agencies is following it closely. It has been estimated that the cost could be \$10 per month or more for ratepayers.

3. Discuss Support for Water Supply and Water Quality Bond Act of 2018

Stoldt reported that the District has been asked to support the Water Supply and Water Quality Bond Act of 2018, that would appear on the November 2018 ballot. He distributed a document titled Funds Available to Monterey County. There was consensus among the committee members that the District should support the measure.

4. Report on October 2017 Meetings in Washington DC

Stoldt distributed a letter dated December 7, 2017 signed by he and Paul Sciuto, and also reviewed Exhibit 4-A from the staff report: the schedule of meetings conducted between October 23 and 25, 2017.

5. Discuss Preparation for February 2018 Trip to Washington DC for ACWA Conference

Stoldt advised the committee that the Ferguson Group is working to schedule meetings with elected officials or their representatives for the afternoon of Tuesday, February 27, 2018.

Other Items: Stoldt reported that the new Executive Director of the Department of Water Resources is Karla Nemeth. He also advised the committee that he has been asked to present introductory remarks on the current state of the water system at a moderated session between Public Water Now and California American Water regarding municipalizing the water system. In his remarks, Mr. Stoldt planned to articulate why the District has not prepared a feasibility study on issue.

Set Next Meeting Date: Check on committee members' availability for March 19, 21 or 22.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:21 pm

LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

ITEM: ACTION ITEM

2. DEVELOP RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD ON 2018-19 LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY PLAN

Meeting Date: March 22, 2018 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: N/A**

SUMMARY: Attached as **Exhibit 2-A** is a draft 2018-19 Legislative Advocacy Plan.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the Committee provide comments and recommend the Board of Directors review the Legislative Advocacy Plan and adopt it by consent at the April board meeting.

EXHIBITS

2-A Draft 2018-19 Legislative Advocacy Plan

2018-19 Legislative Advocacy Plan

This plan establishes the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District legislative and government affairs priorities for FY 2018-19.

Federal Strategy

- 1) Continue relationship and services with The Ferguson Group
 - Identifying legislation or proposed regulatory changes that may impact the District.
 - Track opportunities from 2017 WIIN Act and proposed 2018 Napolitano bill
 - Track Title XVI Reform, Funding for Pure Water Monterey
 - Track Trump 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)
 - 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
 - Both Congressional delegation and regulatory departments related to water, including but not limited to BLM, NOAA (NMFS), USBR, USDA, and EPA. Emphasis on developing staff relationship with Senator Harris
 - Attend ACWA trip each year
 - Direct contact with associations including ACWA, WaterReuse, etc.
- 3) Provide support for relevant legislation.
- 4) Expedite Pure Water Monterey/CSIP Annexations.
- 5) Perform on existing federal grants:
 - Drought Contingency Plan (\$200,000 USBR 2-year project)
 - Salinas and Carmel Rivers Basin Study (\$900,000 USBR 3-year project)

State of California Strategy

- 1) Monitor and pursue grant opportunities:
 - IRWM: We have been awarded a Central Coast-wide Disadvantaged Community planning grant that may also be used for implementation. We intend to apply it to the District's "HEART Program" for retrofits in low income and multi-family settings. Will maintain our lobbying effort to retain the funding agreement to ensure we receive over \$3 million in the next IRWM round of Prop 1 moneys'
 - Storm water: Funds are available for multi-benefit storm water management projects. A Storm Water Resource Plan (SWRP) is required to be eligible for implementation or project-specific planning funding. The SWRP will be due within 90 days of award of an implementation grant. The District's Local Project Grant to the City of Monterey will lay groundwork for this plan.
- 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.
 - Meet with legislative team locally
 - Attend CSDA, ACWA, and/or WaterReuse 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 Budget Trailer bill, AB 1668/SB 606, AB 401, SB 623, and proposed SWRCB permanent conservation regulations.
- 4) Develop helpful relationships: ACWA, WaterReuse, Latino Water Coalition

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
 - Funding plan for portion of desal project
- 2) Participate in County-wide efforts (CEQA, OES, Water planning, Carmel River/Lagoon)
- 3) Maintain outreach to local associations government affairs committees (Chambers, MCAR, MCHA, Coalition of Peninsula Businesses, jurisdictions' mayors and councils)
- 4) Better articulate CPUC activities to local ratepayer groups

LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

ITEM: DISCUSSION ITEM

3. REPORT FROM JOHN ARRIAGA ON LEGISLATIVE STATUS AND TRACKING

Meeting Date: March 22, 2018

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

Prepared By: Arlene Tavani

SUMMARY: Attached as **Exhibit 3-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:

3-A MPWMD Legislative Track from John Arriaga

MPWMD Legislative Track

As of March 12, 2018

Measure	Author	Topic	Status	Brief Summary	Notes
AB 747	Caballero D	Taxation: nitrogen-based fertilizer application: County of Monterey. (A-9/8/2017)	9/8/17 – Senate Rules	Would authorize the County of Monterey to impose a special tax or assessment until January 1, 2029, or until a statute creating a statewide program for the purpose of addressing water quality issues associated with groundwater-sourced drinking water is enacted, whichever is earlier, on the application, for any commercial purpose, of fertilizers containing any form or compound of nitrogen, if the board of supervisors of the county adopts an ordinance proposing the tax or assessment and the ordinance proposing the tax or assessment is approved by the voters, subject to applicable voter approval requirements, as specified.	Oppose
AB 1442	Allen, Travis R	Bonds: transportation: water projects.	2/1/2018-From committee: Filed with the Chief Clerk pursuant to Joint Rule 56.	Would provide that no further bonds shall be sold for high-speed rail purposes pursuant to the Safe, Reliable High-Speed Passenger Train Bond Act for the 21st Century, except as specifically provided with respect to an existing appropriation for high-speed rail purposes for early improvement projects in the Phase 1 blended system. The bill, subject to the above exception, would require redirection of the unspent proceeds received from outstanding bonds issued and sold for other high-speed rail purposes prior to the effective date of these provisions, upon appropriation, for use in retiring the debt incurred from the issuance and sale of those outstanding bonds.	
AB 1654	Rubio D	Water conservation.	7/17/2017-Withdrawn from committee. Re-referred to Com. on RLS. (Set for hearing) (1/23/2018 - Immune to Deadlines according to JR61(f). Deadlines do not apply to bills in a Rules committee.)	Would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation necessary to help make water conservation a California way of life.	
AB 1668	Friedman D	Water management planning.	9/15/2017-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com.	Current law requires the state to achieve a 20% reduction in urban per capita water use in California by December 31, 2020. Current law requires each urban retail water supplier to develop urban water use targets and an interim urban water use target, as specified. This bill	Oppose ACWA is Opposed

			on RLS. (Ayes 5. Noes 0.) (September 15). Re-referred to Com. on RLS.	would require the State Water Resources Control Board, in coordination with the Department of Water Resources, to adopt long-term standards for the efficient use of water, as provided, and performance measures for commercial, industrial, and institutional water use on or before June 30, 2021.	Unless Amended
<u>AB 1989</u>	<u>Mathis R</u>	California Safe Drinking Water Act.	2/2/2018-From printer. May be heard in committee March 4.	Current law, the California Safe Drinking Water Act, imposes on the State Water Resources Control Board various responsibilities and duties relating to providing a dependable, safe supply of drinking water. The act prohibits a person from operating a public water system without a permit and requires any person who owns a public water system to ensure that the system, among other things, provides a reliable and adequate supply of pure, wholesome, healthful, and potable water. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to the latter provision.	
<u>AB 1991</u>	<u>Mathis R</u>	Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Law of 1997.	2/2/2018-From printer. May be heard in committee March 4.	Current law, the Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Law of 1997, establishes the Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund to provide grants or revolving fund loans for the design and construction of projects for public water systems that will enable those systems to meet safe drinking water standards. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes in those provisions.	
<u>AB 2050</u>	<u>Caballero D</u>	Small System Water Authority Act of 2018.	2/7/2018-From printer. May be heard in committee March 9.	Would create the Small System Water Authority Act of 2018 and state legislative findings and declarations relating to authorizing the creation of small system water authorities that will have powers to absorb, improve, and competently operate noncompliant public water systems. The bill would define various terms and require a change in organization to be carried out as set forth in the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000.	
<u>AB 2060</u>	<u>Garcia, Eduardo D</u>	Water: grants: advanced payments.	2/22/2018-Referred to Coms. on W.,P., & W. and E.S. & T.M.	Current law requires a regional water management group, within 90 days of notice that a grant has been awarded, to provide the Department of Water Resources with a list of projects to be funded by the grant funds where the project proponent is a nonprofit organization or a disadvantaged community, or the project benefits a disadvantaged community. Current law requires the department, within 60 days of receiving the project information, to provide advanced payment of 50% of the grant award for those projects that satisfy specified criteria, including that the grant award for the project is less than \$1,000,000 and requires the advanced funds to be handled as prescribed. This bill would instead require the department to provide advanced payment for those projects of \$500,000 or 50% of the grant award, whichever is less.	ACWA is Favor/Amend
<u>AB 2064</u>	<u>Gloria D</u>	Integrated regional water management plans: grants: advanced	2/16/2018-Referred to Com. on W.,P., & W.	Current law, until January 1, 2025, requires a regional water management group, within 90 days of notice that a grant has been awarded, to provide the Department of Water Resources with a list of projects to be funded by the grant funds if the project proponent is a nonprofit organization or a disadvantaged community or the project benefits a disadvantaged community. Current law requires the department, within 60 days of receiving this project information, to provide advanced payment of 50% of the grant award for those projects that satisfy specified criteria and require the advanced funds to be handled, including that the	ACWA is Favor/Amend

		payment.		funds are required to be spent within 6 months of the date of receipt unless the department waives this requirement. The bill, until January 1, 2025, would require a project proponent, upon completion of the first one-half of a project receiving an above-described grant award, to provide a first one-half project accountability report to the department that reports the completion of objectives for the first one-half of the project and documents the expenditure and use of advanced grant funds.	
<u>AB 2065</u>	<u>Ting D</u>	Local agencies: surplus land.	2/22/2018-Referred to Com. on L. GOV.	Current law prescribes requirements for the disposal of surplus land by a local agency. Current law defines “local agency” for these purposes as every city, county, city and county, and district, including school districts of any kind or class, empowered to acquire and hold real property. This bill would expand the definition of “local agency” to include sewer, water, utility, and local and regional park districts, joint powers authorities, successor agencies to former redevelopment agencies, housing authorities, and other political subdivisions of this state and any instrumentality thereof that is empowered to acquire and hold real property, thereby requiring these entities to comply with these requirements for the disposal of surplus land.	ACWA is recommending an Oppose Unless Amended to their Legislative Committee
<u>AB 2072</u>	<u>Quirk D</u>	State Water Resources Control Board: contaminants of emerging concern.	2/16/2018-Referred to Com. on E.S. & T.M.	Would require the State Water Resources Control Board, to the extent that the state board determines funds are available, to establish and maintain a dedicated program to research contaminants of emerging concern to understand the contaminants entering drinking water supplies. The bill would require the program to research the impacts of contaminants of emerging concern on human health and the environment, as prescribed.	
<u>AB 2179</u>	<u>Gipson D</u>	Municipal corporations: public utility service: water and sewer service.	3/1/2018-Referred to Com. on L. GOV.	Would authorize a municipal corporation to utilize the alternative procedures to lease, sell, or transfer that portion of a municipal utility used for furnishing sewer service outside the boundaries of the municipal corporation.	
<u>AB 2225</u>	<u>Limón D</u>	Public agencies: data protection: standards.	2/14/2018-From printer. May be heard in committee March 16.	Would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would require public agencies to meet increased data protection standards by enhancing password protection requirements and annually assessing cybersecurity responses.	
<u>AB 2241</u>	<u>Rubio D</u>	Sustainable water use and demand reduction:	2/14/2018-From printer. May be heard in committee March 16.	Current law requires the State Water Resources Board to implement and administer various water conservation and demand reduction programs in the state. Current law makes legislative findings and declarations regarding the need to reduce urban water use statewide by 20% and to effectively measure a water supplier’s efforts to reduce urban water use in its service	

		legislative findings and declarations.		area. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes in those legislative findings and declarations.	
AB 2242	Rubio D	Urban water management planning.	2/14/2018-From printer. May be heard in committee March 16.	Current law declares that certain provisions relating to urban water management planning are intended to provide assistance to water agencies in carrying out their long-term resource planning responsibilities to ensure adequate water supplies to meet current and future demands for water. Current law makes related legislative findings and declarations. This bill would make a nonsubstantive change in those findings and declarations.	
AB 2249	Cooley D	Public contracts: local agencies: alternative procedure.	3/1/2018-Referred to Com. on L. GOV.	Would authorize public projects of \$60,000 or less to be performed by the employees of a public agency, authorize public projects of \$200,000 or less to be let to contract by informal procedures, and require public projects of more than \$200,000 to be let to contract by formal bidding procedures.	
AB 2266	Bigelow R	Urban water management planning.	2/14/2018-From printer. May be heard in committee March 16.	The Urban Water Management Planning Act requires every public and private urban water supplier that directly or indirectly provides water for municipal purposes to prepare and adopt an urban water management plan and to update its plan once every 5 years on or before December 31 in years ending in 5 and zero, except as specified. Current law declares that these provisions relating to urban water management planning are intended to provide assistance to water agencies in carrying out their long-term resource planning responsibilities to ensure adequate water supplies meet existing and future demands for water. Current law makes related legislative findings and declarations. This bill would make a nonsubstantive change in those findings and declarations.	
AB 2283	Holden D	Income taxes: exclusion: turf removal water conservation program.	3/1/2018-Referred to Com. on REV. & TAX.	The Personal Income Tax Law and the Corporation Tax Law, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2014, and before January 1, 2019, provide an exclusion from gross income for any amount received as a rebate, voucher, or other financial incentive issued by a local water agency or supplier for participation in a turf removal water conservation program. This bill would extend the operation of those provisions to January 1, 2024.	
AB 2370	Holden D	Lead exposure: child day care facilities: family day care homes.	3/1/2018-Referred to Coms. on HUM. S. and E.S. & T.M.	The California Child Day Care Facilities Act requires that, as a condition of licensure and in addition to any other required training, at least one director or teacher at each day care center, and each family day care home licensee who provides care, have at least 15 hours of health and safety training, covering specified components. This bill would require, as a condition of licensure, the health and safety training include instruction in the prevention of lead exposure. The bill, for a license issued before January 1, 2019, would give the licensee 90 days to comply with these provisions.	
AB 2371	Carrillo D	Water use sustainability: irrigation.	2/15/2018-From printer. May be heard in committee March	Current law, the Water Conservation in Landscaping Act, requires the Department of Water Resources to update its model water-efficient landscape ordinance by regulation and prescribes various requirements for the updated model ordinance. This bill would state the	

			17.	intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would improve water use sustainability in California's outdoor irrigation practices.	
<u>AB 2501</u>	<u>Chu D</u>	Drinking water: consolidation and extension of service.	3/8/2018-Referred to Com. on E.S. & T.M.	The California Safe Drinking Water Act authorizes the State Water Resources Control Board to order extension of service to an area within a disadvantaged community that does not have access to an adequate supply of safe drinking water so long as the extension of service is an interim extension of service in preparation of consolidation. The act defines "disadvantaged community" for these purposes to mean a disadvantaged community that is in an unincorporated area, is in a mobilehome park, or is served by a mutual water company or small public water system. This bill would redefine "small public water system" for these purposes as a system with 200 connections of less.	
<u>AB 2692</u>	<u>Arambula D</u>	Water: infrastructure funding.	2/16/2018-From printer. May be heard in committee March 18.	Under current law, various measures, including legislative and initiative general obligation bond acts and budget act appropriations, provide funding for water resources projects, facilities, and programs. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to establish a permanent source of water infrastructure funding.	
<u>SB 473</u>	<u>Hertzberg D</u>	California Endangered Species Act.	9/8/2017-Ordered to inactive file on request of Assembly Member Calderon.	The California Endangered Species Act, prohibits the taking of an endangered or threatened species, except in certain situations. The act also provides, until January 1, 2020, that the accidental take of candidate, threatened, or endangered species resulting from acts that occur on a farm or a ranch in the course of otherwise lawful routine and ongoing agricultural activities is not prohibited by the act. The act requires the Department of Fish and Wildlife to define "routine and agricultural activities" by regulation. This bill would also apply the take prohibition to public agencies.	
<u>SB 606</u>	<u>Skinner D</u>	Water management planning.	9/13/2017-Assembly Rule 96 suspended. Withdrawn from committee. Ordered to third reading.	Current law requires the state to achieve a 20% reduction in urban per capita water use in California by December 31, 2020. Current law requires each urban retail water supplier to develop urban water use targets and an interim urban water use target, as specified. The bill would require an urban retail water supplier to calculate an urban water use objective no later than July 1, 2022, and by July 1 every year thereafter, and its actual urban water use by those same dates.	Oppose ACWA Oppose Unless Amended
<u>SB 623</u>	<u>Monning D</u>	Water quality: Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund.	9/1/2017-From committee: Without recommendation. (Ayes 11. Noes 0.) (September 1) Re-referred to Com. on RLS.	Would establish the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund in the State Treasury and would provide that moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the State Water Resources Control Board. The bill would require the board to administer the fund to secure access to safe drinking water for all Californians, while also ensuring the long-term sustainability of drinking water service and infrastructure. The bill would authorize the state board to provide for the deposit into the fund of federal contributions, voluntary contributions, gifts, grants, bequests, and settlements from parties responsible for contamination of drinking water supplies.	Oppose ACWA Oppose
<u>SB 919</u>	<u>Dodd D</u>	Water resources: stream gages.	2/26/2018-From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred	Would require the Department of Water Resources, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to develop a plan to deploy a network of stream gages that includes a determination of funding needs and opportunities for reactivating existing gages. The bill would require the department, in consultation with the State Water Resources Control Board, the Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Central Valley Flood Protection Board, interested stakeholders, and, to the	ACWA Support if Amended

			to Com. on N.R. & W.	extent they wish to consult, local agencies, to prioritize the deployment of stream gages based upon gaps in the existing system of gages and specified considerations.	
<u>SB 934</u>	<u>Allen D</u>	Water quality: minor violations.	2/8/2018-Referred to Com. on RLS.	The Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act authorizes the State Water Resources Control Board and the California regional water quality control boards to conduct inspections and utilize other enforcement measures for violations of specified law relating to water quality. The act requires the state board and the regional boards to determine the types of violations that are minor violations and requires the state board to implement the minor violation provisions through adoption of regulations or state policy for water quality control, as prescribed. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to the provision relating to minor violations.	
<u>SB 952</u>	<u>Anderson R</u>	Water conservation: local water supplies.	2/8/2018-Referred to Com. on RLS.	Would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would require the State Water Resources Control Board to recognize local water agency investment in water supply and will ensure that local agencies receive sufficient credit for these investments in meeting any water conservation or efficiency mandates.	
<u>SB 979</u>	<u>Cannella R</u>	Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014.	2/14/2018-Referred to Com. on RLS.	The Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 provides that the sum of \$810,000,000 is to be available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for expenditures on, and competitive grants and loans to, projects that are included in and implemented in an adopted integrated regional water management plan and respond to climate change and contribute to regional water security. The bond act requires \$200,000,000 of that amount to be available for grants for multibenefit stormwater management projects. This bill would make a nonsubstantive change in those grant provisions.	
<u>SB 998</u>	<u>Dodd D</u>	Water shutoffs: urban and community water systems.	2/22/2018-Referred to Coms. on E., U. & C., EQ., and JUD.	Would require an urban and community water system, defined as a public water system that supplies water to more than 200 service connections, to have a written policy on residential service shutoff available in English, Spanish, or any other language spoken by at least 5% of the people residing in its service area. The bill would require the policy to include certain components and be available on the system's Internet Web site and be provided annually to customers in writing.	ACWA Oppose Unless Amended
<u>SB 1215</u>	<u>Hertzberg D</u>	Drinking water systems and sewer systems: consolidation and extension of service.	3/1/2018-Referred to Coms. on EQ. and GOV. & F.	Current law declares it to be the established policy of the state that every human being has the right to safe, clean, affordable, and accessible water adequate for human consumption, cooking, and sanitary purposes. This bill would also authorize the state board to set timeline and performance measures to facilitate completion of extension of service of drinking water. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.	
<u>SCA 4</u>	<u>Hertzberg D</u>	Water conservation	2/16/2017-Referred to Com. on RLS.	The California Constitution requires that the water resources of the state be put to beneficial use to the fullest extent of which they are capable and that the waste or unreasonable use or	

		n.		unreasonable method of use of water be prevented. This measure would declare the intent of the Legislature to amend the California Constitution to provide a program that would ensure that affordable water is available to all Californians and to ensure that water conservation is given a permanent role in California's future.	
BUDGET	The Administration	Safe, Affordable Drinking Water	3/14/18 – Assembly Sub #3 3/15/18 – Senate Sub #2	<p>The Governor's budget proposes trailer bill language to establish the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Program and the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund (SADWF). The Governor's budget also requests a one-time loan of \$4.7 million from the Underground Storage Tank Clean-up Fund to begin implementation of this new program. Specifically, this budget proposal and trailer bill:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Establishes the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Program and Fund to be administered by the State Water Resources Control Board. 2) Provides the Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) the authority to impose and collect fees from certain agricultural entities. 3) Exempts an agricultural operation from enforcement for causing or contributing to nitrate in groundwater if they demonstrate certain mitigation requirements are followed. 4) \$3.3 million and 23 positions for the State Water Resources Control Board to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) develop and adopt a fund implementation plan, 2) process charges that would be deposited into SADWF, 3) map areas at high risk for drinking water contamination and process drinking water data provided by local agencies, 4) develop an assessment of the total amount of annual funding needed to assist water systems in the state to provide safe drinking water, and 5) perform accounting and other administrative tasks. 5) \$1.4 million and 7 positions for the CDFA to collect charges from agricultural entities. 	JEA & Associates testified in opposition to the proposal in both the Assembly and Senate Sub-Committee hearings

LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

ITEM: DISCUSSION ITEM

4. FOLLOW-UP REPORT ON FEBRUARY 2018 MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON DC

Meeting Date: March 22, 2018 **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: N/A

SUMMARY: Board members Adams, Brower, Clarke, and Evans attended the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) conference in Washington DC, February 27 – March 1, 2018. In conjunction with that visit several meetings were arranged and coordinated through the District's federal consultant The Ferguson Group. Attached as **Exhibit 4-A** is the meeting itinerary. On March 16, the General Manager debriefed with Roger Gwinn and Stephanie Missert of The Ferguson Group, as well as Paul Sciuto of Monterey One Water.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the Committee provide reflections of the meetings, and suggest any follow-up actions required.

EXHIBIT

4-A Washington D.C. Meeting Itinerary



EXHIBIT 4-A

Washington, D.C. Schedule

Monterey Peninsula Water Management District

February 27 – March 1, 2018

FINAL 2

Tuesday, February 27

- 10:30 am** **Briefing Meeting - meet Roger Gwinn in lobby of St. Regis Hotel**
- NOON** **Meeting with John Watts, Legislative Counsel**
Office of Senator Dianne Feinstein
331 Hart Senate Office Building; Phone: 202-224-3841
- Lunch Break** **Dirksen Cafeteria**
- 2:00 pm** **Meeting with Representative Jimmy Panetta**
Brandon Honeycutt, Legislative Assistant
228 Cannon House Office Building; Contact: Rose Leopold – 202-225-2861
- 4:30 pm** **Meeting with Austin Ewell, Deputy Assistant Secretary**
Grayford Payne, Deputy Commissioner – Policy, Administration and Budget (USBR)
Office of the Assistant Secretary – Water and Science
U.S. Department of Interior
1849 C Street, NW – Room 6641; Contact: Michelle Brown – 202-208-7187

Thursday, March 1

- 11:30 am** **Meeting with Monica Pham, Legislative Counsel**
Office of Senator Kamala Harris
112 Hart Senate Office Building; Phone: 202-224-3553
- 1:30 pm** **Meeting with Kelly Colyar, Chief**
Alex Hettinger, Program Manager
Office of Management and Budget (OMB) – Water and Power Branch
Executive Office of the President
New Executive Office Building
725 17th Street, NW – Room 5002
Contact: Sherron White – 202-395-9145

ATTENDEES:

- Mary Adams, County Supervisor
- Dave J. Stoldt, General Manager, Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
- Robert S. Brower, Water Board Director and past Chair
- Andy Clarke, Water Board Director and current Chair
- Paul Sciuto, General Manager, Pure Water Monterey
- Molly Evans, Water Board Director
- W. Roger Gwinn, CEO, The Ferguson Group
- Chris Kearney, Principal, The Ferguson Group
- Stephanie Missert, Senior Associate, The Ferguson Group