

**AGENDA**  
**COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATIVE LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**WITH BOARD OF DIRECTORS\***  
**ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT**  
**18700 Ward Street, Fountain Valley, CA (714) 378-3200**  
**March 7, 2024 12:00 p.m.- Conference Room C-2**

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## **ROLL CALL**

## **ITEMS RECEIVED TOO LATE TO BE AGENDIZED**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt resolution determining need to take immediate action on item(s) and that the need for action came to the attention of the District subsequent to the posting of the Agenda (requires two-thirds vote of the Board members present, or, if less than two-thirds of the members are present, a unanimous vote of those members present.)

## **VISITOR PARTICIPATION**

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At this time, members of the public may also offer public comment for up to three minutes on any item on the Consent Calendar. While members of the public may not remove an item from the Consent Calendar for separate discussion, a Director may do so at the request of a member of the public.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR (ITEM NO. 1)**

All matters on the Consent Calendar are to be approved by one motion, without separate discussion on these items, unless a Board member or District staff request that specific items be removed from the Consent Calendar for separate consideration.

1. MINUTES OF COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATIVE LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 8, 2024

RECOMMENDATION: Approve minutes as presented

## **MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION**

2. STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

RECOMMENDATION: Agendize for March 20 Board meeting: Take the following positions:

<b>Bill Number/Author</b>	<b>Short Title</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
AB 817 Pacheco (D-Downey):	Open meetings: teleconferencing: subsidiary body	Support
AB 2626 Dixon (R-Newport Beach)	Advanced Clean Fleets regulations: local governments	Support

3. FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

RECOMMENDATION: Agendize for March 20 Board meeting: Take action as appropriate

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

4. WATER SUMMIT UPDATE
5. CHILDREN'S WATER EDUCATION FESTIVAL UPDATE
6. PUBLIC AFFAIRS OUTREACH REPORT (FEBRUARY)

**CHAIR DIRECTION AS TO WHICH ITEMS IF ANY TO BE AGENDIZED AS A MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE MARCH 20 BOARD MEETING**

## **DIRECTOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS**

## **GENERAL MANAGER'S ANNOUNCEMENT/REPORT**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

## COMMUNICATION AND LEGISLATIVE LIAISON COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Denis Bilodeau - Chair  
Van Tran - Vice Chair  
Roger Yoh  
Bruce Whitaker  
Steve Sheldon

Valerie Amezcuia  
Natalie Meeks  
Dina Nguyen  
Erik Weigand  
Cathy Green

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MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
WITH COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATIVE LIAISON COMMITTEE  
ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
February 8, 2024, 12:00 p.m.

Director Bilodeau called the Communications and Legislative Liaison Committee meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. in the District Conference Room C-2. Public access was also provided via Zoom webinar. The Secretary called the roll and reported a quorum as follows:

Committee Members

Denis Bilodeau  
Van Tran  
Roger Yoh (absent)  
Bruce Whitaker  
Steve Sheldon

OCWD Staff

John Kennedy – General Manager  
Gina Ayala – Director of Public Affairs  
Crystal Nettles – Principal Communications Specialist  
Alicia Harasty – Legislative Affairs Liaison  
Dani Berch – Communications Specialist  
Leticia Villarreal – Assistant District Secretary

Alternates

Valerie Amezcua  
Natalie Meeks (absent)  
Dina Nguyen (arrived 12:22 p.m.)  
Erik Weigand  
Cathy Green

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

The Consent Calendar was approved upon motion by Director Tran, seconded by Director Amezcua and carried [5-0] as follows:

**Ayes – Bilodeau, Tran, Whitaker, Sheldon, Amezcua**

**1. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

**The minutes of the January 4, 2024 Communications/Legislative Liaison Committee meetings are approved as presented.**

**MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION**

**2. State Legislative Update**

OCWD Consultants, Jason Gonsalves and Don Gilbert, provided first steps to prepare for the 2024 Legislative session to gain PFAS funding and other OCWD goals.

Director Nguyen arrived during discussion of the following item.

**3. Federal Legislative Update**

Federal Consultant Eric Sapirstein reported on progress towards an exemption for water entities from PFAS liability and funding for PFAS cleanup.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**4. Children's Water Education Festival Update**

Communications Specialist Dani Berch provided an update on the 2024 Children's Water Education Festival. She reported there are 5,844 students representing all service areas. She noted there are

45 confirmed presenters and shared that staff would continue to solicit sponsors, presenters and volunteers and provide monthly updates to the committee.

5. Public Affairs Outreach Report (January)

Director of Public Affairs Gina Ayala provided an overview of outreach for January 2024.

**January Highlights**

- In January 16 tours were held with 322 tour guests and 3 speakers bureau engagements
- Legislative meetings and briefings were held with US and State Senate, State Assembly and State Water Resources Control Board.
- Media inquiries included LA Times, On Point (Boston Public Radio), Washington Post, CalMatters, Vogue Magazine and USC.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 12:59 p.m.

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Denis Bilodeau, Chair



## AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTAL

**Meeting Date:** March 7, 2024

**To:** Communications/Leg. Liaison Cte.  
Board of Directors

**From:** John Kennedy

**Staff Contact:** G. Ayala/A. Harasty

**Budgeted:** N/A

**Budgeted Amount:** N/A

**Cost Estimate:** N/A

**Funding Source:** N/A

**Program/Line-Item No.:** N/A

**General Counsel Approval:** N/A

**Engineers/Feasibility Report:** N/A

**CEQA Compliance:** N/A

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**Subject:** **STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

### **SUMMARY**

Orange County Water District (OCWD; the District) consultants will provide recommendations on bill positions and efforts to gain PFAS funding.

### Attachments:

- Joe A. Gonsalves and Son – Edelstein Gilbert Robson & Smith March 2024 State Legislative Update
- AB 817 Pacheco (D-Downey): Open meetings: teleconferencing: subsidiary body
- AB 2626 Dixon (R-Newport Beach): Advanced Clean Fleets regulations: local governments

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Agendize for March 20 Board meeting: Take the following positions:

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### **DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS**

#### AB 817 Pacheco (D-Downey): Open meetings: teleconferencing: subsidiary body.

This bill would, until January 1, 2026, authorize a subsidiary body (which would apply to OCWD) to use teleconferencing without complying with the requirement to post agendas at all teleconferencing locations and to identify the teleconferencing location. OCWD staff and consultants recommend a “support” position on AB 817 as it provides flexibility for District meetings.

Also, the bill would remove the requirement to make teleconference locations accessible to the public. Finally, the bill would be removing the requirement that during the teleconference, at least a quorum of the members of the legislative body shall participate from locations within the boundaries of the territory over which the local agency exercises jurisdiction.

The bill requires the subsidiary body to comply with all the following:

1. The teleconferenced meetings shall be conducted in a manner that protects the statutory and constitutional rights of the parties or the public appearing before the subsidiary body;
2. Each member of the subsidiary body shall participate through both audio and visual technology;
3. The subsidiary body shall provide at least one of the following as a means by which the public may remotely hear and visually observe the meeting, and remotely address the subsidiary body:
  - A two-way audiovisual platform
  - A two-way telephonic service and a live webcasting of the meeting
4. The subsidiary body shall give notice of the meeting and post agendas as otherwise required by this chapter;
5. In each instance in which notice of the time of the teleconferenced meeting is otherwise given or the agenda for the meeting is otherwise posted, the subsidiary body shall also give notice of the means by which members of the public may access the meeting and offer public comment;
6. The agenda shall identify and include an opportunity for all persons to attend and address the subsidiary body directly pursuant to Section 54954.3 via a call-in option or via an internet-based service option;
7. In the event of a disruption that prevents the subsidiary body from broadcasting the meeting to members of the public using the call-in option or internet-based service option, or in the event of a disruption within the subsidiary body's control that prevents members of the public from offering public comments using the call-in option or internet-based service option, the subsidiary body shall take no further action on items appearing on the meeting agenda until public access to the meeting via the call-in option or internet-based service option is restored;
8. Notwithstanding Section 54953.3, an individual desiring to provide public comment through the use of an internet website, or other online platform, not under the control of the subsidiary body, that requires registration to log in to a teleconference may be required to register as required by the third-party internet website or online platform to participate; and,
9. The subsidiary body shall not require public comments to be submitted in advance of the meeting and must provide an opportunity for the public to address the subsidiary body and offer comment in real time.

In order to use teleconferencing, the legislative body that established the subsidiary body shall make the following findings by majority vote before the subsidiary body uses teleconferencing for the first time, and every 12 months thereafter:

- The legislative body has considered the circumstances of the subsidiary body;
- Teleconference meetings of the subsidiary body would enhance public access to meetings of the subsidiary body; and,
- Teleconference meetings of the subsidiary body would promote the attraction, retention, and diversity of subsidiary body members.

#### AB 2626 Dixon (R-Newport Beach) Advanced Clean Fleets regulations: local governments

This bill would extend the compliance dates for local government set forth in the Advanced Clean Fleets (ACF) regulation by 10 years. OCWD staff and consultants recommend a “support” position on AB 2626 as OCWD and the water/wastewater/public works industry as a whole would benefit from this proposed legislation.

According to OCWD staff, the biggest issue with complying with ACF (beyond the obvious cost) is the lack of available zero emission vehicles with a gross vehicle rating over 8,500 pounds as well as the electrical charging station infrastructure. A delay would allow technology to catch up with the ACF requirements while giving public agencies like OCWD time to plan and budget for vast increase in fleet costs.

#### **Funding for PFAS Clean-up**

As previously reported in January 2024, OCWD President Green, senior staff and lobbyists had a productive meeting with the Chair of the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) and key senior SWRCB staff regarding funding to assist OCWD in per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) clean-up. The state’s Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) Emerging Contaminants (EC) Principal Forgiveness program was discussed, in relation to addressing PFAS in local water supplies. The current SWRCB practice of limiting each water system to a single application poses a challenge. For context, the City of Anaheim requires approximately \$140 million for treatment of its 19 impacted wells, while the City of Santa Ana faces around \$75 million in treatment costs for its 12 wells.

Given the scale of Orange County’s PFAS contamination issue, OCWD is advocating that the SWRCB allow water systems to submit multiple Drinking Water SRF EC Principal Forgiveness applications and/or for the SWRCB to provide a higher grant amount per application. This adjustment would help to alleviate the financial burden on ratepayers. Such a policy change would not only benefit OCWD but would also set a precedent for supporting other communities facing similar challenges.

As follow-up to the January meeting with the SWRCB Chair and key staff, OCWD was alerted by SWRCB staff to submit more funding applications for four additional PFAS cleanup projects to meet the SWRCB’s internal deadlines for funding. Also, SWRCB staff reached out to OCWD expressing interest in the option to raise the cap per project versus adding to administrative burden by having applicants apply multiple times per project.

OCWD staff and consultants are now writing follow-up letters to the SWRCB and writing template letters for members of the California Assembly, Senate, key committee chairs, other impacted water agencies state-wide, OCWD’s retail water agencies and key local

elected officials to send in support letters for an increase in the cap per project and/or to allow for multiple applications per project.

## **ACTIVITIES**

January 31 Senator Janet Nguyen's staff, Joe Pena, was briefed by Alicia Harasty

January 29 Senator Kelly Seyarto's staff, Madison Marks-Noble, was briefed by Alicia Harasty

January 26 Assembly Member Cottie Petrie-Norris met with President Cathy Green, John Kennedy and Alicia Harasty regarding OCWD and its state priorities

January 25 OCWD President Green, senior staff and lobbyists had a productive meeting with the Chair of the State Water Resources Control Board

January 24 Assembly Member Tri Ta's staff, Colin Edwards, Assembly Member Dixon's staff, Kristin Vallandi, Senator Umberg's staff, Fidel Vasquez, was briefed by Alicia Harasty

January 23 Assembly Member Petrie-Norris's staff, Michael Tou, was briefed by Alicia Harasty

January 16 The following Sacramento staff to the Orange County delegation were briefed by Alicia Harasty: Jessica Matlock, Office of Senator Newman; Hannah Skaggs, Office of Assembly Member Dixon; Christopher Aguilera, Office of Assembly Member Quirk-Silva; Katherine Moore, Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Water/Senator Min key contact; Victoria Harris, Office of Assembly Member Petrie-Norris; Christian Lopez, Office of Senator Seyarto; Ted Blanchard, Office of Senator Nguyen; Katie Guthrie, Office of Assembly Member Valencia

## **UPCOMING ACTVITIES**

March 7 Assembly Member Dixon & Orange County Supervisor Chaffee Briefing

March 8 Assembly Member Valencia Briefing

March 15 Assembly Member Tri Ta Briefing



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TO: ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

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EDELSTEIN GILBERT ROBSON & SMITH<sup>LLC</sup>

SUBJECT: LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

DATE: February 27, 2024

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February 17<sup>th</sup> marked the passage of the bill introduction in the Legislature.

The Legislature introduced just over 2,100 new bills. The vast majority of these bills were introduced in the final two days before the deadline, which is typical. Legislation must be in print for 30 days before they are heard in committee or otherwise acted on by the Legislature.

For many years, the bill introduction deadline gave stakeholders in Sacramento a clearer picture of what they could expect from the Legislature in a given year. In recent years it has become more common for legislators to introduce non-substantive “spot” and “intent” bills as placeholders. This is the case in 2024 as well. This practice means that it generally takes several more weeks for it to become clear what legislators intend to pursue, and diminishes the value of the 30 day in print rule.

### **Budget Update**

As we reported previously, California is facing a significant budget deficit. The highly respected non-partisan Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) previously projected a \$58 billion deficit based on the Governor's revenue projections. This is a significant budget shortfall for California. Many of the Governor's proposed budget solutions rely on deferred spending, which means the state continues to have an obligation to spend in future budget years. The LAO has pointed out that this could be problematic as they predict the state will continue to face significant budget deficits for several more years.

Last week, the LAO released an update warning that the state's fiscal outlook has worsened since the release of the Governor's January Budget. Specifically, they predict that by the time the Governor releases his May Revision to the budget the state's deficit is projected to be \$15 billion higher, ballooning to \$73 billion.

It remains to be seen how the Governor as well as Assembly and Senate Leadership will address this problem.

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY JANUARY 17, 2024

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MARCH 16, 2023

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2023–24 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 817**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Pacheco  
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Wilson)**

February 13, 2023

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An act to add *and repeal* Section 54953.05 to of the Government Code, relating to local government.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 817, as amended, Pacheco. Open meetings: teleconferencing: subsidiary body.

Existing law, the Ralph M. Brown Act, requires, with specified exceptions, each legislative body of a local agency to provide notice of the time and place for its regular meetings and an agenda containing a brief general description of each item of business to be transacted. The act also requires that all meetings of a legislative body be open and public, and that all persons be permitted to attend unless a closed session is authorized. The act generally requires for teleconferencing that the legislative body of a local agency that elects to use teleconferencing post agendas at all teleconference locations, identify each teleconference location in the notice and agenda of the meeting or proceeding, and have each teleconference location be accessible to the public. Existing law also requires that, during the teleconference, at least a quorum of the members of the legislative body participate from locations within the boundaries of the territory over which the local agency exercises jurisdiction.

Existing law, until January 1, 2024, law authorizes the legislative body of a local agency to use alternate teleconferencing provisions during a proclaimed state of emergency or in other situations related to public health that exempt a legislative body from the general requirements (emergency provisions) and impose and, until January 1, 2026, in certain circumstances related to the particular member if at least a quorum of its members participate from a singular physical location that is open to the public and situated within the agency's jurisdiction and other requirements are met (nonemergency provisions). Existing law imposes different requirements for notice, agenda, and public participation, as prescribed. The emergency provisions specify that they do not require a legislative body to provide a physical location from which the public may attend or comment. prescribed, when a legislative body is using alternate teleconferencing provisions. The nonemergency provisions impose restrictions on remote participation by a member of the legislative body and require the legislative body to specific means by which the public may remotely hear and visually observe the meeting.

Existing law, until January 1, 2026, authorizes the legislative body of a local agency to use alternative teleconferencing in certain circumstances related to the particular member if at least a quorum of its members participate from a singular physical location that is open to the public and situated within the agency's jurisdiction and other requirements are met, including restrictions on remote participation by a member of the legislative body.

This bill, until January 1, 2026, would authorize a subsidiary body, as defined, to use similar alternative teleconferencing provisions similar to the emergency provisions indefinitely and without regard to a state of emergency and would impose requirements for notice, agenda, and public participation, as prescribed. In order to use teleconferencing pursuant to this act, the bill would require the legislative body that established the subsidiary body by charter, ordinance, resolution, or other formal action to make specified findings by majority vote, before the subsidiary body uses teleconferencing for the first time and every 12 months thereafter.

Existing constitutional provisions require that a statute that limits the right of access to the meetings of public bodies or the writings of public officials and agencies be adopted with findings demonstrating the interest protected by the limitation and the need for protecting that interest.

This bill would make legislative findings to that effect.

The California Constitution requires local agencies, for the purpose of ensuring public access to the meetings of public bodies and the writings of public officials and agencies, to comply with a statutory enactment that amends or enacts laws relating to public records or open meetings and contains findings demonstrating that the enactment furthers the constitutional requirements relating to this purpose.

This bill would make legislative findings to that effect.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 54953.05 is added to the Government  
2 Code, to read:

3 54953.05. (a) (1) The definitions in Section 54953, as that  
4 section may be amended from time to time, apply for purposes of  
5 this section.

6 (2) For purposes of this section, “subsidiary body” means a  
7 legislative body that meets all of the following:

8 (A) Is described in subdivision (b) of Section 54952.

9 (B) Serves exclusively in an advisory capacity.

10 (C) Is not authorized to take final action on legislation,  
11 regulations, contracts, licenses, permits, or any other entitlements.

12 (b) A subsidiary body may use teleconferencing without  
13 complying with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of Section 54953,  
14 if the subsidiary body complies with all of the following:

15 (1) The teleconferenced meetings shall be conducted in a manner  
16 that protects the statutory and constitutional rights of the parties  
17 or the public appearing before the subsidiary body.

18 (2) Each member of the subsidiary body shall participate through  
19 both audio and visual technology.

20 (3) The subsidiary body shall provide at least one of the  
21 following as a means by which the public may remotely hear and  
22 visually observe the meeting, and remotely address the subsidiary  
23 body:

24 (A) A two-way audiovisual platform.

25 (B) A two-way telephonic service and a live webcasting of the  
26 meeting.

1       (4) The subsidiary body shall give notice of the meeting and  
2 post agendas as otherwise required by this chapter.

3       (5) In each instance in which notice of the time of the  
4 teleconferenced meeting is otherwise given or the agenda for the  
5 meeting is otherwise posted, the subsidiary body shall also give  
6 notice of the means by which members of the public may access  
7 the meeting and offer public comment.

8       (6) The agenda shall identify and include an opportunity for all  
9 persons to attend and address the subsidiary body directly pursuant  
10 to Section 54954.3 via a call-in option or via an internet-based  
11 service option.

12       (7) In the event of a disruption that prevents the subsidiary body  
13 from broadcasting the meeting to members of the public using the  
14 call-in option or internet-based service option, or in the event of  
15 a disruption within the subsidiary body's control that prevents  
16 members of the public from offering public comments using the  
17 call-in option or internet-based service option, the subsidiary body  
18 shall take no further action on items appearing on the meeting  
19 agenda until public access to the meeting via the call-in option or  
20 internet-based service option is restored. Actions taken on agenda  
21 items during a disruption that prevents the subsidiary body from  
22 broadcasting the meeting may be challenged pursuant to Section  
23 54960.1.

24       (8) Notwithstanding Section 54953.3, an individual desiring to  
25 provide public comment through the use of an internet website, or  
26 other online platform, not under the control of the subsidiary body,  
27 that requires registration to log in to a teleconference may be  
28 required to register as required by the third-party internet website  
29 or online platform to participate.

30       (9) The subsidiary body shall not require public comments to  
31 be submitted in advance of the meeting and must provide an  
32 opportunity for the public to address the subsidiary body and offer  
33 comment in real time.

34       (A) A subsidiary body that provides a timed public comment  
35 period for each agenda item shall not close the public comment  
36 period for the agenda item, or the opportunity to register, pursuant  
37 to paragraph (8), to provide public comment until that timed public  
38 comment period has elapsed.

39       (B) A subsidiary body that does not provide a timed public  
40 comment period, but takes public comment separately on each

1 agenda item, shall allow a reasonable amount of time per agenda  
2 item to allow public members the opportunity to provide public  
3 comment, including time for members of the public to register  
4 pursuant to paragraph (8), or otherwise be recognized for the  
5 purpose of providing public comment.

6 (C) A subsidiary body that provides a timed general public  
7 comment period that does not correspond to a specific agenda item  
8 shall not close the public comment period or the opportunity to  
9 register, pursuant to paragraph (8), until the timed general public  
10 comment period has elapsed.

11 (c) In order to use teleconferencing pursuant to this section, the  
12 legislative body that established the subsidiary body by charter,  
13 ordinance, resolution, or other formal action shall make the  
14 following findings by majority vote before the subsidiary body  
15 uses teleconferencing pursuant to this section for the first time,  
16 and every 12 months thereafter:

17 (1) The legislative body has considered the circumstances of  
18 the subsidiary body.

19 (2) Teleconference meetings of the subsidiary body would  
20 enhance public access to meetings of the subsidiary body.

21 (3) Teleconference meetings of the subsidiary body would  
22 promote the attraction, retention, and diversity of subsidiary body  
23 members.

24 (d) *This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2026,  
25 and as of that date is repealed.*

26 SEC. 2. The Legislature finds and declares that Section 1 of  
27 this act, which adds *and repeals* Section 54953.05-~~to~~ of the  
28 Government Code, imposes a limitation on the public's right of  
29 access to the meetings of public bodies or the writings of public  
30 officials and agencies within the meaning of Section 3 of Article  
31 I of the California Constitution. Pursuant to that constitutional  
32 provision, the Legislature makes the following findings to  
33 demonstrate the interest protected by this limitation and the need  
34 for protecting that interest:

35 By removing the requirement for agendas to be placed at the  
36 location of each public official participating in a public meeting  
37 remotely, this act protects the personal, private information of  
38 public officials and their families while preserving the public's  
39 right to access information concerning the conduct of the people's  
40 business.

1 SEC. 3. The Legislature finds and declares that Section 1 of  
2 this act, which adds Section 54953.05 to the Government Code,  
3 furthers, within the meaning of paragraph (7) of subdivision (b)  
4 of Section 3 of Article I of the California Constitution, the purposes  
5 of that constitutional section as it relates to the right of public  
6 access to the meetings of local public bodies or the writings of  
7 local public officials and local agencies. Pursuant to paragraph (7)  
8 of subdivision (b) of Section 3 of Article I of the California  
9 Constitution, the Legislature makes the following findings:

10 This act is necessary to provide opportunities for public  
11 participation in meetings of specified public agencies and to  
12 promote the attraction and retention of members of those agencies.

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**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2626**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Dixon**

February 14, 2024

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An act to add Section 43109 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to air pollution.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2626, as introduced, Dixon. Advanced Clean Fleets regulations: local governments.

Existing law requires the State Air Resources Board to adopt and implement motor vehicle emission standards, in-use performance standards, and motor vehicle fuel specifications for the control of air contaminants and sources of air pollution that the state board has found necessary, cost effective, and technologically feasible. The California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 establishes the state board as the state agency responsible for monitoring and regulating sources emitting greenhouse gases and requires the state board to adopt rules and regulations to achieve the maximum technologically feasible and cost-effective greenhouse gas emission reductions from those sources.

Pursuant to its authority, the state board has adopted the Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation, which imposes various requirements for transitioning local, state, and federal government fleets of medium- and heavy-duty trucks, other high-priority fleets of medium- and heavy-duty trucks, and drayage trucks to zero-emission vehicles. The Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation authorizes entities subject to the regulation to apply for exemptions from its requirements under certain circumstances.

This bill would extend the compliance dates for local government set forth in the Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation by 10 years. The bill

would prohibit the state board from taking enforcement action against a local government for violating the Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation if the alleged violation occurs before January 1, 2025.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. Section 43109 is added to the Health and Safety  
2 Code, to read:

3       43109. (a) Notwithstanding Article 3.2 (commencing with  
4 Section 2013) of Chapter 1 of Division 3 of Title 13 of the  
5 California Code of Regulations, for the purchase by a local  
6 government of vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating greater  
7 than 8,500 pounds, the compliance dates set forth in that article  
8 shall be extended by 10 years.

9       (b) The state board shall not take any enforcement action against  
10 a local government for violating the requirements of Article 3.2  
11 (commencing with Section 2013) of Chapter 1 of Division 3 of  
12 Title 3 of the California Code of Regulations if the alleged violation  
13 occurs before January 1, 2025.

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## AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTAL

**Meeting Date:** March 7, 2024

**To:** Communications/Leg. Liaison Cte.  
Board of Directors

**From:** John Kennedy

**Staff Contact:** G. Ayala/A. Harasty

**Budgeted:** N/A

**Budgeted Amount:** N/A

**Cost Estimate:** N/A

**Funding Source:** N/A

**Program/Line-Item No.:** N/A

**General Counsel Approval:** N/A

**Engineers/Feasibility Report:** N/A

**CEQA Compliance:** N/A

**Subject: FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

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### SUMMARY

The Orange County Water District (OCWD) federal advocate and staff will provide an update on progress towards an exemption for water entities from PFAS liability and funding for PFAS cleanup.

#### Attachments:

- ENS Resources March Update
- S. 1430 (Lummis R-WY) The Water Systems PFAS Liability Protection Act – Support
- Federal Bill Matrix

### RECOMMENDATION

Agendize for March 20 Board meeting: Take action as appropriate.

#### PFAS Funding & Liability Protection

- In February, consistent with the OCWD 2024 legislative platform, OCWD sent a support letter for legislation that provides the water industry with an exemption from CERCLA liability if PFAS is listed as a hazardous substance, please see attached, "S. 1430 (Lummis R-WY) The Water Systems PFAS Liability Protection Act – Support."
- In March, the Environment and Public Works Committee will have a hearing to allow committee members to hear about the concerns surrounding CERCLA liability for passive receivers if EPA designates PFAS as a hazardous substance. OCWD will submit written testimony.
- \$8 million in additional Community Project Funding is pending Congressional action that is earmarked for OCWD's PFAS cleanup activities.

## **ACTIVITIES**

February 26 OCWD and ACWA President, Cathy Green, led the ACWA Washington D.C. conference and clearly conveyed the impact of PFAS cleanup costs to OCWD, advocated for funding and an exemption from CERCLA liability, among other topics

January 25 Staff of U.S. Senator Laphonza Butler, Chesna Foord, toured the GWRS and was briefed by Alicia Harasty



TO: Alicia Dunkin  
FROM: Eric Sapirstein  
DATE: March 1, 2024  
SUBJECT: Washington Update

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Congress avoided another potential shutdown when it passed an extension of the two pronged Continuing Resolution. In so doing, Congress extended the deadline to pass a final spending bills to March 8 and March 22. It is expected that the first spending package text will be released not later than March 4, allowing the House to vote on passage before the President's State of the Union Address on March 7. Spending bills for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and U.S. Bureau of Reclamation are part of this package. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency spending bill is part of the spending package subject to the March 22 deadline. The following summarizes legislative and regulatory activities that directly or indirectly impact OCWD.

- ***Fiscal Year 2024 Appropriations***

Both the House and Senate overwhelming approved the funding extensions by votes of 320-99 and 77-13 respectively. The text of the first six spending bills that must be enacted by March 8 is expected to be published before Monday, March 4. This timing would allow for the consideration of the measures after 72 hours. The second package of spending bills that includes more contentious agency budgets appears to be on track for finalization before the March 22 deadline. According to Committee on Appropriations leaders, the USEPA and Interior spending bills that are part of the second package will be subject to spending reductions to address overall budget caps.

#### **Final Spending Agreements Impact OCWD**

The growing likelihood of final spending agreements means that Fiscal Responsibility Act mandates to cut spending by 1% and pass a year-long Continuing Resolution will not be triggered. This means OCWD's funding request to support PFAS clean-up remains under consideration. According to

congressional spending leaders for the USEPA spending bill, which contains Representative Kim's (R-CA) requested assistance for OCWD's PFAS clean-up, reductions were imposed to comply with overall spending level agreements reached earlier this year. While actual impacts are unknown, the reductions might impact final earmark spending levels.

- ***Senate PFAS Liability Hearing Scheduled***

The Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works scheduled a hearing March 20 that will examine the impacts of PFAS designation under CERCLA. Central to the hearing will be the consequences of liability on passive receivers. The hearing appears to have been scheduled because committee staff believe the committee membership needs to hear the diverse views of stakeholders. Staff indicate that the hearing will format will be one panel. There will be five witnesses representing the water, solid waste, E-NGO, and State stakeholders. A fifth witness is expected to be a Congressional Research Service CERCLA liability expert that is expected to serve as a referee of sorts clarifying any questions raised by other witnesses. Witness selection is expected to be announced shortly, but it is highly likely that the E-NGO witness will Environmental Working Group.

A related matter involves USEPA's finalization of rules governing drinking water standards and PFAS designation under CERCLA. The agency is under pressure from E-NGO's to issue both rules without further delays. The drinking water standard (MCL) of 4PPT is expected by the end of March. Office of Management and Budget review of CERCLA designation of PFAS rules continues with the expectation that USEPA will issue a final rule in April. This deadline could be delayed if OMB decides that the economic and health impacts warrant further evaluation.

### **Impact of Hearing on OCWD Priority**

OCWD has forcefully advocated for liability protections from any PFAS hazardous substance designation under CERCLA. OCWD's position is grounded by CERCLA's polluter pays principle. The hearing illustrates that the committee remains polarized on how to pursue a liability protection policy and bill. As a result, OCWD's priority to preserve CERCLA's polluter pays principle will receive a robust public hearing and help to advance a legislative response that hopefully will deliver on the polluter pay principle. However, because of the vocal opposition from the E-NGO community, development of any legislation and committee action is dubious before the November elections.

- ***Low Income Household Water Assistance Program***

Senator Alex Padilla (D-CA) introduced the Low Income Household Water Assistance Establishment Act (S.3830). The legislation would create a permanent program of ratepayer assistance to help ratepayers that have economic hardships pay for water services. The bill does not provide for a specified funding authorization. Instead, the bill provides for “such sums as may be appropriated”, avoiding a challenge of scoring the bill for budget impacts that could preclude legislative debate without funding offsets.

**Value to OCWD Indirect**

The legislation would not directly impact OCWD. However, it would support the needs of OCWD's producers.

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**ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT**  
ORANGE COUNTY'S GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY

February 27, 2023

The Honorable Alex Padilla  
United States Senate  
331 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

RE: S. 1430 Water Systems PFAS Liability Protection Act – Support

Dear Senator Padilla:

On behalf of the Orange County Water District (OCWD), I write regarding PFAS contamination and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (USEPA) proposed rule to impose CERCLA liability through the designation of this family of chemicals as hazardous substances, which is scheduled to be finalized this spring. Per our May 23, 2023 letter, we again ask that you support the intent of S.1430 by Senator Cynthia Lummis (R-WY) "The Water Systems PFAS Liability Protection Act" to advance an exemption for water and wastewater entities.

The entities responsible for the PFAS pollution could attempt to unfairly shift the liability for the cost of contamination from themselves onto innocent water agencies like OCWD—and ultimately citizen ratepayers—in contravention of the spirit of CERCLA. Water systems need Congress's help to prevent this.

In OCWD's service area 62 drinking water wells need treatment, which is enough water for nearly 800,000 individuals per year, and additional wells are likely to be taken offline when testing is expanded. 11 cities and retail water agencies are impacted and ten are in disadvantaged communities. For example, the City of Anaheim requires approximately \$140 million for the capital cost alone of treatment of its 19 impacted wells, while the City of Santa Ana faces around \$75 million in capital treatment costs for its 12 wells. Orange County water agencies, and ultimately ratepayers, are facing a cost of over \$1.8 billion for interim replacement water, capital and operations and maintenance costs over 30 years to address PFAS.

The swift nature of our response and the extensive scope of the PFAS contamination have significantly strained our financial resources and impacted local ratepayers. In FY 2022-23, OCWD increased its Replenishment Assessment (the per-acre-foot fee charged to cities and retail water districts for groundwater pumping) by 10%. This rate

The Honorable Alex Padilla  
February 27, 2024  
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was further increased by 12% in FY 2023-24. We foresee the necessity of additional rate increases of at least 10% annually over the next three years which could contribute to the ongoing water affordability challenge.

As passive receivers of these ubiquitous chemicals, our request to protect against frivolous lawsuits is buttressed by past CERCLA liability exemptions, like the exemption from liability for Brownfields developers.

Again, we urge you to support passage of a water sector CERCLA liability exemption to protect our ratepayers and preserve the decades long polluter pays principle. Please contact us should you need additional information. Legislative Affairs Liaison Alicia Harasty may be reached at (714) 477-3750 or [aharasty@ocwd.com](mailto:aharasty@ocwd.com) to help facilitate your requests.

Sincerely,



Cathy Green  
OCWD Board President



## Federal Policy Update -February 29, 2024

### OCWD Federal Policy Update

A summary of key federal water and public health legislation pending before Congress

#### North America Policy

10 Bills, 0 Regulations, 0 Research Documents

#### US HR 7194



**Title:** PFAS Accountability Act of 2024

**Current Status:** In House

**Introduction Date:** 2024-02-01

**Last Action Date:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.. 2024-02-01

**Summary:** H.R. 7194 would create a cause of action under the Toxics Substances Control Act to allow a citizen or class of citizens to litigate against a manufacturer of PFAS that improperly discharged PFAS into the environment and created a public health impact.

Companion legislation in the Senate: S. 3725. Sponsor: Rep. Madeline Dean (D-NH)

**Location:** United States

#### Floor Forecast Scores



House  
Pre-Floor Score



House  
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Senate  
Pre-Floor Score



Senate  
Floor Score

#### US S 3725



**Title:** PFAS Accountability Act of 2024

**Current Status:** In Senate

**Introduction Date:** 2024-02-01

**Last Action Date:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.. 2024-02-01

**Summary:** S. 3725 is the companion bill to H.R. 7194. It would establish a federal cause of action to allow citizens exposed to PFAS from a manufacturers improper discharge of PFAS to sue for damages including medical monitoring. Sponsor: Senator Kirsten Gillibrand D-NY

**Location:** United States

#### Floor Forecast Scores



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Pre-Floor Score



Senate  
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Floor Score

## US HR 6805



**Title:** PFAS Action Act of 2023

**Current Status:** In House

**Introduction Date:** 2023-12-14

**Last Action Date:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.. 2024-01-02

**Summary:** PFAS Action Act of 2023 is a reintroduction of the 2021 legislation. It would impose a statutory designation of PFAS as a hazardous substance under CERCLA. It would also impose other mandates including time specific drinking water standards for PFOA and PFOS and other members of the PFAS chemical family. It currently enjoys 21 sponsors, all Democratic. Sponsor: Rep. Debbie Dingell D-MI

**Location:** United States

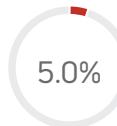
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## US S 2162



**Title:** STREAM Act

**Current Status:** In Senate

**Introduction Date:** 2023-06-22

**Last Action Date:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power. Hearings held.. 2023-07-19

**Summary:** S. 2162 renews expiring provisions of the WIIN Act. It would increase funding authorizations for surface and groundwater storage projects, water recycling, desalination, and ecosystem restoration projects. Among the changes that would be authorized would be priorities for water supply projects that include enhanced public benefits (fisheries, wildlife and disadvantage communities drinking water reliability). It would also provide for enhanced water transfers to support temporary fallowing of agriculture lands to support wildlife habitats. (BILL PROVISIONS LIKELY TO INCORPORATED INTO LARGER WESTERN WATER LEGISLATION) No Sponsor at the writing

**Location:** United States

#### Floor Forecast Scores



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## US HR 3027



**Title:** Reclamation Climate Change and Water Program Reauthorization Act of 2023

**Current Status:** In House

**Introduction Date:** 2023-04-28

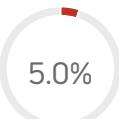
**Last Action Date:** Subcommittee Hearings Held. 2023-06-14

**Summary:** Would extend, through FY 2033, the U.S. Department of the Interior - Bureau of Reclamation Climate Change and Water Program, which expires at the end of FY 2023. The program requires the Bureau, in consultation with other federal agencies to deliver a report to Congress, every five years, on the impact of global climate change on the operations of the each major reclamation river basin. The report includes a mitigation and adaptation strategy and authorizes a feasibility study on impact of a strategy on "construction of any water supply, water management, environmental, or habitat enhancement water infrastructure." No direct funding is authorized for the program. Sponsor: Rep. Katie Porter D-CA

**Description:** Reclamation Climate Change and Water Program Reauthorization Act of 2023  
This bill reauthorizes through FY2033 the Bureau of Reclamation's climate change and water program. Under the program, Reclamation assesses the effects of global climate change on the quantity of water resources in certain western states and develops strategies to address potential water shortages, conflicts, and other impacts to such water resources.

**Location:** United States

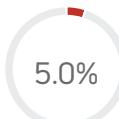
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## US S 1430

### thumb-up Support

**Title:** Water Systems PFAS Liability Protection Act

**Current Status:** In Senate

**Introduction Date:** 2023-05-03

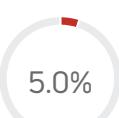
**Last Action Date:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.. 2023-05-03

**Summary:** S. 1430 would provide a limited CERCLA liability (section 107) exemption for PFAS family of chemicals for water and wastewater agencies. S. 1430 would not exempt an agency from liability in cases of gross negligence. The legislation is not expected to be approved by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.

**Description:** Water Systems PFAS Liability Protection Act This bill exempts specified water management entities from liability under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA) for releases of certain perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances, commonly referred to as PFAS. Specifically, the entities covered under the bill are public water systems, publicly or privately owned or operated treatment works, municipalities with a stormwater discharge permit, political subdivisions or special districts of a state that act as a wholesale water agency, and contractors performing the management or disposal activities for such entities. Under the bill, the exemption only applies if a specified entity transports, treats, disposes of, or arranges for the transport, treatment or disposal of PFAS consistent with applicable laws and during and following the conveyance or treatment of water under federal or state law, such as through the management or disposal of biosolids consistent with the Federal Water Pollution Control Act. Liability for damages or costs associated with the release of certain PFAS must not be precluded if an entity acted with gross negligence or willful misconduct.

**Location:** United States

### Floor Forecast Scores



Senate  
Pre-Floor Score



Senate  
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House  
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**Title:** WATER for California Act

**Current Status:** In House

**Introduction Date:** 2023-01-09

**Last Action Date:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 22 - 17.. 2023-04-28

**Summary:** H.R. 215 is a reintroduction of legislation from the 117th Congress. It would mandate Alternative 1 of December 2019 BiOp to be the preferred alternative, maximize water deliveries to CVP contractors, deem that CVPIA habitat restoration program completed, extend WIIN Act authorization of surface water storage projects to 2028, authorize Shasta "raise", and extend CVP/SWP coordinated operations language of WIIN Act through 2033. On April 27, the House Committee on Natural Resources ordered reported H.R. 215 as amended with a McClintock (R-CA) amendment that would centralize environmental reviews and permit approvals within USBR. Sponsor: Rep. David Valadao R-CA

**Description:** Working to Advance Tangible and Effective Reforms for California Act or the WATER for California Act This bill addresses the operation of the Central Valley Project (CVP), a federal water project in California owned and operated by the Bureau of Reclamation, and the California State Water Project (SWP), which is operated jointly with the CVP. Specifically, the bill requires that Reclamation operate the CVP and SWP pursuant to a specified alternative to a proposed action in a final environmental impact statement and 2019 agency published Biological Opinions (BiOps). The bill also requires Reclamation and the Department of Commerce to submit a justification to Congress that meets certain requirements prior to requesting or completing a reinitiation of consultation that will result in new BiOps. This bill also requires Reclamation to allocate water to existing agricultural water service contractors within the CVP's Sacramento River Watershed based on the water year type (e.g., dry, wet). These allocations must not affect the United States' ability or obligations to deliver water under other designated contracts. Further, the bill repeals certain eligibility requirements for water infrastructure construction funding under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to make the Shasta Dam and Reservoir Enlargement Project in California eligible for funding. The bill also requires that Reclamation funds made available but not used for this project in previous appropriations years be made available to the project. Finally, the bill reauthorizes Reclamation's support for the construction or expansion of water storage projects.

**Location:** United States

#### Floor Forecast Scores



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## US HR 1729

 Monitor

**Title:** Water Affordability, Transparency, Equity, and Reliability Act of 2023

**Current Status:** In House

**Introduction Date:** 2023-03-22

**Last Action Date:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Commodity Markets, Digital Assets, and Rural Development.. 2023-04-25

**Summary:** Sponsor: Rep. Bonnie Coleman D-NJ Co-Sponsor: Rep. Katie Porter D-CA

**Description:** Water Affordability, Transparency, Equity, and Reliability Act of 2023 This bill increases funding for water infrastructure, including funding for several programs related to controlling water pollution or protecting drinking water. Specifically, it establishes a Water Affordability, Transparency, Equity, and Reliability Trust Fund. The fund may be used for specified grant programs. The bill increases the corporate income tax rate to 24.5% to provide revenues for the fund. In addition, the bill revises requirements concerning the clean water state revolving fund (SRF) and the drinking water SRF, including by prohibiting states from providing financial assistance using amounts from the clean water SRF for projects that will provide substantial direct benefits to new communities other than projects for constructing an advanced decentralized wastewater system. It also creates or reauthorizes several grant programs related to water infrastructure, such as grants for removing lead from drinking water.

**Location:** United States

### Floor Forecast Scores



House  
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## US S 938

 Monitor

**Title:** Water Affordability, Transparency, Equity, and Reliability Act of 2023

**Current Status:** In Senate

**Introduction Date:** 2023-03-22

**Last Action Date:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.. 2023-03-22

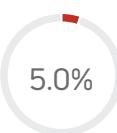
**Summary:** S. 938 would establish a \$35 billion trust fund to support the construction of water and wastewater treatment systems. Funding would be derived from an increase in the corporate tax rate. The bill also imposes requirements for Department of Justice and USEPA to carryout activities to determine whether water and wastewater operators discriminate in the provision of services. USEPA must also investigate the impact of rates on service cut-offs. Additional provisions would address use of assistance to promote regionalization of systems

and limitations on the use of federal assistance to support projects that address growth. The bill enjoys 500 NGO organizational support. It has five cosponsors. Sponsor: Sen. Bernie Sanders I-VT

**Description:** Water Affordability, Transparency, Equity, and Reliability Act of 2023 This bill increases funding for water infrastructure to control water pollution or protect drinking water. Specifically, it establishes a Water Affordability, Transparency, Equity, and Reliability Trust Fund. The fund may be used for specified grant programs. The bill increases the corporate income tax rate to 24.5% to provide revenues for the fund. In addition, the bill revises requirements concerning the clean water state revolving fund (SRF) and the drinking water SRF, including by prohibiting states from providing financial assistance using amounts from the clean water SRF for projects that will provide substantial direct benefits to new communities other than projects for constructing an advanced decentralized wastewater system. It also creates or reauthorizes several grant programs related to water infrastructure, such as grants for removing lead from drinking water.

**Location:** United States

#### Floor Forecast Scores



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## US HR 289



**Title:** Protect Our Water Rights Act

**Current Status:** In House

**Introduction Date:** 2023-01-11

**Last Action Date:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife, and Fisheries.. 2023-02-21

**Summary:** H.R. 289 would require that CVP water contract holders be provided maximum water allocations during normal and above normal water years. It would also reduce O&M repayments based upon actual water deliveries. Sponsor: Rep. Doug LaMalfa R-CA

**Description:** Protect Our Water Rights Act This bill requires the Bureau of Reclamation to modify the operation of water service contracts for the Central Valley Project (CVP) in California and the Klamath River Basin Reclamation Project in California and Oregon. Reclamation owns and operates the CVP, a federal water project consisting of a network of dams, reservoirs, and other facilities. CVP water is delivered to users that have contracts with Reclamation, but dry conditions have resulted in Reclamation reducing the water allocations for contracted water supplies. This bill requires Reclamation to allocate to existing agricultural water service contractors within the CVP's Sacramento River Watershed (1) 100% of the contracted amount of water in a wet or above normal year, (2) not less than 75% of the

contracted amount in a below normal year, and (3) not less than 50% of the contracted amount in a dry or critically dry year. Reclamation must hold at least one in-person field hearing in each county where a CVP water service contractor is located in the period between the project's initial water allocation and final water allocation announcement. The bill modifies the share of operation and maintenance costs paid by CVP water service contractors. Reclamation must also operate the Klamath River Basin Reclamation Project, a similar federal water project, so that all of the water in Upper Klamath Lake above a certain elevation is solely for agricultural and refuge purposes. Reclamation must conduct these operations in a manner that maximizes water storage in the lake, to the extent practicable.

**Location:** United States

#### Floor Forecast Scores





## AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTAL

**Meeting Date:** March 7, 2024

**To:** Communications/Leg. Liaison Cte.  
Board of Directors

**From:** John Kennedy

**Staff Contact:** G. Ayala/C. Nettles

**Budgeted:** N/A

**Budgeted Amount:** N/A

**Cost Estimate:** N/A

**Funding Source:** N/A

**Program/Line Item No.:** N/A

**General Counsel Approval:** N/A

**Engineers/Feasibility Report:** N/A

**CEQA Compliance:** N/A

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**Subject: WATER SUMMIT UPDATE**

### SUMMARY

Planning has begun for the 2024 OC Water Summit. Staff will provide a verbal update of the event.

### RECOMMENDATION

Informational

### DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

The OC Water Summit is an annual water supply conference co-hosted by the Orange County Water District (OCWD) and Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC). Planning has begun for the 16<sup>th</sup> annual Summit, which will take place Friday, September 27, 2024 at the Westin South Coast Plaza. Comedian and former NBC weatherman Fritz Coleman will return as master of ceremonies. Registration will open in July.

Potential session topics include:

- Making Water a Priority: Senator Showdown / Garvey / Porter v. Schiff
- AI Revolution in Water Management
- Financing the Future of Water
- Regulatory Tides: Conservation as the California Way of Life
- Energizing Water: The Shift to Clean Energy

The Summit ad-hoc committee meets monthly. The next meeting is scheduled for March 25. OCWD and MWDOC trade off leading planning efforts each year. MWDOC will lead planning of the 2024 event.



## AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTAL

**Meeting Date:** March 7, 2024

**To:** Communications/Leg. Liaison Cte.  
Board of Directors

**From:** John Kennedy

**Staff Contacts:** G. Ayala/D. Berch

**Budgeted:** Yes

**Budgeted Amount:** \$265,000

**Cost Estimate:** \$265,000

**Funding Source:** 1012.51112

**Program/Line Item No.:** 1206

**General Counsel Approval:** N/A

**Engineers/Feasibility Report:** N/A

**CEQA Compliance:** N/A

**Subject:** CHILDREN'S WATER EDUCATION FESTIVAL UPDATE

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### SUMMARY

The 27<sup>th</sup> annual Children's Water Education Festival (Festival) will take place on March 27-28, 2024, at UC Irvine. Staff will provide a verbal update of the event.

Attachment: Registered Schools Information for the Festival Year of 2024

### RECOMMENDATION

Informational

### DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

The Children's Water Education Festival is an annual, successful program started in 1997 to educate Orange County's youngest stakeholders about the importance of water. Since inception, nearly 150,000 students have experienced the Festival and all it has to offer. The 2024 Festival will take place March 27-28, 2024, at UC Irvine. The free event is open to third, fourth and fifth grade students in Orange County, Calif.

As of February 28, nearly 6,000 students, over 55 presenters and an estimated 200 volunteers are registered to attend. The Festival has also raised nearly \$60,000 in sponsorship. Staff will provide a verbal update on event planning.

### PRIOR RELEVANT BOARD ACTION(S) N/A

Registered Schools Information for the Festival Year of 2024

<b>District</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Festival Date</b>
Anaheim Elementary School District	Benito Juarez Elementary	3/27/2024
Anaheim Elementary School District	Franklin Elementary School	3/27/2024
Anaheim Elementary School District	Guinn Elementary School	3/27/2024
Anaheim Elementary School District	Jefferson Elementary School	3/27/2024
Buena Park School District	Carl E. Gilbert School	3/27/2024
Buena Park School District	Charles G. Emery School	3/27/2024
Buena Park School District	Mabel L. Pendleton School	3/27/2024
Capistrano Unified School District	Canyon Vista Elementary	3/27/2024
Capistrano Unified School District	Carl Hankey	3/28/2024
Capistrano Unified School District	Journey School	3/28/2024
Capistrano Unified School District	Marblehead Elementary School	3/27/2024
Capistrano Unified School District	Rh Dana Elementary School	3/27/2024
Capistrano Unified School District	Wood Canyon Elementary School	3/27/2024
Diocese of Orange	Christ Cathedral Academy	3/27/2024
Diocese of Orange	Saint Columban School	3/27/2024
Diocese of Orange	St. Cecilia School	3/27/2024
Diocese of Orange	St. Irenaeus Parish School	3/27/2024
Fountain Valley School District	Oka Elementary School	3/27/2024
Fountain Valley School District	Robert Gisler Elementary	3/27/2024
Fullerton School District	Commonwealth Elementary School	3/28/2024
Fullerton School District	Maple Elementary	3/28/2024
Fullerton School District	Pacific Drive School	3/28/2024
Fullerton School District	Woodcrest Elementary	3/28/2024
Garden Grove Unified School District	Excelsior Elementary School	3/28/2024
Garden Grove Unified School District	Gilbert Elementary School	3/28/2024
Garden Grove Unified School District	King of Kings	3/27/2024
Garden Grove Unified School District	Lawrence Elementary School	3/28/2024
Garden Grove Unified School District	Mitchell Elementary School	3/28/2024
Garden Grove Unified School District	Monroe Elementary School	3/28/2024
Garden Grove Unified School District	Morningside Elementary School	3/28/2024
Garden Grove Unified School District	Murdy Elementary	3/28/2024
Garden Grove Unified School District	Riverdale Elementary	3/28/2024
Huntington Beach City School District	Montessori Child Development Center	3/27/2024
Irvine Unified School District	Northwood Elementary School	3/28/2024
Irvine Unified School District	Stonegate Elementary School	3/28/2024
Laguna Beach Unified School District	El Morro Elementary School	3/28/2024
Newport-Mesa Unified School District	Adams Elementary School	3/28/2024
Newport-Mesa Unified School District	College Park Elementary - Costa Mesa	3/27/2024
Newport-Mesa Unified School District	Davis Magnet School	3/28/2024
Newport-Mesa Unified School District	Newport Elementary School	3/28/2024
Newport-Mesa Unified School District	Newport Heights Elementary	3/28/2024

Newport-Mesa Unified School District	Pomona Elementary School	3/28/2024
Newport-Mesa Unified School District	Rea Elementary School	3/28/2024
Newport-Mesa Unified School District	Victoria Elementary School	3/28/2024
Newport-Mesa Unified School District	Wilson Elementary	3/27/2024
Ocean View School District	Carden Conservatory	3/27/2024
Ocean View School District	Golden View School	3/28/2024
Ocean View School District	Star View School	3/28/2024
Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District	Grace Christian Academy	3/27/2024
Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District	Rose Drive Elementary	3/28/2024
Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District	Wagner Elementary School	3/27/2024
Private	Acaciawood School	3/28/2024
Private	Bethany Christian Academy	3/27/2024
Private	Carden Conservatory	3/27/2024
Private	Christ Cathedral Academy	3/27/2024
Private	Christ Lutheran School - Brea	3/27/2024
Private	Frontiers Academy	3/28/2024
Private	Hephatha Lutheran	3/27/2024
Private	Orange Crescent School	3/27/2024
Private	Page Private School	3/28/2024
Private	Prince of Peace Lutheran	3/27/2024
Private	Salem Lutheran School	3/27/2024
Private	St. John's Lutheran School	3/27/2024
Saddleback Valley Unified School District	Linda Vista Elementary School	3/27/2024
Saddleback Valley Unified School District	Ralph A. Gates Elementary School	3/27/2024
Saddleback Valley Unified School District	Santiago Elementary School	3/28/2024
Santa Ana Unified School District	Abraham Lincoln Elementary School	3/28/2024
Santa Ana Unified School District	Benjamin Franklin Elementary School	3/28/2024
Santa Ana Unified School District	Diamond Elementary School	3/28/2024
Santa Ana Unified School District	El Sol Academy	3/28/2024
Santa Ana Unified School District	El Sol Sciece and Arts Academy	3/28/2024
Santa Ana Unified School District	Franklin Elementary	3/28/2024
Santa Ana Unified School District	George Washington Carver Elementary School	3/28/2024
Santa Ana Unified School District	James Madison Elementary School	3/28/2024
Santa Ana Unified School District	James Russell Lowell Elementary School	3/28/2024
Santa Ana Unified School District	Jim Thorpe Fundamental Elementary	3/28/2024
Santa Ana Unified School District	Taft School	3/28/2024
Tustin Unified School District	Sycamore Magnet Academy	3/27/2024
Westminster School District	Anderson Elementary	3/28/2024
Westminster School District	Fryberger Elementary School	3/27/2024



## AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTAL

**Meeting Date:** March 7, 2024

**To:** Communications/Leg. Liaison Cte.  
Board of Directors

**From:** John Kennedy

**Staff Contact:** G. Ayala/C. Nettles

**Budgeted:** N/A

**Budgeted Amount:** N/A

**Cost Estimate:** N/A

**Funding Source:** N/A

**Program/Line Item No.:** N/A

**General Counsel Approval:** N/A

**Engineers/Feasibility Report:** N/A

**CEQA Compliance:** N/A

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**Subject:** PUBLIC AFFAIRS OUTREACH REPORT (February 2024)

### **SUMMARY**

Outreach for the Orange County Water District (OCWD; the District) and its programs and projects continue in an in-person and virtual format.

Attachment: February 2024 Media Clips Report

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Informational

### **DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS**

#### **Tours**

One hundred and two people attended GWRS tours in February.

February GWRS tours:

- February 2 – Virtual Public Tour
- February 2 – Coastkeepers – Godinez High School
- February 8 - Enhanced Cultural Learning Center
- February 14 – McCarthy
- February 15 – Water Reuse, Orange County Chapter
- February 22 – ACWA JPIA

Other February tours:

- February 10 - Prado Wetlands – Saddleback College Natural History
- February 13 - Field Headquarters/Recharge – ACOE
- February 22 - PFAS Treatment Facility – METAWATER, Japan
- February 29 - Field Headquarters/Recharge – Tetra Tech

Upcoming tours:

- March 1 – Virtual Public Tour

- March 4 – OC Health Agency
- March 6 – Loara High School
- March 6 – Prado Wetlands – Riverside/Corona Regional Conservation District
- March 13 – Beacon Park Middle School – Virtual
- March 20 – Water Services Association of Australia
- March 22 – Cabrillo Academy

A 30-minute [on-demand technical virtual tour](#) is available on the District's social media channels. The tour, in all forms, has been viewed more than 8,800 times. A 10-minute [on-demand general virtual tour](#) has been viewed more than 4,400 times. A virtual tour of OCWD's surface recharge operations has garnered nearly 350 views.

## **Speakers Bureau/Media**

As part of OCWD's standard to forge and maintain long-term, positive, and proactive relationships with members of the community and be transparent about its operations and programs, OCWD board members and staff participate, regularly, at conferences and events and speak before civic groups.

February Speakers Bureau:

- February 2 – General Manager John Kennedy provided a groundwater basin update at WACO
- February 3 – Chief Hydrogeologist Roy Herndon spoke on groundwater depletion and replenishment at the Newport Bay Conservancy World Wetlands Day Symposium
- February 15 – Principal Communications Specialist Medha Paliwal spoke on harnessing collaboration and communications at the WEF/AWWA Utility Management Conference
- February 20 – General Manager John Kennedy provided an Orange County Groundwater Basin and GWRS overview to the Water Issues Study Group hosted by Mesa Water
- February 20 – Communications Specialist Dani Berch and Public Affairs Intern Angel An staffed a table to solicit volunteers for the Children's Water Education Festival at UC Irvine's sustainability event, Sustainival
- February 23 – Communications Specialist Dani Berch and Public Affairs Intern Angel An staffed a table at Chapman University's sustainability event and promoted OCWD and Children's Water Education Festival volunteer opportunities
- February 28 and 29 – Executive Director of Planning and Natural Resources Lisa Haney spoke at the Multi-State Salinity Coalition Conference
- February 29 – Director of Public Affairs Gina Ayala and Communications Specialist Dani Berch provided a presentation to the WateReuse Communications Collaborative Group regarding enhancing outreach with AI

Upcoming Speakers Bureau:

- Orange County Post of the Society of American Military Engineers
- GRACast
- AMWA webinar on PFAS

- Sustainable Water Summit – Aqualis
- Watermark Associates
- OC San Open House
- ACE24

## **Webinar**

On Thursday, February 29, OCWD hosted the webinar “Addressing Contaminants of Emerging Concern Through Innovation, Research and Technology”. The webinar featured guest speaker Rob Thompson, general manager of OC San. Rob spoke about OC San’s Super Critical Water Oxidation (SCWO) project. One hundred and thirty people attended.

## **Media Clips**

In February, there were 90 global news hits for OCWD, the GWRs and other District programs and projects with a total reach of 69.2 million. The media clip report for February is attached.

## **Social Media**

The District engages 17,740 followers on its social media channels. Below are statistics for OCWD’s social media for February (as of February 27).

OCWD’s X (formally Twitter) page

- Followers: 5,514
- Posts: 12
- Post impressions: 1,000

OCWD’s Facebook

- Followers: 1,963
- Posts: 10
- Engagement: 147
- Post impressions: 18,300

OCWD’s LinkedIn

- Followers: 7,682
- Posts: 7
- Engagement: 344
- Post impressions: 18,300

OCWD’s Instagram

- Followers: 1,815
- Posts/Reels: 7
- Stories 31
- Engagement: 252
- Post impressions: 18,300

## OCWD's TikTok

- Followers: 25
- Views: 2,653

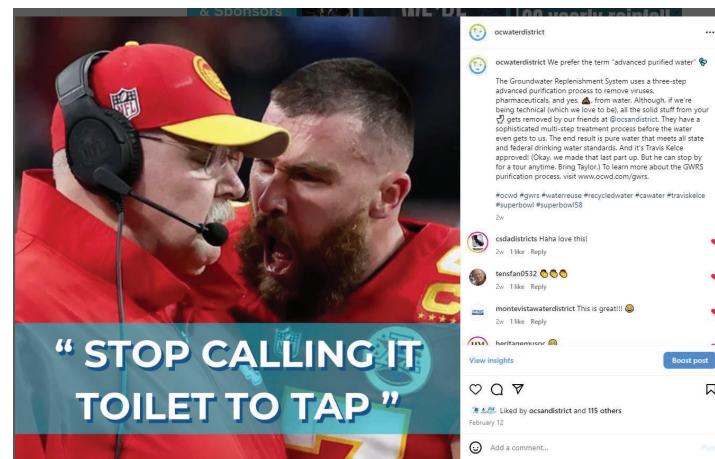
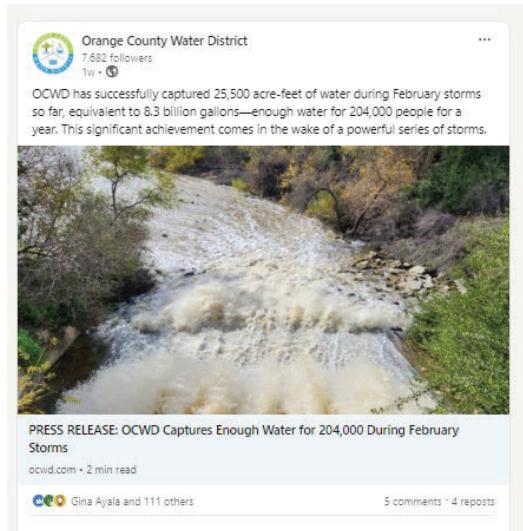
## OCWD's Threads

- Posts: 2
- Followers: 207

## OCWD's YouTube

- Subscribers: 534
- Views: 1,500
- Hours watched: 116

A sampling of top performing social media posts:



## Website Analytics

Below are February analytics for OCWD's website (as of February 27).

- Users: 15,177
- Page views: 32,391
- Top five pages:
  - Home
  - GWRS
  - Careers
  - About
  - What We Do

Staff is working to refresh the District's website including the homepage. The revamp comes after last year's IS-supported transfer to Word Press to build and maintain the website. Word Press provides much more functionality on the backend than the previous CMS. Staff reviewed website analytics to determine the most viewed and searched pages

so the website could offer the best user experience. Staff continues to meet regularly to finetune the site.

### **Electronic Publications and Videos**

Staff wrote and distributed the February issue of Hydrospectives, OCWD's monthly e-newsletter.

Staff wrote and distributed one press release:

- [Orange County Water District Captures Enough Water For 204,000 People During February Storms](#)

### **Construction Notifications**

Staff responded to three construction hotline calls regarding the Tustin PFAS treatment facility.

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1	2/26/2024	LAist	How Much Stormwater Can We Actually Capture?	United States	<a href="https://laist.com/news/climate-environment/how-much-stormwater-can-we-actually-capture">https://laist.com/news/climate-environment/how-much-stormwater-can-we-actually-capture</a>	744,877
2	2/26/2024	Citybiz	Why Policymakers Hold The Key To Catalyzing Regenerative Wastewater Innovation And Adaptation	United States	<a href="https://www.citybiz.co/article/524613/why-policymakers-hold-the-key-to-catalyzing-regenerative-wastewater-innovation-and-adaptation">https://www.citybiz.co/article/524613/why-policymakers-hold-the-key-to-catalyzing-regenerative-wastewater-innovation-and-adaptation</a>	37,627
3	2/24/2024	Newport Beach Independent	Newport Beach City Manager Update: Healthy Rainfall, New Data Dashboard	United States	<a href="https://www.newportbeachindy.com/newport-beach-city-manager-update-healthy-rainfall-new-data-dashboard">https://www.newportbeachindy.com/newport-beach-city-manager-update-healthy-rainfall-new-data-dashboard</a>	24,339
4	2/23/2024	Storm Water Solutions	Orange County captures 8.3 billion gallons of stormwater in February		<a href="https://www.stormwater.com/stormwater-management/wet-weather/press-release/53097425/orange-county-captures-83-billion-gallons-of-stormwater-in-february">https://www.stormwater.com/stormwater-management/wet-weather/press-release/53097425/orange-county-captures-83-billion-gallons-of-stormwater-in-february</a>	4,536
5	2/22/2024	ACWA	OCWD Captures Enough Water For 204,000 People During February	United States	<a href="https://www.acwa.com/news/orange-county-water-district-captures-enough-water-for-204000-people">https://www.acwa.com/news/orange-county-water-district-captures-enough-water-for-204000-people</a>	4,197
6	2/21/2024	KNX-AM (Radio)	Radio clip from KNX-AM (Radio) - Feb 21, 2024	United States	<a href="https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/1500018151371">https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/1500018151371</a>	516,000
7	2/21/2024	KNX-AM (Radio)	Radio clip from KNX-AM (Radio) - Feb 21, 2024	United States	<a href="https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/1500018151057">https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/1500018151057</a>	516,000
8	2/21/2024	ABC7 Eyewitness News	Orange County captures enough stormwater for more than 300,000	United States	<a href="https://abc7.com/orange-county-water-district-annual-rainfall-stormwater-capture/14452713/">https://abc7.com/orange-county-water-district-annual-rainfall-stormwater-capture/14452713/</a>	4,434,374
9	2/21/2024	KNX-AM (Radio)	Radio clip from KNX-AM (Radio) - Feb 21, 2024	United States	<a href="https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/1500018150759">https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/1500018150759</a>	516,000
10	2/21/2024	KFI AM	Radio clip from KFI AM - Feb 21, 2024	United States	<a href="https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/1500018149980">https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/1500018149980</a>	474,800
11	2/21/2024	KNX-AM (Radio)	Radio clip from KNX-AM (Radio) - Feb 21, 2024	United States	<a href="https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/1500018149916">https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/1500018149916</a>	537,400
12	2/21/2024	KNX-AM (Radio)	Radio clip from KNX-AM (Radio) - Feb 21, 2024	United States	<a href="https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/1500018149336">https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/1500018149336</a>	537,400
13	2/21/2024	KNX-AM (Radio)	Radio clip from KNX-AM (Radio) - Feb 21, 2024	United States	<a href="https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/1500018149309">https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/1500018149309</a>	537,400
14	2/20/2024	KABC-LA (ABC)	Eyewitness News 5PM Ben Smith	United States	<a href="https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/1500018142089">https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/1500018142089</a>	181,034
15	2/20/2024	KFI AM	Radio clip from KFI AM - Feb 20, 2024	United States	<a href="http://archive.tveyes.com/8383/14379/4a62e5d3-7892-4e10-8b9b-eb1c26b86d91/RADKFI_02-20-2024">http://archive.tveyes.com/8383/14379/4a62e5d3-7892-4e10-8b9b-eb1c26b86d91/RADKFI_02-20-2024</a>	417,100
16	2/20/2024	Modern Pumping Today	Nothing Lasts Forever	United States	<a href="https://modernpumpingtoday.com/nothing-lasts-forever">https://modernpumpingtoday.com/nothing-lasts-forever</a>	1,998
17	2/19/2024	KFI AM	Radio clip from KFI AM - Feb 19, 2024	United States	<a href="https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/1500018135671">https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/1500018135671</a>	362,200
18	2/19/2024	KFI AM	Radio clip from KFI AM - Feb 19, 2024	United States	<a href="https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/1500018135031">https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/1500018135031</a>	362,200
19	2/19/2024	KFI AM	Radio clip from KFI AM - Feb 19, 2024	United States	<a href="https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/1500018134873">https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/1500018134873</a>	362,200
20	2/19/2024	KFI AM	Radio clip from KFI AM - Feb 19, 2024	United States	<a href="https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/1500018134333">https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/1500018134333</a>	474,800

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21	2/19/2024	KFI AM	Radio clip from KFI AM - Feb 19, 2024	United States	<a href="https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/1500018133860">https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/1500018133860</a>	474,800
22	2/19/2024	KFI AM	Radio clip from KFI AM - Feb 19, 2024	United States	<a href="https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/1500018133510">https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/1500018133510</a>	488,800
23	2/19/2024	KFI AM	Radio clip from KFI AM - Feb 19, 2024	United States	<a href="https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/1500018132443">https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/1500018132443</a>	488,800
24	2/19/2024	KFI AM	Radio clip from KFI AM - Feb 19, 2024	United States	<a href="https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/1500018132154">https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/1500018132154</a>	488,800
			Joint Meeting with GRA, February 27, 2024	United States	<a href="https://happeningnext.com/event/joint-meeting-with-gra-february-272024-eid4so7gjeup1">https://happeningnext.com/event/joint-meeting-with-gra-february-272024-eid4so7gjeup1</a>	
25	2/17/2024	HappeningNext		United States		51,935
			Spotlight Feb. 2024: Water Leaders Share How ACWA Scholarships Helped	United States	<a href="https://www.acwa.com/news/spotlight-feb-2024-water-leaders-share-how-acwa-scholarships-">https://www.acwa.com/news/spotlight-feb-2024-water-leaders-share-how-acwa-scholarships-</a>	
26	2/16/2024	ACWA		United States		4,197
27	2/15/2024	Gibson Dunn	DEI Task Force Update (February 14,	United States	<a href="https://www.gibsondunn.com/dei-task-force-">https://www.gibsondunn.com/dei-task-force-</a>	91,232
			Why California's storms, flooding doesn't end drought fears	United States	<a href="https://statelibraryeclips.wordpress.com/2024/02/09/why-californias-storms-flooding-doesnt-end-">https://statelibraryeclips.wordpress.com/2024/02/09/why-californias-storms-flooding-doesnt-end-</a>	
28	2/9/2024	State Library of Oregon		United States		3,617
			Why record rain hasn't washed away California's water woes	United States	<a href="https://www.adn.com/nation-world/2024/02/06/why-record-rain-hasnt-washed-">https://www.adn.com/nation-world/2024/02/06/why-record-rain-hasnt-washed-</a>	
29	2/7/2024	Anchorage Daily News		United States		787,101
			Why California's storms, flooding doesn't end drought fears - The	United States	<a href="https://www.washingtonpost.com/climate-environment/2024/02/06/california-drought-">https://www.washingtonpost.com/climate-environment/2024/02/06/california-drought-</a>	
30	2/7/2024	The Washington Post		United States		46,882,332
			Radio clip from WBUR (Radio) - Feb 3, 2024	United States	<a href="https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/150001801898263">https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/150001801898263</a>	
31	2/3/2024	WBUR (Radio)		United States		251,500
			Radio clip from WBUR (Radio) - Feb 3, 2024	United States	<a href="http://archive.tveyes.com/8383/14379/15a34bd5-527f-4f6e-a3d2-fcac529e0064/RADWBUR_02-03">http://archive.tveyes.com/8383/14379/15a34bd5-527f-4f6e-a3d2-fcac529e0064/RADWBUR_02-03</a>	
32	2/3/2024	WBUR (Radio)		United States		251,500
			Radio clip from Mississippi Public Broadcasting - Feb 2, 2024	United States	<a href="https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/150001801654510">https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/150001801654510</a>	
33	2/2/2024	Mississippi Public Broadcasting		United States		10,600
			Radio clip from Mississippi Public Broadcasting - Feb 2, 2024	United States	<a href="https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/150001801646961">https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/150001801646961</a>	
34	2/2/2024	Mississippi Public Broadcasting		United States		10,600
			Radio clip from News KNPR (Radio) - Feb 2, 2024	United States	<a href="https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/150001801689872">https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/150001801689872</a>	
35	2/2/2024	News KNPR (Radio)		United States		37,700
			Radio clip from WNYC-FM (Radio) - Feb 2, 2024	United States	<a href="https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/150001801596507">https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/150001801596507</a>	
36	2/2/2024	WNYC-FM (Radio)		United States		389,300
			Radio clip from 101.9 WDET (radio) - Feb 2, 2024	United States	<a href="https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/150001801597040">https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/150001801597040</a>	
37	2/2/2024	101.9 WDET (radio)		United States		51,000
			Radio clip from WESA-FM (Radio) - Feb 2, 2024	United States	<a href="https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/150001801596802">https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/150001801596802</a>	
38	2/2/2024	WESA-FM (Radio)		United States		58,800
			Radio clip from WHYY (Radio) - Feb 2, 2024	United States	<a href="https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/150001801595696">https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/150001801595696</a>	
39	2/2/2024	WHYY (Radio)		United States		248,200
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40	2/2/2024	WNYC-FM (Radio)		United States		389,300

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41	2/2/2024	News KNPR (Radio)	Radio clip from News KNPR (Radio) - Feb 2, 2024	United States	<a href="https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/150001801682345">https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/150001801682345</a>	37,700
42	2/2/2024	WESA-FM (Radio)	Radio clip from WESA-FM (Radio) - Feb 2, 2024	United States	<a href="https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/150001801591042">https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/150001801591042</a>	58,800
43	2/2/2024	101.9 WDET (radio)	Radio clip from 101.9 WDET (radio) - Feb 2, 2024	United States	<a href="https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/150001801591539">https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/150001801591539</a>	51,000
44	2/2/2024	WNYC-FM (Radio)	Radio clip from WNYC-FM (Radio) - Feb 2, 2024	United States	<a href="https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/150001801589145">https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/150001801589145</a>	389,300
45	2/2/2024	News KNPR (Radio)	Radio clip from News KNPR (Radio) - Feb 2, 2024	United States	<a href="https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/150001801680801">https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/150001801680801</a>	37,700
46	2/2/2024	WHYY (Radio)	Radio clip from WHYY (Radio) - Feb 2, 2024	United States	<a href="https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/150001801590589">https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/150001801590589</a>	248,200
47	2/2/2024	WESA-FM (Radio)	Radio clip from WESA-FM (Radio) - Feb 2, 2024	United States	<a href="https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/150001801589239">https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/150001801589239</a>	58,800
48	2/2/2024	101.9 WDET (radio)	Radio clip from 101.9 WDET (radio) - Feb 2, 2024	United States	<a href="https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/150001801590501">https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/150001801590501</a>	51,000
49	2/2/2024	WBUR (Radio)	Radio clip from WBUR (Radio) - Feb 2, 2024	United States	<a href="https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/150001801568584">https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/150001801568584</a>	236,900
50	2/2/2024	WBUR (Radio)	Radio clip from WBUR (Radio) - Feb 2, 2024	United States	<a href="https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/150001801561425">https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/150001801561425</a>	236,900
51	2/2/2024	WLRN	How communities worldwide are working to solve the water crisis	United States	<a href="https://www.wlrn.org/2024-02-02/how-communities-worldwide-are-working-to-solve-the-">https://www.wlrn.org/2024-02-02/how-communities-worldwide-are-working-to-solve-the-</a>	226,142
52	2/2/2024	NPR Illinois	How communities worldwide are working to solve the water crisis	United States	<a href="https://www.nprillinois.org/2024-02-02/how-communities-worldwide-are-working-to-solve-the-">https://www.nprillinois.org/2024-02-02/how-communities-worldwide-are-working-to-solve-the-</a>	72,462
53	2/2/2024	www.wbfo.org	How communities worldwide are working to solve the water crisis	United States	<a href="https://www.wbfo.org/2024-02-02/how-communities-worldwide-are-working-to-solve-the-">https://www.wbfo.org/2024-02-02/how-communities-worldwide-are-working-to-solve-the-</a>	41,900
54	2/2/2024	WBFO-FM (Radio)	Radio clip from WBFO-FM (Radio) - Feb 2, 2024	United States	<a href="https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/150001801442358">https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/150001801442358</a>	48,400
55	2/2/2024	WBFO-FM (Radio)	Radio clip from WBFO-FM (Radio) - Feb 2, 2024	United States	<a href="https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/150001801435104">https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/150001801435104</a>	48,400
56	2/2/2024	WBFO-FM (Radio)	Radio clip from WBFO-FM (Radio) - Feb 2, 2024	United States	<a href="https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/150001801433170">https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/150001801433170</a>	48,400
57	2/2/2024	90.7 WFAE	Radio clip from 90.7 WFAE - Feb 2, 2024	United States	<a href="https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/150001801413198">https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/150001801413198</a>	84,900
58	2/2/2024	KPCC-FM (Radio)	Radio clip from KPCC-FM (Radio) - Feb 2, 2024	United States	<a href="https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/150001801505781">https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/150001801505781</a>	300,000

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59	2/2/2024	90.7 WFAE	Radio clip from 90.7 WFAE - Feb 2, 2024	United States	<a href="https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/150001801406761">https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/150001801406761</a>	84,900
60	2/2/2024	KPCC-FM (Radio)	Radio clip from KPCC-FM (Radio) - Feb 2, 2024	United States	<a href="https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/150001801495089">https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/150001801495089</a>	300,000
61	2/2/2024	90.7 WFAE	Radio clip from 90.7 WFAE - Feb 2, 2024	United States	<a href="https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/150001801404579">https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/150001801404579</a>	84,900
62	2/2/2024	KUT 90.5	Radio clip from KUT 90.5 - Feb 2, 2024	United States	<a href="https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/1500018014132">https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/1500018014132</a>	94,800
63	2/2/2024	KUT 90.5	Radio clip from KUT 90.5 - Feb 2, 2024	United States	<a href="https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/1500018014065">https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/1500018014065</a>	94,800
64	2/2/2024	KUT 90.5	Radio clip from KUT 90.5 - Feb 2, 2024	United States	<a href="https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/1500018014045">https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/1500018014045</a>	94,800
65	2/2/2024	KUER 90.1, NPR Utah	Radio clip from KUER 90.1, NPR Utah - Feb 2, 2024	United States	<a href="https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/150001801413479">https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/150001801413479</a>	55,100
66	2/2/2024	KUER 90.1, NPR Utah	Radio clip from KUER 90.1, NPR Utah - Feb 2, 2024	United States	<a href="https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/150001801404436">https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/150001801404436</a>	55,100
67	2/2/2024	KUOW-FM (Radio)	Radio clip from KUOW-FM (Radio) -	United States	<a href="https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/1500018014150">https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/1500018014150</a>	161,400
68	2/2/2024	WJCT	Radio clip from WJCT - Feb 2, 2024	United States	<a href="https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/1500018013222">https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/1500018013222</a>	46,600
69	2/2/2024	WJCT	Radio clip from WJCT - Feb 2, 2024	United States	<a href="https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/1500018013152">https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/1500018013152</a>	46,600
70	2/2/2024	KUOW-FM (Radio)	Radio clip from KUOW-FM (Radio) - Feb 2, 2024	United States	<a href="https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/150001801405517">https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/150001801405517</a>	161,400
71	2/2/2024	WJCT	Radio clip from WJCT - Feb 2, 2024	United States	<a href="https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/1500018013135">https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/1500018013135</a>	46,600
72	2/2/2024	KCFR-FM	Radio clip from KCFR-FM - Feb 2, 2024	United States	<a href="https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/150001801353770">https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/150001801353770</a>	105,500
73	2/2/2024	WBUR (Radio)	Radio clip from WBUR (Radio) - Feb 2, 2024	United States	<a href="https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/150001801292430">https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/150001801292430</a>	236,900
74	2/2/2024	CMU Public Radio	Radio clip from CMU Public Radio - Feb 2, 2024	United States	<a href="https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/150001801291910">https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/150001801291910</a>	15,100
75	2/2/2024	Vermont Public Radio	Radio clip from Vermont Public Radio - Feb 2, 2024	United States	<a href="https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/150001801292063">https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/150001801292063</a>	19,200
76	2/2/2024	Connecticut Public Radio (WNPR)	Radio clip from Connecticut Public Radio (WNPR) - Feb 2, 2024	United States	<a href="https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/150001801291701">https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/150001801291701</a>	89,400
77	2/2/2024	101.9 WDET (radio)	Radio clip from 101.9 WDET (radio) - Feb 2, 2024	United States	<a href="https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/150001801291676">https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/150001801291676</a>	51,000
78	2/2/2024	101.9 WDET (radio)	Radio clip from 101.9 WDET (radio) - Feb 2, 2024	United States	<a href="https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/150001801285232">https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/150001801285232</a>	51,000
79	2/2/2024	CMU Public Radio	Radio clip from CMU Public Radio - Feb 2, 2024	United States	<a href="https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/150001801282769">https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/150001801282769</a>	15,100

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80	2/2/2024	Vermont Public Radio	Radio clip from Vermont Public Radio - Feb 2, 2024	United States	<a href="https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/150001801283038">https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/150001801283038</a>	19,200
81	2/2/2024	KCFR-FM	Radio clip from KCFR-FM - Feb 2, 2024	United States	<a href="https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/150001801345053">https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/150001801345053</a>	105,500
82	2/2/2024	WBUR (Radio)	Radio clip from WBUR (Radio) - Feb 2, 2024	United States	<a href="https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/150001801283421">https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/150001801283421</a>	236,900
83	2/2/2024	Connecticut Public Radio (WNPR)	Radio clip from Connecticut Public Radio (WNPR) - Feb 2, 2024	United States	<a href="https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/150001801284236">https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/150001801284236</a>	89,400
84	2/2/2024	KOPB-FM (Radio)	Radio clip from KOPB-FM (Radio) - Feb 2, 2024	United States	<a href="https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/150001801353401">https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/150001801353401</a>	165,500
85	2/2/2024	Milwaukee Public Radio	Radio clip from Milwaukee Public Radio Feb 2, 2024	United States	<a href="https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/150001801286070">https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/150001801286070</a>	45,300
86	2/2/2024	KOPB-FM (Radio)	Radio clip from KOPB-FM (Radio) - Feb 2, 2024	United States	<a href="https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/150001801345933">https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/150001801345933</a>	165,500
87	2/2/2024	Milwaukee Public Radio	Radio clip from Milwaukee Public Radio Feb 2, 2024	United States	<a href="https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/150001801283950">https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/150001801283950</a>	45,300
88	2/2/2024	KOPB-FM (Radio)	Radio clip from KOPB-FM (Radio) - Feb 2, 2024	United States	<a href="https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/150001801344023">https://app2.cision.com/#/articles/150001801344023</a>	165,500
89	2/2/2024	WBUR	How communities worldwide are working to solve the water crisis   On	United States	<a href="https://www.wbur.org/onpoint/2024/02/02/communities-worldwide-solve-the-water-crisis-climate">https://www.wbur.org/onpoint/2024/02/02/communities-worldwide-solve-the-water-crisis-climate</a>	1,420,226
90	2/1/2024	Ethical Marketing News	U.S. Water Utilities Deploy PFAS Treatment Technologies to Safeguard Drinking Water for Communities	United Kingdom	<a href="https://ethicalmarketingnews.com/u-s-water-utilities-deploy-pfas-treatment-technologies-to-safeguard-drinking-water-for-communities">https://ethicalmarketingnews.com/u-s-water-utilities-deploy-pfas-treatment-technologies-to-safeguard-drinking-water-for-communities</a>	4,281
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