



AGENDA

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COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATIVE LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING WITH BOARD OF DIRECTORS* ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT **October 3, 2024 12:00 p.m. - Conference Room C-2**

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20 Civic Center Plaza, Santa Ana

* Members of the public may attend and participate at all locations.

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

Time has been reserved at this point in the agenda for persons wishing to comment for up to three minutes to the Board of Directors on any item that is not listed on the agenda, but within the subject matter jurisdiction of the District. By law, the Board of Directors is prohibited from taking action on such public comments. As appropriate, matters raised in these public comments will be referred to District staff or placed on the agenda of an upcoming Board meeting.

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
SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

RECOMMENDATION: Approve minutes as presented

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

2. STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

RECOMMENDATION: Agendize for October 16 Board meeting: Take action as appropriate

3. FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

RECOMMENDATION: Agendize for October 16 Board meeting: Take action as appropriate

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

4. ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE GOALS &
STRATEGY
5. UPDATE ON GWRS TOUR AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS
6. CHILDREN'S WATER EDUCATION FESTIVAL UPDATE
7. PUBLIC AFFAIRS OUTREACH REPORT (SEPTEMBER)

**CHAIR DIRECTION AS TO WHICH ITEMS IF ANY TO BE AGENDIZED AS A MATTER FOR
CONSIDERATION AT THE OCTOBER 16 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 Amezcua
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
September 5, 2024, 12:00 p.m.

Director Whitaker 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 (participated as member of public)
Van Tran
Roger Yoh
Bruce Whitaker
Steve Sheldon

Alternates

Valerie Amezcua (absent)
Natalie Meeks (absent)
Dina Nguyen (absent)
Erik Weigand
Cathy Green (arrived at 12:03 p.m.)

OCWD Staff

John Kennedy – General Manager
Chris Olsen – Executive Director
Gina Ayala – Director of Public Affairs
Alicia Harasty – Legislative Affairs Liaison
Dani Berch – Communications Specialist
Crystal Nettles – Principal Communications Specialist
Lisa Haney – Executive Director
Roy Herndon – Chief Hydrogeologist
Mehul Patel – Executive Director
Janice Kovacevic – Recording Secretary

CONSENT CALENDAR

The Consent Calendar was approved upon motion duly made and seconded and carried [5-0] as follows:

Ayes – Tran, Yoh, Whitaker, Sheldon, Weigand

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the August 8, 2024 Communications/Legislative Liaison Committee meetings are approved as presented.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

2. State Legislative Update

OCWD Consultants provided an update on the recently adjourned California legislative session, which concluded on August 31, along with a briefing on SB 1255 (Durazo) – Low-Income Rate Assistance.

3. Federal Legislative Update

Federal Consultant David French provided an update on spending bills and funding for OCWD projects and PFAS-related issues.

4. Children's Water Education Festival Location and Contract Approval

Communications Specialist Dani Berch reported that over 60 potential venues were evaluated for the 2025 Children's Water Education Festival, with three locations meeting most of the event's requirements. She presented the advantages and challenges of each site, with Oak Canyon offering the most benefits. Director Weigand noted that the costs and additional insurance requirements posed challenges for continuing to host the festival at UCI.

Upon motion by Director Green, seconded by Director Whitaker and carried [5-0], the Committee recommended that the Board at its September 18 Board meeting: Authorize staff to execute an agreement with James Events Productions to host the 2025 Festival at Oak Canyon Park in Orange on April 23-24 and to provide rentals, event planning, and logistical support and services for the 2025 Festival for a combined total amount not to exceed \$195,500.

Ayes – Tran, Whitaker, Sheldon, Weigand, Green

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

5. Water Summit Update

Director of Public Affairs Gina Ayala reported that 200 attendees and sponsors are registered for the event, and five sessions are scheduled, with confirmation pending for the luncheon keynote speaker. She shared the ad hoc committee will meet on September 16 to finalize the details. Ms. Ayala will discuss alternative options for the luncheon keynote speaker with the ad hoc committee.

6. Public Affairs Outreach Report (August)

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

August Highlights:

- Eight tours were conducted, with a total of 100 guests, along with nine speaker engagements.
- OCWD hosted the Orange County Grand Jury for an all-day tour of its facilities. Jurors visited the GWRS, Santa Ana River, La Palma Basin, and Yorba Linda Water District's PFAS treatment plant, with presentations covering the District's operations and water quality.
- OCWD organized the webinar *Squeezing the Last Drop: Using Enhanced-Recovery Reverse Osmosis to Improve Water Production*. The speakers included Han Gu, Ph.D., senior scientist/process specialist at OCWD, and Alex Waite, P.E., supervising civil engineer for the City of Santa Monica.
- OCWD received 10 global news hits related to the GWRS and other District programs and projects, reaching a total audience of 7.4 million.

Ms. Ayala updated the committee on upcoming events, including two PFAS dedication events at East Orange County Water District, and the Linda Vista Treatment Plant. She also mentioned that the annual Groundwater Adventure Tour is scheduled for October 24 and invited board members to participate or speak.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Bruce Whitaker, Chair

AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTAL

Meeting Date: October 3, 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: STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

SUMMARY

Orange County Water District (OCWD; the District) staff and consultants will provide an update on upcoming elections and ballot measures of interest to the District.

Attachments:

- Joe A. Gonsalves and Son – Edelstein Gilbert Robson & Smith October Report
- October Bill Matrix

RECOMMENDATION

Agendize for October 16 Board meeting: Take action as appropriate.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

OCWD consultants will provide an update on the outlook for upcoming elections and ballot measures of interest to the District. Please see attached the “Joe A. Gonsalves and Son – Edelstein Gilbert Robson & Smith October 2024 State Legislative Update.”

ACTIVITIES

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| July 11 | Assembly Members Dixon and Davies coordinated a meeting at UCI entitled “Sand Replenishment and the Business of Beaches,” which included OCWD in the program to discuss sediment behind Prado Dam and the need to gain funding for transportation costs to replenish sand at local Orange County beaches. OCWD’s Lisa Haney was included in the program. President Cathy Green, John Kennedy, Gina Ayala, and Alicia Harasty also attended. |
| April 16 | Orange County Supervisor Doug Chaffee met with President Cathy Green, John Kennedy and Alicia Harasty regarding OCWD and its state priorities |
| March 26 | Assembly Member Dixon met with President Cathy Green, John Kennedy and Alicia Harasty regarding OCWD and its state priorities |
| March 8 | Assembly Member Valencia met with President Cathy Green, John Kennedy and Alicia Harasty regarding OCWD and its state priorities |

- March 15 Assembly Member Tri Ta met with President Cathy Green, John Kennedy and Alicia Harasty regarding OCWD and its state priorities

- 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



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TO: ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

FROM: JOE A. GONSALVES AND SON
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SUBJECT: LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

DATE: September 24, 2022

The Legislature adjourned Sine Die on August 31, after sending nearly 1,000 bills to the Governor for his consideration. The Governor has until September 30th to take action on those bills. As of today, the Governor still has over 600 bills to take action on over the next week.

Typically, once the legislature adjourns session, means the Legislature would be absent from Sacramento until the newly elected Legislature convenes in early December. In 2024, however, the Assembly will be returning to Sacramento in early October.

Tensions between the Governor, Assembly, and Senate were high in the final days of session. The implosion of a last-minute deal on energy affordability add to the typical aggravation caused by the usual jockeying between the three parties over which bills move and which die. While the Assembly and Senate lost their priority proposals as the deal fell apart, the Governor held out hope that the Legislature would still take up his proposal to regulate petroleum fuels and feedstock inventories in an effort to lower prices at the pumps.

The Assembly rejected the Governor's proposal, arguing that they did not have time to consider it properly and that the Governor should instead call a Special Session of the Legislature.

In the final hours of session, Governor Newsom did so. While the Governor can call a Special Session, his ability to compel the Legislature to actually convene the Session is very limited. While the Assembly quickly moved to convene the Special Session, the Senate did not. By contrast, Senator McGuire announced that the Senate would not be convening the Special Session over the fall.

Nearly a month later, the Assembly has set a hearing for the Governor's proposal for this Thursday, September 26, 2024 and is scheduled to return to Sacramento on October 1st to consider the bill on the floor of the Assembly. While the Senate initially remained obstinate, Pro Tem McGuire has now indicated that if the Assembly has the votes to pass the Governor's proposal, he will call his colleagues back to Sacramento.

Many Legislators are frustrated and see the special session as a distraction from the upcoming November 5th election, where all 80 Members of the Assembly and half of the Members of the Senate will be up for election. Regardless of the outcomes at the ballot box, the State Legislature will have at least 35 new members when they return in December for their ceremonial swearing in. That, coupled with the 37 new members elected in 2022, means 72 of 120 (60%) of the members of the legislature will have 2 years or less experience.

In addition, the November ballot will include 10 propositions for voters to decide on. This includes a \$10B Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024 that would provide \$3.8 billion for safe drinking water, drought, flood, and water resilience programs.

We will continue to keep you apprised as things develop.

MEASURE	AUTHOR	TOPIC	LOCATION	SUMMARY	POSITION
AB 30	Ward	Atmospheric Rivers: Research, Mitigation, and Climate Forecasting Program.	9/1/2023 – Signed/Chaptered by Governor	Current law establishes the Atmospheric Rivers: Research, Mitigation, and Climate Forecasting Program in the Department of Water Resources. Current law requires the department, upon an appropriation for purposes of the program, to research climate forecasting and the causes and impacts that climate change has on atmospheric rivers, to operate reservoirs in a manner that improves flood protection, and to reoperate flood control and water storage facilities to capture water generated by atmospheric rivers. This bill would rename that program the Atmospheric	Support

				<p>Rivers Research and Forecast Improvement Program: Enabling Climate Adaptation Through Forecast-Informed Reservoir Operations and Hazard Resiliency (AR/FIRO) Program. The bill would require the department to research, develop, and implement new observations, prediction models, novel forecasting methods, and tailored decision support systems to improve predictions of atmospheric rivers and their impacts on water supply, flooding, post-wildfire debris flows, and environmental conditions.</p>	
AB 460	Bauer-Kahan	State Water Resources	9/22/2024 – Signed/Chaptered	The State Water Resources Control Board	Oppose

		Control Board: interim relief.	by Governor.	and the California regional water quality control boards are required to set forth water quality objectives in state and regional water quality control plans. Current law establishes the Water Rights Fund, which consists of various fees and penalties. The moneys in the Water Rights Fund are available upon appropriation by the Legislature for the administration of the board's water rights program. Current law requires that the owner of any dam allow sufficient water at all times to pass through a fishway, or in the absence of a fishway, allow sufficient water to	
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				<p>pass over, around, or through the dam, to keep in good condition any fish that may be planted or exist below the dam, as specified. This bill would authorize the board to issue, on its own motion or upon the petition of an interested party, an interim relief order in appropriate circumstances to implement or enforce these and related provisions of law. The bill would provide that a person or entity that violates any interim relief order issued by the board would be liable to the board for a civil penalty in an amount not to exceed the sum of \$10,000 for each day in which a violation occurs</p>	
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				and \$5,000 for each acre-foot of water diverted in violation of the interim relief order. The bill would require these funds to be deposited in the Water Rights Fund	
AB 557	Hart	Open Meetings: Local Agencies: Teleconferences.	10/9/2023 – Signed/Chaptered by Governor	Current law, until January 1, 2024, authorizes a local agency to use teleconferencing without complying with specified teleconferencing requirements in specified circumstances when a declared state of emergency is in effect, or in other situations related to public health, as specified. If there is a continuing state of emergency, or if state or local officials have imposed or	Support

				<p>recommended measures to promote social distancing, existing law requires a legislative body to make specified findings not later than 30 days after the first teleconferenced meeting, and to make those findings every 30 days thereafter, in order to continue to meet under these abbreviated teleconferencing procedures. Current law requires a legislative body that holds a teleconferenced meeting under these abbreviated teleconferencing procedures to give notice of the meeting and post agendas, as described, to allow members of the public to access the meeting and address the</p>	
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				legislative body, to give notice of the means by which members of the public may access the meeting and offer public comment, including an opportunity for all persons to attend via a call-in option or an internet-based service option. Current law prohibits a legislative body that holds a teleconferenced meeting under these abbreviated teleconferencing procedures from requiring public comments to be submitted in advance of the meeting and would specify that the legislative body must provide an opportunity for the public to address the legislative body and	
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				offer comment in real time. This bill would extend the above-described abbreviated teleconferencing provisions when a declared state of emergency is in effect, or in other situations related to public health, as specified, indefinitely.	
AB 817	Pacheco	Open meetings: teleconferencing: subsidiary body.	7/02/2024 – Senate – Dead.	Current 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	Support

				<p>agency's jurisdiction and other requirements are met, including restrictions on remote participation by a member of the legislative body. This bill would authorize a subsidiary body, as defined, to use alternative teleconferencing provisions similar to the emergency provisions indefinitely and without regard to a state of emergency. In order to use teleconferencing pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown 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</p>	
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				majority vote, before the subsidiary body uses teleconferencing for the first time and every 12 months thereafter.	
AB 1337	Wicks	State Water Resources Control Board: water shortage enforcement.	7/02/2024 – Senate – Dead.	Would authorize the State Water Resources Control Board to adopt regulations for various water conservation purposes, including, but not limited to, to prevent the waste, unreasonable use, unreasonable method of use, or unreasonable method of diversion of water, and to implement these regulations through orders curtailing the diversion or use of water under any claim of right. The bill would require the board to provide notice and an opportunity to be heard before issuing an	Oppose

				<p>order, except where an opportunity to be heard before the issuance of an order would be impractical given the likelihood of harm to the purposes of the various water conservation regulations. The bill would provide that a person or entity may be civilly liable for a violation of any regulation or order issued by the board pursuant to these provisions in an amount not to exceed \$1,000 for each day in which the violation has occurred and \$2,500 for each acre-foot of water diverted or used in violation of the applicable requirement. The bill would authorize the imposition of this</p>	
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				civil liability by the superior court, as specified, or administratively by the board. The bill would provide that a regulation or order issued by the board pursuant to these provisions, or by emergency regulation, is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).	
AB 1567	Garcia	Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparation, Flood Protection, Extreme Heat Mitigation, and Workforce	8/31/2024 – Senate – Dead.	The California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018, approved by the voters as Proposition 68 at the June 5, 2018, statewide primary election, authorizes the issuance of bonds in the	Watch & work with associations to include funding for 1. PFAS Cleanup. 2. Projects to protect groundwater

		Development Bond Act of 2023.		<p>amount of \$4,100,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance a drought, water, parks, climate, coastal protection, and outdoor access for all program.</p> <p>Article XVI of the California Constitution requires measures authorizing general obligation bonds to specify the single object or work to be funded by the bonds and further requires a bond act to be approved by a 2/3 vote of each house of the Legislature and a majority of the voters. This bill would enact the Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparation, Flood Protection, Extreme Heat</p>	from sea water intrusion.
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				<p>Mitigation, and Workforce Development Bond Act of 2023, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$15,105,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance projects for safe drinking water, wildfire prevention, drought preparation, flood protection, extreme heat mitigation, and workforce development programs. This bill contains other related provisions.</p>	
AB 2079	Bennett	<p>Groundwater extraction: large-diameter, high-capacity wells: permits.</p>	<p>7/02/2024 – Senate – Dead.</p>	<p>The bill would require a groundwater sustainability agency with oversight for the area of the basin where the local enforcement</p>	<p>Oppose Unless Amended</p>

				agency has well permitting jurisdiction to provide specified information to the local enforcement agency, including, but not limited to, the name of the applicable groundwater sustainability agency, the agency manager and contact information, and the applicable sustainable management criteria related to groundwater levels, including the groundwater level measurable objectives and minimum thresholds.	
AB 2515	Papan	Menstrual products: perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS).	9/11/2024 – Enrolled to Governor.	Current law, beginning January 1, 2025, prohibits a person or entity from manufacturing, selling, delivering, holding, or offering for sale in commerce any cosmetic	WATCH 5/28/24

				product that contains intentionally added perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), as defined. This bill would similarly prohibit any person from manufacturing, distributing, selling, or offering for sale in the state any menstrual products that contain regulated PFAS,	
AB 2626	Dixon	Advanced Clean Fleets regulations: local governments.	4/25/2024 – Assembly – Dead.	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	Support

				Fleets Regulation if the alleged violation occurs before January 1, 2025	
AB 2761	Hart	Product safety: plastic packaging: Reducing Toxics in Packaging Act.	7/02/2024 – Senate – Dead.	This bill would enact the Reducing Toxics in Packaging Act, which would prohibit, beginning January 1, 2026, a person from manufacturing, selling, offering for sale, or distributing in the state plastic packaging that contains certain chemicals, as specified.	Support
SB 23	Caballero	Water supply and flood risk reduction projects: expedited permitting.	1/18/2024 – Senate – Dead.	Current law prohibits an entity from substantially diverting or obstructing the natural flow of, or substantially changing or using any material from the bed, channel, or bank of, any river, stream, or lake, or deposit or dispose of debris, waste, or other material	Support

				<p>containing crumbled, flaked, or ground pavement where it may pass into any river, stream, or lake, except under specified conditions, including requiring the entity to send written notification to the Department of Fish and Wildlife regarding the activity in the manner prescribed by the department. This bill would require a project proponent, if already required to submit a notification to the department, to complete and submit environmental documentation to the department for the activity in the notification.</p>	
SB 366	Caballero	The California	9/9/2024 –	Current law requires the	Support

		Water Plan: long-term supply targets.	Enrolled to Governor.	Department of Water Resources to update every 5 years the plan for the orderly and coordinated control, protection, conservation, development, and use of the water resources of the state, which is known as the California Water Plan. Current law requires the department to include a discussion of various strategies in the plan update, including, but not limited to, strategies relating to the development of new water storage facilities, water conservation, water recycling, desalination, conjunctive use, water transfers, and alternative pricing policies that may be pursued in order to meet	
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				<p>the future needs of the state. Current law requires the department to establish an advisory committee to assist the department in updating the plan. This bill would require the department to instead establish a stakeholder advisory committee, to expand the membership of the committee to include tribes and environmental justice interests, to prohibit a member of the committee from serving longer than the development of 2 updates, and to require the committee to meet a minimum of 4 times annually. The bill would require the department, in coordination with the California Water</p>	
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				Commission, the State Water Resources Control Board, other state and federal agencies as appropriate, and the stakeholder advisory committee to develop a comprehensive plan for addressing the state's water needs and meeting specified water supply targets established by the bill for purposes of "The California Water Plan."	
SB 389	Allen	State Water Resources Control Board: determination of water right.	10/8/2023 – Signed/Chaptered by Governor	Current law provides that it is the intent of the Legislature that the state take vigorous action to enforce the terms and conditions of permits, licenses, certifications, and registrations to appropriate water, to enforce state board orders and decisions, and	Neutral

				to prevent the unlawful diversion of water. This bill would authorize the State Water Resources Control Board to investigate the diversion and use of water from a stream system to determine whether the diversion and use are based upon appropriation, riparian right, or other basis of right, as specified.	
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SB 411	Portantino	Open meetings: teleconferences: bodies with appointed membership.	10/9/2023 – Signed/Chaptered by Governor	Current law, until January 1, 2024, 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	Watch
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				<p>provisions) and impose 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. Current 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 would authorize a legislative</p>	
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				<p>body to use alternate teleconferencing provisions similar to the emergency provisions indefinitely and without regard to a state of emergency. The bill would alternatively define “legislative body” for this purpose to mean a board, commission, or advisory body of a local agency, the membership of which board, commission, or advisory body is appointed and which board, commission, or advisory body is otherwise subject to the Ralph M. Brown Act.</p>	
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SB 638	Eggman	Climate Resiliency and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2024.	06/15/2023-Assembly Water, Parks & Wildlife Committee. Hearin postponed by committee.	Would enact the Climate Resiliency and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2024 which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$6,000,000,000 pursuant to the State	Watch and work with associations to include funding for 1. PFAS Cleanup. 2. Projects to
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				General Obligation Bond Law, for flood protection and climate resiliency projects.	protect groundwater from sea water intrusion.
SB 745	Cortese	The Drought-Resistant Buildings Act.	10/13/2023 – Signed/Chaptered by Governor	Would require the California Building Standards Commission to develop and propose mandatory building standards to reduce the designed potable water demand of new buildings by 25% from current mandatory design requirements and to minimize the use of potable water for nonpotable uses. The bill would require the commission to adopt mandatory building standards that require new buildings to be designed to capture graywater and use alternative water sources for nonpotable building and landscaping water uses, as	Oppose unless amended to exempt areas from the dual plumbing requirement that already recycle indoor water use.

				specified.	
SB 867	Allen	Drought and Water Resilience, Wildfire and Forest Resilience, Coastal Resilience, Extreme Heat Mitigation, Biodiversity and Nature-Based Climate Solutions, Climate Smart Agriculture, and Park Creation and Outdoor Access Bond Act of 2023.	7/3/2024 – Signed & Chaptered by the Governor. Chapter # 83	Would enact the Drought and Water Resilience, Wildfire and Forest Resilience, Coastal Resilience, Extreme Heat Mitigation, Biodiversity and Nature-Based Climate Solutions, Climate Smart Agriculture, and Park Creation and Outdoor Access Bond Act of 2023, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in an unspecified amount pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance projects for drought and water resilience, wildfire and forest resilience, coastal resilience, extreme heat mitigation, biodiversity and nature-based climate solutions, climate smart agriculture, and park creation and outdoor access programs.	Watch and work with associations to include funding for 1. PFAS Cleanup. 2. Projects to protect groundwater from sea water intrusion.

SB 903	Skinner	Environmental health: product safety: perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances.	5/16/2024 – Senate - Dead.	Would, beginning January 1, 2032, prohibit a person from distributing, selling, or offering for sale a product that contains intentionally added perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), as defined, unless the Department of Toxic Substances Control has made a determination that the use of PFAS in the product is a currently unavoidable use, the prohibition is preempted by federal law, or the product is previously used.	Support (Sponsored by CA Association of Sanitation Agencies)
SB 1147	Portantino	Drinking water: bottled water: microplastics levels.	9/9/2024 – Enrolled to Governor.	This bill would require, among other things, the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) to study the health impacts of microplastics in drinking water, including bottled water, in order to evaluate and identify safe	Watch

				and unsafe levels of microplastics in those types of water, and, on or before January 1, 2026, to develop and deliver to the state board, among other things, public health standards and goals for a safe level of microplastics in those waters.	
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AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTAL

Meeting Date: October 3, 2024

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

From: John Kennedy

Staff Contact: G. Ayala/A. Harasty

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Subject: FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

SUMMARY

The Orange County Water District (OCWD) federal advocate and staff will provide an update on spending bills, funding for OCWD's projects and upcoming elections.

Attachments:

- ENS Resources October Update
- Federal Bill Matrix

RECOMMENDATION

Agendize for the October 16 Board meeting: Take action as appropriate.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

Please see attached "ENS Resources October Update," for a federal update regarding funding, PFAS-related items of interest to OCWD and upcoming elections.

ACTIVITIES

- Sept. 19 First Vice President Denis Bilodeau met with Congressional Members Lou Correa and Young Kim to discuss OCWD federal priorities and funding requests.
- May OCWD Board President Cathy Green, General Manager John Kennedy and staff visited Washington D.C. to advocate for OCWD federal priorities and funding requests.
- 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 Harasty
FROM: Eric Sapirstein
DATE: September 24, 2024
SUBJECT: Washington Update

Congress returned from its August recess to address funding the government and conducting several hearings to advance natural resources legislation that could become part of an end of session omnibus public lands bill. Additionally, preliminary discussions between the House and Senate Water Resources Development Act of 2024 staff on a compromise bill continued. The House will pass a three month Continuing Resolution, extending funding until December 20 today. Senate approval will occur late today or early Thursday. The Lame Duck Session that is slated to begin in mid-November and represents the singular opportunity to complete action on final spending bills for fiscal year 2025 (including Community Project Assistance) and a number of measures that potentially could include PFAS liability and clean-up legislation.

The following summarizes the status of federal policy matters of interest to OCWD.

- ***Water Resources Development Act of 2024***

House and Senate efforts to reauthorize the Water Resources Development Act of 2024, H.R. 8812 and S. 4367, to renew the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (USACE) programs and projects took an important step when the House and Senate respectively passed their versions overwhelming. H.R. 8812 passed 318-19 and S. 4367 passed unanimously. The overwhelming support in both chambers suggests that despite significant differences, a final compromise is highly likely to be developed and moved swiftly through Congress in December at the latest.

Both bills would elevate water supply as a core USACE mission alongside navigation and flood protection. The House would make such elevation permanent. Conversely, the Senate would make water supply a priority only during times of drought. Regardless of how the differences are bridged, it appears that WRDA 2024 will increase the priority for USACE to address drought. Supplementing this priority are provisions that enhanced directives to USACE to rely upon Forecast Informed Reservoir Operation (FIRO). FIRO

requires USACE to update flood control manuals and to work with water agencies to better manage storm events to conserve water at flood protection facilities. Policy directives to address resilience matters also are included in the bills. While these directives are targeted to shoreline resilience, the growing demand that USACE focus on resilience and **might** influence the operation of USACE facilities related to sediment removal and beach replenishment.

Importance to OCWD

Once WRDA is enacted into law, presumably toward the end of the legislative session in December, water supply should become a core activity for USACE. Additionally, FIRO should be enhanced with USACE directed to rely upon its elements to help enhance water supply at USACE facilities.

PFAS Rulemakings and Liability Protection Legislation

Federal PFAS policymaking continues to command congressional and stakeholder attention. Within the policymaking arena, Congress is using the annual appropriations process to address concerns from the water sector. The House Committee on Appropriations approved the USEPA Fiscal Year 2025 spending bill (H.R. 8998) which included PFAS related policy riders. First, the committee reaffirmed its Fiscal Year 2024 spending bill directives to the Government Accountability Office (GAO). GAO was mandated to conduct a study into the economics underlying USEPA's decision to establish a drinking water standard (MCL) of 4PPT. The committee expanded this mandate, requiring GAO and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) to identify the number of drinking water agencies impacted by the rule and the costs of compliance. The House spending bill also requires that, within 90 days of enactment, USEPA provide a report to Congress on its progress in implementing the PFAS CERCLA municipal discretionary enforcement policy. USEPA asserts this policy will avoid enforcing against drinking water agencies when CERCLA liability might be triggered at a clean-up site. Aside from these liability and compliance issues, the spending bill provides USEPA with directives to maintain research into PFAS environmental and health impacts. and to support water agencies with technical assistance to comply with the MCL.

The legislative effort to develop a water sector PFAS Comprehensive Emergency Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) liability exemption continues in the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works. As reported previously, committee leadership is committed to develop a consensus approach before scheduling a hearing and mark-up of a PFAS liability bill. Additionally, the committee appears to agree that there must be an increased commitment to support health research and technology development to treat or destroy PFAS. Notably, on September 26, the committee will convene a hearing to examine the health risks from PFAS exposure that will serve to educate Senators on the threats from PFAS. In the House a briefing was held on September 16 to examine the threats to passive receivers from USEPA's CERCLA designation of PFAS as well as the economic burdens to ratepayers that is expected to result from the potential liability that would foreclose PFAS

management options. The briefing presented the need for legislative action. While not specifically identified H.R. 7944, the Water Systems PFAS Liability Protection Act, would provide for an explicit water sector exemption from liability. It remains a marker to rely upon should the Senate pass a bill and send it to the House. Nonetheless, the American Water Works Association has issued a call to action to urge House action on the bill. A copy of the alert follows at the end of this update.

The challenge continues to be defining a passive receiver to qualify for a CERCLA liability exemption and how to create “guardrails” to protect against abuses that might occur under any liability exemption that might be drafted. According to committee staff, a draft bill remains a work in progress.

From a legal perspective, the American Water Works Association and Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies have filed a challenge to USEPA’s MCL standard. The litigation questions the agency’s calculations of the costs of the mandate to justify its publication. The U.S. Chamber of Commerce filed a legal challenge to the agency’s PFAS hazardous substance designation that has created the potential CERCLA liability for the water sector. Both challenges could result in a judicial decision that would force USEPA to revise the rulemakings or toss the rules completely. The legal challenges are not expected to delay enforcement of the rules, however. In the case of the MCL, it does not become enforceable for five years from July 8, 2024 and therefore resolution of the challenge should occur before compliance with the MCL is triggered.

Importance of PFAS Legislative Directives and Liability Initiative to OCWD

The decision to include directives to USEPA to provide Congress with data on the impact of the two rulemakings could provide important information that might influence the ongoing legal challenges filed against the MCL and the designation of PFAS as a hazardous substance. The Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works’ leadership effort to address water sector PFAS hazardous substance liability concerns continues with the hope to fashion a policy to protect the water sector that would achieve OCWD’s priority to ensure that PFAS manufacturers and other responsible parties are held liable and not public agencies.

Fiscal Year 2025 Appropriations

As noted, Congress will finalize action a three month Continuing Resolution to avoid a government shutdown. When it returns to work in November, it will work to finalize spending bills for the remaining months of Fiscal Year 2025. We anticipate that any final USEPA spending bill will include Community Project Assistance funding.

When Congress returns to work after the election, it will need to reconcile differences between the House and Senate spending bills. The House-passed USEPA spending bill is notable for agency budget cuts totaling \$2 billion compared with the current year spending level. Specifically, the House reduced the State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF) by almost \$1 billion. While this is a

significant reduction, it is important to note that the next phase of the infrastructure law's supplemental SRF funding of \$9 billion will help to offset the cuts. The House bill also included PFAS directives noted previously in this update. The bill also claws back millions in the USEPA green infrastructure fund, eliminates funding for environmental justice programs, and denies funding of DEI environmental programs. H.R. 8998 also included clarifying language that Community Projects assistance would not be subject to federal procurement rules related to sole source project selection.

Unlike the House bill, the Senate version, S. 4802, does not impose spending reductions. Instead, most programs remain funded at current levels. The SRF, for example, would be funded at almost \$3 billion. The Senate legislation highlights that \$9 billion was advanced appropriated as part of the infrastructure law.

Importance of Spending Bills to OCWD

The pending spending priorities for Fiscal Year 2025 are important to OCWD for four reasons. First, OCWD's Community Project assistance is included in the approved House-passed bill. Second, the federal infrastructure partnership with water agencies, including a priority to address PFAS cleanups, will remain robust. Third, the continuing education on the challenge of PFAS treatment and destruction has apparently put a pause on using the appropriations process to dictate treatment and clean-up mandates. Instead, it appears, based upon the House and Senate bills, that a focus on collecting data to better understand PFAS control and treatment challenges is the priority for resources allocation. The House bill mandate to report on PFAS drinking water MCL costs and the impact upon water agencies' ability to comply indicated a continued interest in identifying how the agency arrived at the 4PPT standard. Fourth, the directed USEPA report on the implementation of the PFAS discretionary enforcement policy indicates a potential for increased oversight on the impacts, costs and benefits of USEPA's rules and policies upon the water sector.

AWWA Legislative Advisory

Who: Utility members

What: Contact representatives to support H.R. 7944

When: Now

AWWA is asking utility members to contact their representatives in the U.S. House of Representatives as well as Speaker of the House Mike Johnson (R-Louisiana) to urge them to support H.R. 7944 – [Water Systems Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances \(PFAS\) Liability Protection Act](#).

AWWA and our water sector partners in the Water Coalition Against PFAS – including Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies (AMWA), Water Environment Federation (WEF), National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA), National Association of Water Companies (NAWC), and National Rural Water Association (NRWA) – are continuing to build momentum for Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) protections through the November elections and the lame duck session set to follow. Direct contact from constituents, including water utilities, is often the difference maker when a member of Congress is deciding whether to cosponsor a bill.

H.R. 7944 was introduced in April by Rep. John Curtis (R-Utah) and Rep. Marie Gluesenkamp Perez (D-Washington) in response to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) hazardous substance designation for perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) under CERCLA. The bill provides narrowly tailored liability exemptions for water and wastewater systems to ensure that polluters, not ratepayers, are held financially responsible for PFAS contamination under CERCLA. Without explicit liability protections, a water system that removes PFAS from drinking water and disposes of the residuals at a landfill could be treated as a polluter under the law and forced to pay for future cleanup of the site.

This potential liability creates an undue burden for water systems and their ratepayers, who may be forced to foot the bill twice—once for installing the treatment technology and

filtering out the PFAS and again for cleaning up a Superfund site. While EPA may not target water systems directly, other potentially responsible parties will. Congress should uphold the original “polluter pays” principle of CERCLA and ensure chemical companies and other polluters can’t shift the cost of their contamination onto local communities.

AWWA has included a templated letter for you to use as a starting point for what utilities send to their representatives. Please feel free to add your experiences, insights and the potential impact on your utility and your state to personalize the letter.

Please ensure you inform AWWA of your outreach on H.R. 7944, either by copying [Nate Norris](#), AWWA’s senior manager of legislative affairs, or by sharing your letter with us after it is sent.

September [XX], 2024

Dear [ELECTED OFFICIAL]:

As a water utility striving to provide a safe, affordable, public service to our ratepayers, we are concerned that the recent designations of perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) as hazardous substances under Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) will cause water systems and our ratepayers – rather than polluters – to incur environmental cleanup liability that should be faced by entities responsible for that pollution. **We, therefore, ask you to support statutory protections for water systems from liability under CERCLA for Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) to help ensure that manufacturers and users of PFAS, not the public, pay for PFAS cleanup.**

From the start, CERCLA was built on a laudable “polluter pays” principle, aimed at ensuring that companies which produced and profited from hazardous substances discharged into the environment are held responsible for their cleanup. Unfortunately, the recent designation of PFOA and PFOS – nondegradable “forever chemicals,” which are now ubiquitous in the environment – as hazardous substances means that drinking water and wastewater

systems that passively receive these substances into their systems could face CERCLA cleanup liability simply because an upstream polluter deposited the chemicals in their water supplies.

Due to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) CERCLA designation for PFAS – which took effect on July 8, 2024 – drinking water and wastewater utilities like ours are now vulnerable to potential “cost-share” litigation from those who introduced PFAS into the environment. PFAS users and producers can abuse litigation to reduce their own clean-up costs and increase costs on water utilities – costs that are ultimately borne by those utilities' customers. Even when water systems can successfully defend themselves in court against CERCLA claims, the cost of that litigation alone could contribute to the ongoing water affordability challenge.

CERCLA liability will be an additional burden on top of the significant treatment costs utilities are already incurring to meet Safe Drinking Water Act and Clean Water Act PFAS regulations. CERCLA would unjustly make ratepayers pay yet again, now for the environmental remediation that should be borne by the companies that produced and profited from PFAS for decades and continue to do so.

With the final rule now in effect, it is critical that Congress move quickly to ensure that water systems and their ratepayers are not unfairly punished for PFAS contamination for which they bear zero responsibility or blame. **I therefore urge you to support bipartisan legislation, H.R. 7944, the Water Systems PFAS Liability Protection Act**, introduced by Rep. John Curtis (R-Utah) and Rep. Marie Gluesenkamp-Perez (D-Washington). This bill would protect the “polluter pays” principle under CERCLA and ensure that water utilities can continue to focus their efforts on maintaining water quality.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
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From: John Kennedy

Staff Contact: G. Ayala/A. Dunkin

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**Subject: ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT STATE AND FEDERAL
LEGISLATIVE GOALS & STRATEGY**

SUMMARY

The Orange County Water District (OCWD; the District) annually updates the OCWD State and Federal Legislative Goals and Strategy (Goals), and reviews existing legislative policies. The current Legislative Goals document and OCWD Legislative Policies, for committee review and input, is attached.

Attachments:

- OCWD 2023-2024 State and Federal Legislative Goals and Strategy
- OCWD Legislative Policies

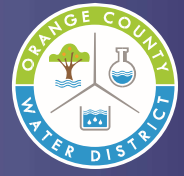
RECOMMENDATION

Informational

DISCUSSION

The OCWD State and Federal Legislative Goals and Strategy is a summary of District goals and a proposed means to achieve them for the upcoming biennium. OCWD traditionally removes the legislative goals that have already been accomplished and develops new goals that reflect the needs of the District and retail water suppliers in OCWD's service area. Staff will reach out to OCWD's retail water providers, key OCWD staff and other stakeholders to provide input. A final proposed draft will be provided at an upcoming comm/leg committee meeting after the November elections.

STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE GOALS AND STRATEGY



Federal Legislative Policy Priorities	Status and Outlook	Strategy	Rank
Exempt water and wastewater agencies from any CERCLA liability for PFAS clean-up costs	Legislation is pending	Work with Passive Receivers to ensure full liability protections for water sector	#1
Preserve the Safe Drinking Water Act's use of cost-benefit analysis in the development of drinking water standards such as PFAS family of chemicals and other constituents of emerging concern	Amendments and legislation that OCWD opposed that would have altered the use of cost-benefit analysis have not been adopted	Work with Senate and House Committees and OCWD congressional delegation to ensure that cost-benefit analysis is relied upon in any PFAS legislation	#2
Salinity Control: Support legislation to manage salinity in source water supplies	Legislation is pending	Work to ensure enhanced federal cost share of salinity control and management is part of any western water legislation	#3
Target federal assistance to support construction of large-scale water supply facilities to support urban and agricultural needs which otherwise would not be constructed without such funding	OCWD Board, staff and consultant continue to convey this message to the OC delegation	Ensure that current program authorization is fully funded working with OCWD congressional delegation and key western water House and Senate committees	#4
Add "water supply" to the authorized use of Corps dams, including Prado Dam	Legislation is being drafted	Support legislation once dropped by Congresswoman Napolitano and seek clarification of water supply purposes at USACE facilities as part of WRDA	#5
Gain Congressional approval for a "reallocation" of the use of Prado dam to maximize water capture through the use of Forecast Informed Reservoir Operations (FIRO) and gain a permanent major deviation or greater		Work with OCWD congressional delegation to seek expanded use of FIRO as part of WRDA. Work with USACE Head Quarters to secure approval of a permanent deviation	#6

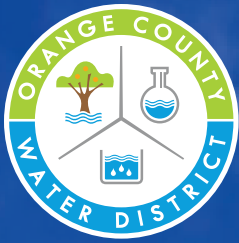
STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE GOALS AND STRATEGY



State Legislative Policy Priorities	Status and Outlook	Strategy	Rank
Support water infrastructure funding opportunities.		Please see strategy under "obtain state funding for PFAS"	#1
Maintain and develop relationships with elected officials	State meetings were held with Senators Nguyen, Umberg, Seyarto; Assemblymembers Ta, Davies, Chen, Dixon, Quirk-Silva; Supervisors Sarmiento, Wagner, Foley; Federal meetings were held with Senator Alex Padilla, Congressmembers Kim, Correa; Key staff to Committee on Environment and Public Works, US Army Corps staff, US EPA staff, and key staff to OC federal and state delegation	Continue to meet in District, Sacramento and Washington D.C. with OC Delegation, key Committee and legislative staff	#2
Ensure indoor water use is not limited as outlined in the OCWD board adopted resolution 23-9-134			#3
Federal Fiscal Year 2024-25 Funding Priorities	Status and Outlook	Strategy	Rank
Pursue additional PFAS funding through federal programs & ensure that funding grants for PFAS remediation is available retroactively to when regulations were lowered	Federal assistance for PFAS clean-up pending resolution in February as part of Fiscal Year (FY) 24 spending agreement; FY 25 Community Project Request submittals expected to be requested in March 2025 (\$5 million has already been gained and an additional \$1.9 million via community	Work with congressional delegation to support formal budget request of additional funding for clean-up as part of FY 25 budget; Work with US EPA Region IX and State Water Board to secure funding of cleanup effort	#1

	projects); US EPA PFAS funding through SRF		
Gain funding of \$2 million for Sunset Gap Project through WaterSMART grants for planning and CEQA compliance	Pending a notice of funding agreement is announced; Monitor submission of Fiscal Year 25 budget request in February to identify funding opportunities	Work with Temecula US Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) office to position this request; Work with USBR headquarters to position this request; Seek a congressional delegation letter of support	#2
Gain funding of 50 % of construction funding for the Sunset Gap Project through WaterSMART grants (approximately \$150 million)			#3
Support funding for Forecast Informed Reservoir Operations (FIRO) and Atmospheric Rivers (AR) research	FY 24 funding pending with resolution expected in January 2024	Support SCRIPPS in securing additional funding in final spending agreement; Work with SCRIPPS and congressional delegation to secure increased funding as part of FY 25 USACE budget	#4
Advocate for water infrastructure funding (grants) for OCWD's water producers	FY 24 funding of SRF pending resolution in February 2024; FY 25 funding requests for SRF/WIFIA and water recycling programs expected to be transmitted to Congress in March 2024	Work with congressional delegation and House and Senate Appropriations Committees to secure support for increased funding of drinking water infrastructure and to increase assistance	#5
State Fiscal Year 2024-25 Funding Priorities	Status and Outlook	Strategy	Rank
Obtain state funding for PFAS remediation in any climate/water bond in the amount of \$50 to \$75 million		These goals will require a comprehensive full-court press. OCWD's producers must be all-in to lobby this under OCWD's/consultant direction. The goals must be a priority	#1
Ensure that funding for PFAS remediation is available retroactively to when regulations were changed			#2

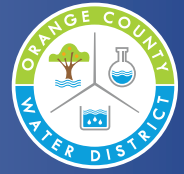
Lift the State Revolving Fund (SRF) \$5 million cap on grants and gain an allowance for multiple applications per applicant		request for them to convey to their respective legislative delegations. OCWD consultants propose a kick-off meeting at OCWD, which they will attend. OCWD can walk through the need and consultants can walk through the advocacy approach.	
Secure funding for which the Sunset Gap Barrier project would be eligible		Funding would advocated for by OCWD consultants and staff in an upcoming climate/water bond or state budget	#3
Support funding for Forecast Informed Reservoir Operations (FIRO) and Atmospheric Rivers (AR) research.	Ongoing funding is in the state's base budget	Advocate to continue ongoing funding for AR/FIRO	#4



2024-2025

LEGISLATIVE POLICIES

GENERAL OCWD LEGISLATIVE POLICIES

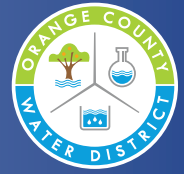


The Orange County Water District (OCWD; the District) works to influence legislation and funding in Sacramento and Washington, D.C. and ensures that OCWD's service area of 2.5 million people have a reliable, drought-resistant, affordable and safe water supply for now and the future. OCWD maintains an active presence in the government arena to forge and maintain long-term, positive and proactive relationships with legislative offices, to expand water reuse, advocate for the development of new water supplies, expand the use of new technologies, increase stormwater capture, among other topics.

Water Supply

- The federal and state government should prioritize the necessary funding to construct large scale water supply facilities to support urban and agricultural needs that provide a statewide or significant regional benefit which otherwise would not be constructed without such funding. Examples of these type of projects should include above and below ground storage of surface and storm water, water reuse, weather modification, brackish water, and seawater desalination. Local, state and federal officials should collaborate on projects and prioritize the necessary funding. Use of such funds for environmental restoration should be for project impact mitigation and funds for environmental improvements should be classified under their own category.
- Add "water supply" to the authorized use of Prado Dam.
- Support legislation that adds to the reliability, affordability, and security of water supplies to Orange County.
- Protect the quality of surface and groundwater and support entities to meet state and federal water quality standards.
- Encourage economical outdoor water use efficiency while preserving flows for existing reuse.
- Ensure indoor water use is not limited as outlined in the OCWD board adopted resolution number 23-9-134.
- Expand water recycling, potable reuse, groundwater recharge, storage, brackish and ocean water desalination, and surface water development.
- Allow for local governmental agencies to provide input to statewide water resource planning decisions.
- Support water storage and exchange/transfer programs where the primary benefits occur to OCWD, its local water suppliers and the ratepayers they serve.
- Engage on legislation and regulatory actions related to constituents of emerging concern that ensures continued access to safe and reliable drinking water supplies with regulation of constituents of emerging concerns based on sound, peer-reviewed science.

GENERAL OCWD LEGISLATIVE POLICIES (CONT.)

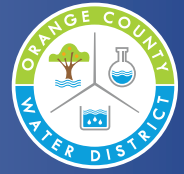


- Support state and federal legislation to manage salinity in source water supplies.

Groundwater

- Legislation should not interfere with the authority of governance of special act non-adjudicated basins.
- Existing laws and court/agency decisions that effectively govern groundwater production and recharge should not be disturbed. The rights of parties to take water pursuant to prior court decisions, decisions of the State Water Resources Control Board (the State Board) or inter-agency agreements must be protected, and existing legal obligations imposed on parties should remain enforceable.
- Support legislation and programmatic reforms that expedite the appropriate and applicable use of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) and/or leads to the clean-up of toxic chemical contamination in groundwater.
- Existing groundwater basin management boundaries created through statute or court decision should not be modified and new groundwater management areas should not be carved out of existing groundwater management plan areas without the approval of the affected groundwater management agency(ies). Similarly, where a statute or a court decree has authorized an entity to manage a groundwater basin, legislation should not create or empower other local entities with duplicative or overlapping authority.
- Local agencies are in the best position to implement sustainable groundwater management. Groundwater management can best be accomplished at the local level by agencies that have the technical expertise and existing or newly-granted authority to ensure aquifer health is maintained and competing uses balanced.
- Any definition of sustainable groundwater management should allow groundwater managers, including OCWD, sufficient flexibility to manage groundwater, recognizing the following:
 - Sustainability varies as a function of local hydrogeologic conditions, water supply availability, and historic groundwater utilization.
 - Sustainable groundwater management can include periods when groundwater withdrawals exceed recharge if it causes no long-term negative impacts and there is a commitment to balance pumping over time with natural or artificial replenishment.
 - Managed aquifer recharge is a key tool that allows for sustainable groundwater management. As such, groundwater recharge should be recognized as a beneficial use of the water supplies of the state.
- Monitor activities related to Sustainable Groundwater Management Act and will take a position as appropriate.

GENERAL OCWD LEGISLATIVE POLICIES (CONT.)



Recycled Water

- Authorize local government agencies to regulate the discharge of contaminants to the sewer collection system that may adversely affect water recycling and reuse.
- Reduce regulatory burdens on water recycling and brackish or ocean water desalination projects.
- Authorize, promote and provide incentives for potable and non-potable reuse projects.
- Support funding for research needed by the State Board to be able to develop direct potable reuse regulations.
- Support the expansion of recycled/reused water for potable and non-potable purposes without the use of ocean discharge prohibitions or percentage reuse mandates.

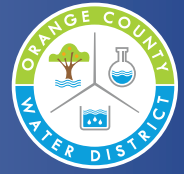
Stormwater

- Support stormwater capture projects that are cost-effective.
- Support policies, programs and projects that enhance stormwater capture, sediment management, water conservation, and ecosystem restoration.
- Support adequate state and federal funding to increase understanding and prediction of atmospheric rivers that provide most of California's precipitation.
- Support adequate state and federal funding for development of Forecast Informed Reservoir Operations (FIRO) and modifications to dam water control manuals to incorporate FIRO to increase water supplies to Orange County.
- Gain Congressional approval for a "reallocation" of the use of Prado Dam to maximize water capture through the use of FIRO and gain a permanent major deviation or greater.

Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) and per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS)

- Advocate to exempt water and wastewater entities for any liability for PFAS clean-up costs if PFAS is listed under CERCLA as a hazardous waste. A water utility that properly disposes of residuals containing PFAS, in a manner consistent with applicable laws, must not be held liable for current and future costs associated with PFAS cleanup.
- Support development of a maximum contaminant level (MCL) for perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) and per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) to be developed by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).
- Support development of PFAS MCLs through a rigorous health-based, scientific approach that promotes consistency across the nation.

GENERAL OCWD LEGISLATIVE POLICIES (CONT.)



- Oppose legislation that sets PFAS MCLs without following sound regulatory processes with stakeholder input.
- Advocate for state and federal funding to ensure that adequate funds are available to address costs associated with PFAS monitoring, research and potential groundwater treatment by OCWD and local water suppliers.
- Allow water and wastewater agencies to determine the PFAS treatment systems they will use; oppose tying federal funding to only EPA-approved treatment systems.

Imported Water Supply

- Support administrative/legislative action and state funding to keep the California Delta Conveyance Project on schedule to advance conveyance and ecosystem improvements to help achieve the coequal goals of water supply reliability and Delta ecosystem restoration.
- Support the California Delta Conveyance Project and EcoRestore and projects that facilitate delivery of high-quality water from the Bay-Delta and the Colorado River.
- Support projects that enhance the Bay-Delta's ecological health, while employing sound scientific research and ensuring that costs of such projects are shared equitably among beneficiaries.
- Oppose projects that would reduce water reliability or would increase the cost of imported water without improving reliability or quality. Also, oppose any water fee that does not fund water supply improvements in the Delta.

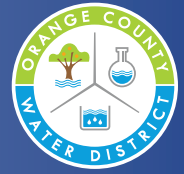
Greywater

- Any state greywater policy should encourage generating new water supplies for the state. Specifically,
 - Avoid adding a new upstream greywater system that would significantly impact the current flows to the Groundwater Replenishment System (GWRS) and waste capacity of OCWD's existing or future GWRS water recycling infrastructure.
 - Encourage the State Board's greywater policy to be flexible enough to consider local conditions where there is already an investment in water recycling facilities.
 - Advocate that the State Board not develop a uniform statewide policy, but instead address local conditions where extensive recycling is already occurring, and new greywater systems would lead to the diverting of water that could be recycled for potable reuse projects.

Water Transfers

- Oppose regulatory or procedural barriers to water transfers and legislation that interferes with the financial integrity of a water utility or compromises water quality.

GENERAL OCWD LEGISLATIVE POLICIES (CONT.)



Environment

- Support legislation to streamline and modernize the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
- Preserve OCWD's state and federal rights to seek cost recovery for groundwater clean-up projects.

Energy

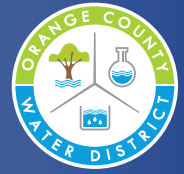
- Encourage energy efficiency through incentives, funding and other assistance to facilitate water use efficiency partnerships with the energy sector, including wastewater programs.
- Support legislation and policies that encourage and incentivize energy storage and creates incentives for demand response use by water districts.
- Seek available funding for water projects under existing programs for climate resiliency and/or climate change response.
- Support legislation or regulations that facilitate the development or expansion of clean, renewable energy in California if it does not significantly increase the cost of water.

Funding

Distribution of Bond Funds

- Support adequate funding to expand statewide and/or regional groundwater supplies, newly created water supplies through water recycling/reuse, weather modification, brackish water and seawater desalination, stormwater capture, and remediation of groundwater contamination.
- Support regional projects through the Integrated Regional Water Management Planning (IRWMP) process.
- Funding for any Delta restoration project shall support the co-equal goals of water supply reliability and ecosystem restoration.
- Bond proceeds should be distributed to beneficial projects throughout the state in an equitable, balanced and reasonable manner.
- Any water infrastructure financing measure should include specific criteria which must be met before a project obtains funding. The specific criteria should include cost-effectiveness, a project proponent's ability to implement the project, specific timelines for project implementation, and a high-level of measurable benefit.
- Bond proceeds should be leveraged to the maximum extent possible utilizing local or federal matching funds. Projects funded with a higher percentage of non-state funds should be given priority.

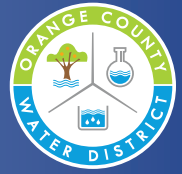
GENERAL OCWD LEGISLATIVE POLICIES (CONT.)



- The allocation of bond funds should be handled with minimal bond administration costs.
- Obtain funding for PFAS cleanup in any upcoming climate/water bond in the amount of \$50 to \$75 million (retroactive to when CA drinking water Response Levels were lowered in 2020).

Water Infrastructure Financing and Project Funding

- Support establishing grants or other funding opportunities for local and regional water infrastructure projects and support programs that reduce the cost of financing water infrastructure planning and construction, such as tax-credit financing, tax-exempt municipal bonds, advance refundings of tax-exempt municipal bonds, Water Resources Development Act (WRDA), Water Infrastructure Finance Innovation Act (WIFIA), Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act (WIIN), the Environmental Infrastructure Accounts, revitalization of the Bureau of Reclamation's Title XVI program, and other funding mechanisms.
- Support water infrastructure funding from the EPA, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE; Corps), and U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Bureau) as part of a Congressional Infrastructure funding package.
- Advocate for funding and federal appropriations of low-interest loans through the EPA State Revolving Fund (SRF) to support water infrastructure funding in California.
- Gain allowance through SRF of multiple applications per applicant for PFAS cleanup funding up to 50% per project cost with a cap of \$15 million per project.
- For any PFAS state or federal grant funding expand cost eligibility, which should begin when regulation was adopted.
- Continue to build on federal appropriations of funding for expanding the existing Corps' FIRO program from Lake Mendocino to Prado Dam and support for study of atmospheric river precipitation events that impact California water supplies.
- Support funding for weather modification.
- Support legislation that allows for Congressional earmarks.
- No unfunded mandates. For newly mandated federal and state costs or regulatory actions, support legislation that requires the federal and/or state governments to provide reimbursement to local governments.
- Ensure that regulations and legislative mandates are developed using sound science and cost benefit analysis and oppose imposition of unfunded mandates in accordance with existing law.

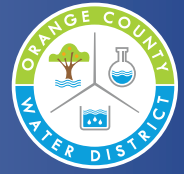


- Protect special district ad valorem tax revenues.
- Advocate for water infrastructure funding (grants) for OCWD's water producers.
- Pursue additional PFAS cleanup funding through federal programs.
- Obtain WaterSMART grants of \$2 million for planning and CEQA compliance to support the Sunset Gap project and 50% grant funding for construction (estimated at \$150 million).

Water Rate Structures

- Support legislation that allows flexibility in water rate structures and does not mandate a specific rate structure for local water suppliers.
- Oppose a "public goods charge" or "water tax" on public water agencies or their ratepayers.

OCWD PROCESS FOR TAKING POSITIONS ON BILLS

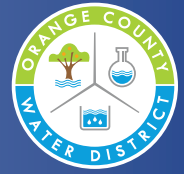


Legislation that meets or fails to meet the principles set forth in the platform may be supported or opposed accordingly. Pending approval by the Board President and General Manager, the platform also allows staff and the District's legislative advocates to act in a timely fashion in between Board meetings on issues that are clearly within the legislative platform. Such actions are then reported to the Board at the next available monthly Comm/Leg Committee meeting or Board meeting. The legislative team, in conjunction with the Board, may take appropriate action consistent with the legislative platform, including, but not limited to, drafting letters, lobbying legislators and staff, engaging in legislative work groups, and drafting bills.

Procedure for Taking Positions on Bills

1. Staff and legislative advocates will track bills of greatest interest to OCWD, particularly those that fall within the goals and objectives identified by the Board of Directors. Staff will monitor bills being watched by similar agencies in Orange County as well as state, federal and national agencies and associations such as the California Special Districts Association (CSDA), National Association of California Water Agencies (NACWA), Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA), WaterReuse Association (WRA), and California Association of Municipal Water Companies (CalMutuals).
2. For those bills that are being tracked, where there is clear policy direction stated in the Board-adopted legislative platform, staff can send letters and give direction to its lobbyists to advocate.
3. When a bill does not fall within the scope of the legislative platform or is a politically controversial issue, but if a position may be needed before the next scheduled Comm/Leg Committee meeting or Board meeting, staff will seek direction from the Board President and General Manager.
4. If a bill does not fall within the scope of the legislative platform, but an association such as ACWA or WRA has adopted a position, and timing is critical, staff will inform the Board President and General Manager about the organization's position to seek approval to follow the organizations' position, but staff must inform the Comm/Leg Committee of such action at the next regularly scheduled meeting.
5. All bills that are of potential interest or concern to the District are monitored by staff and legislative advocates, as reflected on the monthly bill matrix provided to the Board. If any of those measures are amended, they are re-evaluated to determine if a formal position should be recommended for Board consideration.

OCWD PROCESS FOR TAKING POSITIONS ON BILLS (CONT.)



Bill Positions Considered by OCWD Board of Directors

The following represent active bill positions that may be recommended by District staff for consideration by the District's Board in providing guidance to the District's legislative advocates and staff. Once adopted by the Board of Directors, the bill position will be communicated with the author of the legislation and may be communicated with other legislators, legislative staff, the Administration, water agencies, and the public.

Advocacy strategies and activities will be directed toward implementation of the Board's policies through advancement of the District-adopted bill position.

- **SUPPORT:** This position reflects the District's interest to see the legislation become law. District staff and legislative advocates will work for passage of the bill in its present form.
- **SUPPORT IF AMENDED:** This is an affirmative position that connotes conditional support for a measure, but only if it is amended to incorporate specific amendments approved by the District Board. District staff and legislative advocates will not advocate in support of the legislation unless it is amended as requested by the District.
- **WATCH:** Take no action, but monitor the bill during the legislative process to see if any amendments are added that may impact the District or its local water suppliers.
- **OPPOSE:** This position reflects the District's interest to defeat the legislation. District staff and legislative advocates will work for defeat of the measure in its present form, and will not pursue amendments to address the measure's shortcomings.
- **OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED:** This position reflects the District's interest to defeat the legislation, but only if it is not amended to incorporate specific amendments approved by the District's Board. District staff and legislative advocates will not advocate in opposition of the legislation if it is amended as requested by the District.

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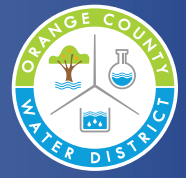


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LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION (CONT.)



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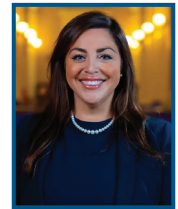
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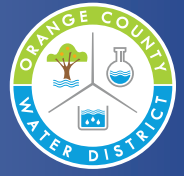


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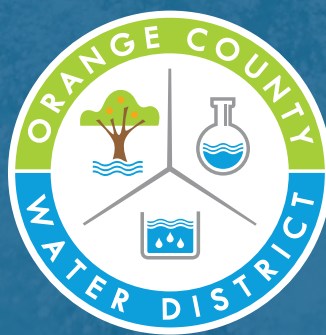
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AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTAL

Meeting Date: October 3, 2024

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

From: John Kennedy

Staff Contacts: G. Ayala/K.Erquiaga

Budgeted: Yes

Budgeted Amount:

Cost Estimate:

Funding Source:

Program/Line Item No.:

General Counsel Approval: N/A

Engineers/Feasibility Report: N/A

CEQA Compliance: N/A

Subject: UPDATE ON GWRS TOUR AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

SUMMARY

With the successful completion of the final expansion of the Groundwater Replenishment System (GWRS) and the resumption of school field trips post-pandemic, the Public Affairs Department is planning updates to the GWRS tour program. These updates will benefit a wide range of participants, including middle and high school students in the Next Generation Water Leaders program, stakeholders, elected officials, industry professionals, community groups, and academic institutions.

RECOMMENDATION

Informational

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

The GWRS tour program has seen a marked increase in participation following the pandemic, with a diverse range of attendees from students to high-level industry experts. During the past fiscal year, OCWD conducted 135 in-person tours—an increase from 90 the previous year—welcoming 2,541 guests, which represents double the number of visitors compared to the previous year. In addition, OCWD hosted several virtual tours, further expanding our educational reach and engagement.

To accommodate this growing interest and to ensure the program remains dynamic and informative, OCWD is exploring updates to the tour displays in the GWRS facility. These updates will include enhanced exhibits in the hallways and key areas throughout the plant, aimed at creating a more interactive and educational experience for all visitors.

As part of our expanded educational outreach, the GWRS plays a central role in the Next Generation Water Leaders (NGWL) program, which provides students with valuable, hands-on exposure to advanced water treatment technologies and sustainability practices. OCWD resumed in-person tours for middle and high school students during the 2023-2024 school year, working closely with local educators to ensure the program aligns with state educational standards and maximizes student

engagement.

To further support this effort, staff is developing a new pre-tour video for the NGWL program that will introduce the key processes and technologies employed at the GWRS in an engaging and educational manner. Additionally, OCWD is creating new activities designed to highlight career opportunities in the water industry, with the goal of inspiring students to consider future careers in water.

These updates are part of OCWD's broader commitment to community engagement, education, and fostering the next generation of water leaders.

PRIOR RELEVANT BOARD ACTION(S) N/A

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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

SUMMARY

The 28th annual Children's Water Education Festival (Festival) will take place on April 23-24, 2025, at Oak Canyon Park. Staff will provide a verbal update of the event.

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, more than 152,000 students have experienced the Festival and all it has to offer. The 2025 Festival will take place April 23-24, 2025, at Oak Canyon Park. The free event is open to third, fourth and fifth grade classes in Orange County, Calif.

Registration will open on October 8, 2024, for schools, presenters, volunteers, and sponsors. Staff will solicit participants from each of these groups and will continue to update the committee on a monthly basis.

PRIOR RELEVANT BOARD ACTION(S) N/A

AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTAL

Meeting Date: October 3, 2024

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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: PUBLIC AFFAIRS OUTREACH REPORT (SEPTEMBER 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: September 2024 Media Clips Report

RECOMMENDATION

Informational

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

Tours

One hundred twenty-two people toured the GWRS and 63 people toured the Prado wetlands in September.

September GWRS tours:

- September 3 – Japanese Delegation
- September 12 – Stanford University
- September 12 – City of Phoenix Water
- September 14 – Water Reuse Conference
- September 15 – Water Reuse Conference
- September 18 – Arizona Public Services
- September 18 – Valley Water
- September 25 – Meta Water
- September 27 – Hydronautics
- September 27 – OPIAC Hydrogeology Conference

September Prado wetlands tours:

- September 5 – Salton Sea Authority
- September 7 – Saddleback Collete

- September 13 – Norco College

Scheduled October GWRS tours:

- October 1 – PUB Singapore Water Academy
- October 3 – Rancho Santiago College
- October 4 – Virtual Public Tour
- October 7 – Sciex
- October 17 – Leadership Tomorrow
- October 21 – Good Times Travel
- October 24 – Groundwater Adventure Tour
- October 25 – Public In-Person Tour
- October 29 – San Francisco Water

There has been a steady increase in tours over the past couple of years with people coming back for in-person tours after the pandemic. The comparison of numbers over the past two fiscal years is:

- 2022-2023: 90 GWRS Tours and 1,342 Guests
- 2023-2024: 135 GWRS Tours and 2,541 Guests

Based on 2024-2025 numbers thus far, an increase this fiscal year is also expected.

The GWRS [on-demand technical virtual tour](#), in all forms, has been viewed more than 9,700 times. The [on-demand general virtual tour](#), in all forms, has been viewed more than 5,200 times. An on-demand tour of OCWD's surface recharge operations has garnered more than 540 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 to be transparent about its operations and programs, OCWD Board members and staff participate, regularly, at conferences and events and speak before civic groups.

September Speakers Bureau:

- September 5 – Executive Director of Water Quality and Technical Resources Jason Dadakis presented on water reuse in Orange County during an international seminar on safeguarding the planet's water supply
- September 16 – Scientist Julio Polanco and Principal Regulatory Specialist Claire Johnson presented "Designing a Project Specific Virus Log Removal Study to Demonstrate Virus Removal during Soil Aquifer Treatment" during the WateReuse CA annual conference
- September 17 – Principal Scientist Jana Safarik presented "Use of Online TOC Analyzers for Real-Time Monitoring of Secondary Effluent that is Influent (Source) Water to Advanced Purification for Potable Reuse" at the WateReuse CA annual conference

Upcoming Speakers Bureau:

- Singapore Public Utilities Board
- WEFTEC
- Groundwater Resources Association Western Groundwater Congress
- American Water Works Association webinar

Media Clips

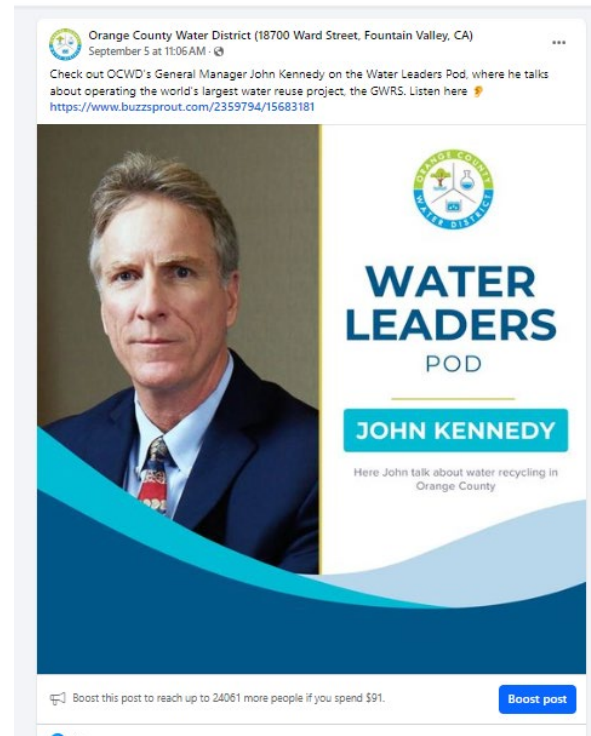
In September, there were 252 global news hits for OCWD, the GWRS and other District programs and projects with a total reach of 78.1 million. The media clip report for September (as of September 23) is attached.

Social Media

The District posts regularly to the following social media channels: X, Facebook, Instagram, Linked In, Tik Tok, Threads, and YouTube. Below are statistics for OCWD's social media for September (as of September 23). Impressions refer to the total number of times a post shows up on a user's feed. Reach refers to the unique number of users who see a post. Engagement refers to the number of users who interact with a post.

- Followers: 18,756
- Page/profile impressions: 24,781
- Page/profile reach: 15,405
- Post impressions: 17,529
- Post reach: 6,451
- Post engagement & video views: 6,227

A sampling of top performing social media posts:



Website Analytics

Below are September analytics for OCWD's website (as of September 23).

- Users: 6,349
- Page views: 16,448
- Top five pages:
 - Home
 - Careers
 - GWRS
 - About
 - Job opportunities

Staff continues updating the District's website to be more user friendly and visually appealing. The homepage features a large hero image along with quick links and recent news. Photos on the website are being updated, and page information is being streamlined to make it easier to locate information.

Electronic Publications

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

Staff wrote distributed the press release [Orange County Water Agencies Dedicate New PFAS Treatment Plant](#).

Staff continued updating District materials with current branding, including PowerPoint templates and social media templates.

Events

OCWD and the East Orange County Water District (EOCWD) co-hosted a dedication of EOCWD's PFAS treatment plant. The event featured remarks by Senator Josh Newman, EOCWD President Doug Davert and OCWD 2nd Vice President Van Tran, as well as proclamations by legislative offices. Director Erik Weigand, General Manager John Kennedy, Executive Director of Engineering and Water Resources Chris Olsen, and public affairs staff were in attendance from OCWD.



The 16th annual OC Water Summit took place September 27 at the Westin South Coast Plaza. Hundreds of water and business professionals gathered to discuss the industry's most pressing issues over five lively sessions. The 2024 event theme is "Liquid Logic: The Fusion of Finance, Water and Tech" and was hosted by returning emcee Fritz Coleman. The OC Water Summit is a joint event between OCWD and MWDOC, with the agencies switching off who leads planning each year. MWDOC took the lead in planning the 2025 event.

Chamber Outreach

Staff is monitoring events for Orange County's 40+ chambers and participating as appropriate.

- September 12 – Alicia Harasty attended a meeting of the Huntington Beach Chamber of Commerce

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	Date	Media Outlet	Title	Country	Link	Total Readership
1	9/19/2024	Coyote Gulch	How a California county got #PFAS out of its drinking water - National Public Radio	United States	https://coyotegulch.blog/2024/09/19/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water-national-public-radio/	4,966
2	9/19/2024	ACI	How a California county got #PFAS out of its drinking water — National Public Radio	United States		625
3	9/17/2024	WorldCat	EPA Announces \$7.5 Billion in Loans Available	United States		3,372,474
4	9/16/2024	Water Finance & Management	EPA announces \$7.5 billion in loans available	United States	https://waterfm.com/epa-announces-7-5-billion-in-loans-available/	2,280
5	9/16/2024	LAist	How Orange County gets PFAS out of its drinking water LAist	United States	https://laist.com/news/climate-environment/orange-county-pfas-drinking-water-yorba-linda-anaheim	958,663
6	9/16/2024	LAist	Getting PFAS out of water	United States	https://laist.com/brief/news/climate-environment/orange-county-pfas-drinking-water-yorba-linda-anaheim	958,663
7	9/16/2024	NewsBreak	How Orange County gets PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.newsbreak.com/news/3597592726146-how-orange-county-gets-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	13,432,954
8	#####	KQED	How a California County Got PFAS Out of Its Drinking Water	United States	https://www.kqed.org/news/12004572/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	1,131,219
9	9/13/2024	Secular Times	PFAS filtered from drinking water in Orange County, Calif. : Shots	United States	https://seculartimes.com/pfas-filtered-from-drinking-water-in-orange-county-calif-shots/	2,541

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10	9/13/2024	DG Verifications & Stats	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	Italy	https://dieselgasoil.com/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	762
11	9/12/2024	newsfose.com	PFAS filtered from consuming water in Orange County, Calif. : Photographs	United States	https://newsfose.com/pfas-filtered-from-drinking-water-in-orange-county-calif-shots	590
12	9/12/2024	KZYX	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.kzyx.org/npr-news/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	1,619
13	9/12/2024	www.khsu.org	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.khsu.org/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	2,213
14	9/12/2024	WUTC 88.1 Chattanooga's NPR Station	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.wutc.org/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	6,889
15	9/12/2024	www.wkyufm.org	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.wkyufm.org/news/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	9,651
16	9/12/2024	WNCW.org	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.wncw.org/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	6,413
17	9/12/2024	Maine Public	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.mainepublic.org/npr-news/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	171,791
18	9/12/2024	KUNM	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.kunm.org/npr-news/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	33,646

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19	9/12/2024	www.wusf.org	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.wusf.org/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	205,154
20	9/12/2024	KNAU	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.knau.org/npr-news/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	41,593
21	9/12/2024	news.prairiepublic.org	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://news.prairiepublic.org/news-from-npr/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	11,981
22	9/12/2024	WYSO Public Radio	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.wyso.org/npr-news/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	36,590
23	9/12/2024	Northeast Indiana Public Radio	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.wboi.org/npr-news/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	17,775
24	9/12/2024	www.ualrpublicradio.org	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.ualrpublicradio.org/npr-news/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	22,438
25	9/12/2024	www.bpr.org	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.bpr.org/npr-news/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	37,415
26	9/12/2024	UPR.org	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.upr.org/npr-news/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	22,296
27	9/12/2024	KPCW	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.kpcw.org/npr-news/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	76,854

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28	9/12/2024	www.wbaa.org	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.wbaa.org/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	6,160
29	9/12/2024	IPR News	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.interlochenpublicradio.org/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	27,095
30	9/12/2024	WCMU PUBLIC MEDIA	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://radio.wcmu.org/health-science-and-environment/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	9,122
31	9/12/2024	www.wbfo.org	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.wbfo.org/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	33,423
32	9/12/2024	WVAS 90.7 FM	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.wvasfm.org/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	1,348
33	9/12/2024	Marfa Public Radio	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.marfapublicradio.org/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	10,876
34	9/12/2024	Espacio Latino	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.krvs.org/npr-news/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	2,962
35	9/12/2024	www.wunc.org	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.wunc.org/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	167,290
36	9/12/2024	Iowa Public Radio	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.iowapublicradio.org/news-from-npr/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	73,215

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37	9/12/2024	89.1 FM KANW	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.kanw.com/npr-news/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	8,756
38	9/12/2024	WAER 88.3 Syracuse University	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.waer.org/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	11,767
39	9/12/2024	Nevada Public Radio	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://knpr.org/npr/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	43,415
40	9/12/2024	KACU 89.5 FM	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.kacu.org/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	1,656
41	9/12/2024	WGCU Public Media	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://news.wfsu.org/all-npr-news/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	37,968
42	9/12/2024	Ideastream Public Media	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.ideastream.org/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	122,401
43	9/12/2024	WEKU	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.weku.org/npr-news/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	19,360
44	9/12/2024	KEDM 90.3 Public Radio	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.kedm.org/npr-news/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	5,239
45	9/12/2024	KUNC	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.kunc.org/npr-news/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	39,394

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46	9/12/2024	www.wwno.org	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.wwno.org/npr-news/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	34,620
47	9/12/2024	KNKX	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.knkx.org/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	58,595
48	9/12/2024	www.ketr.org	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.ketr.org/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	9,299
49	9/12/2024	www.kdnk.org	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.kdnk.org/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	2,453
50	9/12/2024	WUWF.org	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.wuwf.org/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	16,357
51	9/12/2024	HPPR	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.hppr.org/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	8,832
52	9/12/2024	WGCU Public Media	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://news.wgcu.org/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	28,392
53	9/12/2024	90.5 WESA	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.wesa.fm/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	231,175
54	9/12/2024	WOSU Public Media WOSU Public Media	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.wosu.org/npr-news/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	111,939

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55	9/12/2024	www.wmuk.org	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.wmuk.org/npr-news/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	12,342
56	9/12/2024	WPSU Radio	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://radio.wpsu.org/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	9,202
57	9/12/2024	Tri States Public Radio	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.tspr.org/npr-news/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	11,613
58	9/12/2024	KVPR	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.kvpr.org/npr-news/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	14,557
59	9/12/2024	www.northernpublicradio.org	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.northernpublicradio.org/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	34,768
60	9/12/2024	KENW	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.kenw.org/npr-news/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	1,784
61	9/12/2024	WVIA	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.wvia.org/news/health/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	41,202
62	9/12/2024	www.kunr.org	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.kunr.org/npr-news/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	23,875
63	9/12/2024	WYPR88.1FM	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.wypr.org/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	33,936

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64	9/12/2024	KLCC	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.klcc.org/npr-news/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	51,905
65	9/12/2024	www.wkms.org	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.wkms.org/npr-news/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	20,257
66	9/12/2024	www.kawc.org	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.kawc.org/npr-news/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	30,657
67	9/12/2024	WXXI News	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.wxnews.org/npr-news/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	68,325
68	9/12/2024	WEMU 89.1	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.wemu.org/npr-national-news/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	21,771
69	9/12/2024	Yellowstone Public Radio	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.ypradio.org/npr-news/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	13,097
70	9/12/2024	90.3 KAZU	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.kazu.org/npr-news/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	14,226
71	9/12/2024	WDIY	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.wdiy.org/npr-news/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	8,208
72	9/12/2024	Wssb	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	http://www.wssbradio.org/news/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	631

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73	9/12/2024	WKNO-FM	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.wknofm.org/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	7,165
74	9/12/2024	KUAF	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.kuaf.com/npr-news/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	28,422
75	9/12/2024	www.krwg.org	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.krwg.org/health/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	14,814
76	9/12/2024	KPBS	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.kpbs.org/news/health/2024/09/12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	341,804
77	9/12/2024	WTJX Newsfeed	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://newsfeed.wtjx.org/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	5,090
78	9/12/2024	NPR Illinois	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.nprillinois.org/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	55,158
79	9/12/2024	Regional Coverage	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.wrvo.org/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	28,406
80	9/12/2024	www.wskg.org	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.wskg.org/npr-news/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	36,736
81	9/12/2024	wdcnews6.com	PFAS filtered from drinking water in Orange County, Calif. : Shots	United States	https://wdcnews6.com/pfas-filtered-from-drinking-water-in-orange-county-calif-shots/	1,391

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82	9/12/2024	WSHU	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.wshu.org/npr-news/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	41,386
83	9/12/2024	Jefferson Public Radio	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.ijpr.org/npr-news/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	38,580
84	9/12/2024	www.wrkf.org	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.wrkf.org/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	5,245
85	9/12/2024	www.wcbu.org	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.wcbu.org/npr-news/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	26,054
86	9/12/2024	Kdll	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.kdll.org/npr-news/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	4,461
87	9/12/2024	www.ksmu.org	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.ksmu.org/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	21,482
88	9/12/2024	KASU	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.kasu.org/health-science/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	5,390
89	9/12/2024	www.kvcrnews.org	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.kvcrnews.org/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	6,950
90	9/12/2024	WVPE 88.1	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.wvpe.org/npr-news/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	13,501

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91	9/12/2024	Delaware Public Media	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.delawarepublic.org/npr-headlines/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	26,597
92	9/12/2024	WVIK Quad Cities 90.3 FM	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.wvik.org/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	6,962
93	9/12/2024	KCLU	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.kclu.org/healthcare/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	20,580
94	9/12/2024	Public Radio Tulsa	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.publicradiotulsa.org/npr-national-news/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	32,547
95	9/12/2024	WPRL 91.7 FM	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.wprl.org/npr-news/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	2,138
96	9/12/2024	Georgia Public Broadcasting	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.gpb.org/news/shots-health-news/2024/09/12/how-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	286,622
97	9/12/2024	www.kbbi.org	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.kbbi.org/npr-news/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	3,866
98	9/12/2024	Baylor University Magazine	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.wlrh.org/npr-news/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	4,893
99	9/12/2024	Stateline	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://kansaspublicradio.org/npr-news/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	15,052

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100	9/12/2024	KALW	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.kalw.org/npr-news/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	39,333
101	9/12/2024	www.aspenpublicradio.org	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.aspenpublicradio.org/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	7,336
102	9/12/2024	Houston Public Media	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.houstonpublicmedia.org/npr/2024/09/12/g-s1-22291/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water/	446,302
103	9/12/2024	360aproko.com	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://360aproko.com/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	1,004
104	9/12/2024	www.kcbx.org	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.kcbx.org/npr-top-news/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	13,928
105	9/12/2024	www.kaxe.org	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water KAXE	United States	https://www.kaxe.org/news/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	22,655
106	9/12/2024	WXPR	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water WXPR	United States	https://www.wxpr.org/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	15,901
107	9/12/2024	KUOW Seattle News and Information	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://m.kuow.org/stories/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	7,933
108	9/12/2024	ReportWire	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://reportwire.org/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water/	3,288

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109	9/12/2024	CAWG	DAVID SEDLAK: Water for All: Global solutions for a changing climate	United States	https://mavensnotebook.com/2024/09/12/david-sedlak-water-for-all-global-solutions-for-a-changing-climate/	13,218
110	9/12/2024	WMRA.org	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.wmra.org/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	13,849
111	9/12/2024	Health News Florida	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water Health News Florida	United States	https://health.wusf.usf.edu/npr-health/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	59,071
112	9/12/2024	WCBE 90.5 FM	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.wcbe.org/npr-news/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	10,783
113	9/12/2024	88.5 WFDD	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.wfdd.org/story/how-california-county-got-pfas-out-its-drinking-water	26,228
114	9/12/2024	WSIU	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water WSIU	United States	https://www.wsiu.org/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	13,887
115	9/12/2024	www.boisestatepublicradio.org	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water Boise State Public Radio	United States	https://www.boisestatepublicradio.org/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	49,105
116	9/12/2024	monkeyviral.com	PFAS filtered from drinking water in Orange County, Calif. : Shots	United States	https://monkeyviral.com/pfas-filtered-from-drinking-water-in-orange-county-calif-shots	673
117	9/12/2024	KNBA 90.3 FM	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.knba.org/npr-news/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	5,441

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118	9/12/2024	www.mynspr.org	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water NSPR	United States	https://www.mynspr.org/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	10,933
119	9/12/2024	www.wqln.org	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.wqln.org/health/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	9,500
120	9/12/2024	WYSU	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://wysu.org/npr-national-news/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	1,325
121	9/12/2024	www.kjzz.org	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.kjzz.org/npr-top-stories/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	269,331
122	9/12/2024	www.wgvunews.org	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water WGVU NEWS	United States	https://www.wgvunews.org/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	6,939
123	9/12/2024	Alabama Public Radio	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water Alabama Public Radio	United States	https://www.apr.org/science-health/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	22,032
124	9/12/2024	KMUW 89.1 FM	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water KMUW	United States	https://www.kmuw.org/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	34,795
125	9/12/2024	WUFT	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.wuft.org/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	87,783
126	9/12/2024	WCLK.com	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.wclk.com/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	11,245

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127	9/12/2024	WVXU	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water WVXU	United States	https://www.wvxu.org/news-from-npr/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	111,907
128	9/12/2024	news	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.lakeshorepublicmedia.org/npr-news/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	13,514
129	9/12/2024	Live Feed Wire - U.S. Navy SEALs News Today - EIN Presswire	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.wets.org/npr-news/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	1,238
130	9/12/2024	KCCU.org	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.kccu.org/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	3,253
131	9/12/2024	Radio IQ WVTF Music	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water WVTF	United States	https://www.wvtf.org/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	45,250
132	9/12/2024	www.wmky.org	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.wmky.org/npr-news/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	9,699
133	9/12/2024	KWIT.org	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.kwit.org/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	3,355
134	9/12/2024	www.wrur.org	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water WRUR	United States	https://www.wrur.org/npr-news/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	4,254
135	9/12/2024	news.wnin.org	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://news.wnin.org/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	11,919

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136	9/12/2024	www.wyomingpublicmedia.org	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water Wyoming Public Media	United States	https://www.wyomingpublicmedia.org/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	55,361
137	9/12/2024	The Public's Radio	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://thepublicsradio.org/npr/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	21,259
138	9/12/2024	www.ksfr.org	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water KSFR	United States	https://www.ksfr.org/npr-news/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	7,940
139	9/12/2024	KDLG	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.kdlg.org/as-heard-on-npr/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	8,809
140	9/12/2024	KWBU 103.3 FM	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.kwbu.org/latest-from-npr/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	3,777
141	9/12/2024	Hawai'i Public Radio	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water Hawai'i Public Radio	United States	https://www.hawaiipublicradio.org/national-international/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	82,636
142	9/12/2024	www.wuwm.com	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water WUWM 89.7 FM - Milwaukee's NPR	United States	https://www.wuwm.com/health-science/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	83,207
143	9/12/2024	KUAC-FM	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water KUAC.org	United States	https://fm.kuac.org/npr-news/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	5,674

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144	9/12/2024	WFAE	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water WFAE 90.7 - Charlotte's NPR News Source	United States	https://www.wfae.org/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	115,371
145	9/12/2024	WUGA	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.wuga.org/2024-09-12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water	5,887
146	9/12/2024	novumtimes.com	PFAS filtered from drinking water in Orange County, Calif. : Shots	Australia	https://novumtimes.com/pfas-filtered-from-drinking-water-in-orange-county-calif-shots/	765
147	9/12/2024	Alaska Public Media	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://alaskapublic.org/2024/09/12/how-a-california-county-got-pfas-out-of-its-drinking-water/	307,755
148	9/12/2024	NPR	How a California county got PFAS out of its drinking water	United States	https://www.npr.org/sections/shots-health-news/2024/09/12/g-s1-22291/pfas-drinking-water-filter	36,981,816
149	9/12/2024	Pure Water Gazette	PFAS Treatment in Two California Cities	United States	http://www.purewatergazette.net/blog/pfas-treatment-in-two-california-cities/	2,679
150	9/11/2024	www.krwg.org	Utilities must comply with limits on PFAS chemicals by 2029. Some have a head start	United States	https://www.krwg.org/health/2024-09-11/utilities-must-comply-with-limits-on-pfas-chemicals-by-2029-some-have-a-head-start	14,814
151	9/11/2024	WSHU-FM (91.1 FM)	Radio clip from WSHU-FM (91.1 FM) - Sep 11, 2024	United States		66,000
152	9/11/2024	KSKA	Radio clip from KSKA - Sep 11, 2024	United States		29,900
153	9/11/2024	KCFR-FM	Radio clip from KCFR-FM - Sep 11, 2024	United States		102,200

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154	9/11/2024	WHYY (Radio)	Radio clip from WHYY (Radio) - Sep 11, 2024	United States		219,500
155	9/11/2024	KUER 90.1, NPR Utah	Radio clip from KUER 90.1, NPR Utah - Sep 11, 2024	United States		69,000
156	9/11/2024	NPR Rocks @ 91.3 (WUKY)	Radio clip from NPR Rocks @ 91.3 (WUKY) - Sep 11, 2024	United States		20,400
157	9/11/2024	WDDE 91.1 FM (Radio)	Radio clip from WDDE 91.1 FM (Radio) - Sep 11, 2024	United States		3,900
158	9/11/2024	89.1 WEMU	Radio clip from 89.1 WEMU - Sep 11, 2024	United States		15,500
159	9/11/2024	WAMU-FM (Radio)	Radio clip from WAMU-FM (Radio) - Sep 11, 2024	United States		374,100
160	9/11/2024	WBUR (Radio)	Radio clip from WBUR (Radio) - Sep 11, 2024	United States		273,400
161	9/11/2024	WJCT	Radio clip from WJCT - Sep 11, 2024	United States		37,900
162	9/11/2024	WNYC-FM (Radio)	Radio clip from WNYC-FM (Radio) - Sep 11, 2024	United States		372,800
163	9/11/2024	WBFO-FM (Radio)	Radio clip from WBFO-FM (Radio) - Sep 11, 2024	United States		47,600
164	9/11/2024	Hawaii Public Radio	Radio clip from Hawaii Public Radio - Sep 11, 2024	United States		86,800
165	9/11/2024	WUSF (89.7 FM)	Radio clip from WUSF (89.7 FM) - Sep 11, 2024	United States		103,600
166	9/11/2024	WFYI-FM (90.1 MHz)	Radio clip from WFYI-FM (90.1 MHz) - Sep 11, 2024	United States		56,300
167	9/11/2024	WHRV 89.5	Radio clip from WHRV 89.5 - Sep 11, 2024	United States		50,300

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168	9/11/2024	Connecticut Public Radio (WNPR)	Radio clip from Connecticut Public Radio (WNPR) - Sep 11, 2024	United States		86,000
169	9/11/2024	WYPR-FM (Radio)	Radio clip from WYPR-FM (Radio) - Sep 11, 2024	United States		90,600
170	9/11/2024	CMU Public Radio	Radio clip from CMU Public Radio - Sep 11, 2024	United States		13,200
171	9/11/2024	WUNC-FM (Radio)	Radio clip from WUNC-FM (Radio) - Sep 11, 2024	United States		143,900
172	9/11/2024	WESA-FM (Radio)	Radio clip from WESA-FM (Radio) - Sep 11, 2024	United States		74,600
173	9/11/2024	WLRN Radio	Radio clip from WLRN Radio - Sep 11, 2024	United States		157,100
174	9/11/2024	News KNPR (Radio)	Radio clip from News KNPR (Radio) - Sep 11, 2024	United States		41,200
175	9/11/2024	KOPB-FM (Radio)	Radio clip from KOPB-FM (Radio) - Sep 11, 2024	United States		160,900
176	9/11/2024	KCRW-FM (Radio)	Radio clip from KCRW-FM (Radio) - Sep 11, 2024	United States		195,700
177	9/11/2024	Mississippi Public Broadcasting	Radio clip from Mississippi Public Broadcasting - Sep 11, 2024	United States		4,400
178	9/11/2024	WVXU	Radio clip from WVXU - Sep 11, 2024	United States		57,100
179	9/11/2024	KUOW-FM (Radio)	Radio clip from KUOW-FM (Radio) - Sep 11, 2024	United States		179,600
180	9/11/2024	Peoria Public Radio	Radio clip from Peoria Public Radio - Sep 11, 2024	United States		11,600

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181	9/11/2024	88.5 KNKX	Radio clip from 88.5 KNKX - Sep 11, 2024	United States		91,400
182	9/11/2024	KPBS-FM	Radio clip from KPBS-FM - Sep 11, 2024	United States		112,000
183	9/11/2024	St. Louis Public Radio	Radio clip from St. Louis Public Radio - Sep 11, 2024	United States		85,200
184	9/11/2024	89.9 WWNO	Radio clip from 89.9 WWNO - Sep 11, 2024	United States		50,900
185	9/11/2024	NPR Illinois (WUIS)	Radio clip from NPR Illinois (WUIS) - Sep 11, 2024	United States		10,300
186	9/11/2024	KUNR Public Radio	Radio clip from KUNR Public Radio - Sep 11, 2024	United States		35,900
187	9/11/2024	WBEZ-FM (Radio)	Radio clip from WBEZ-FM (Radio) - Sep 11, 2024	United States		211,300
188	9/11/2024	News 88.7	Radio clip from News 88.7 - Sep 11, 2024	United States		123,000
189	9/11/2024	KERA (90.1)	Radio clip from KERA (90.1) - Sep 11, 2024	United States		191,200
190	9/11/2024	K-Hits 104.9 (KDHT)	Radio clip from K-Hits 104.9 (KDHT) - Sep 11, 2024	United States		114,000
191	9/11/2024	KJZZ 91.5	Radio clip from KJZZ 91.5 - Sep 11, 2024	United States		129,600
192	9/11/2024	KPCC-FM (Radio)	Radio clip from KPCC-FM (Radio) - Sep 11, 2024	United States		266,900
193	9/11/2024	KMUW	Radio clip from KMUW - Sep 11, 2024	United States		26,400
194	9/11/2024	Michigan Radio	Radio clip from Michigan Radio - Sep 11, 2024	United States		208,900

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195	9/11/2024	Capital Public Radio	Radio clip from Capital Public Radio - Sep 11, 2024	United States		65,500
196	9/11/2024	WUSF (89.7 FM)	Radio clip from WUSF (89.7 FM) - Sep 11, 2024	United States		103,600
197	9/11/2024	WHRV 89.5	Radio clip from WHRV 89.5 - Sep 11, 2024	United States		50,300
198	9/11/2024	WSHU-FM (91.1 FM)	Radio clip from WSHU-FM (91.1 FM) - Sep 11, 2024	United States		66,000
199	9/11/2024	90.1 FM WABE	Radio clip from 90.1 FM WABE - Sep 11, 2024	United States		141,000
200	9/11/2024	WUNC-FM (Radio)	Radio clip from WUNC-FM (Radio) - Sep 11, 2024	United States		143,900
201	9/11/2024	Hawaii Public Radio	Radio clip from Hawaii Public Radio - Sep 11, 2024	United States		86,800
202	9/11/2024	89.1 WEMU	Radio clip from 89.1 WEMU - Sep 11, 2024	United States		15,500
203	9/11/2024	WHYY (Radio)	Radio clip from WHYY (Radio) - Sep 11, 2024	United States		219,500
204	9/11/2024	KSKA	Radio clip from KSKA - Sep 11, 2024	United States		29,900
205	9/11/2024	WDDE 91.1 FM (Radio)	Radio clip from WDDE 91.1 FM (Radio) - Sep 11, 2024	United States		3,900
206	9/11/2024	WBFO-FM (Radio)	Radio clip from WBFO-FM (Radio) - Sep 11, 2024	United States		47,600
207	9/11/2024	NPR Rocks @ 91.3 (WUKY)	Radio clip from NPR Rocks @ 91.3 (WUKY) - Sep 11, 2024	United States		20,400
208	9/11/2024	CMU Public Radio	Radio clip from CMU Public Radio - Sep 11, 2024	United States		13,200

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209	9/11/2024	90.7 WMFE	Radio clip from 90.7 WMFE - Sep 11, 2024	United States		85,800
210	9/11/2024	KCFR-FM	Radio clip from KCFR-FM - Sep 11, 2024	United States		102,200
211	9/11/2024	WITF	Radio clip from WITF - Sep 11, 2024	United States		-
212	9/11/2024	WAMU-FM (Radio)	Radio clip from WAMU-FM (Radio) - Sep 11, 2024	United States		374,100
213	9/11/2024	WBUR (Radio)	Radio clip from WBUR (Radio) - Sep 11, 2024	United States		273,400
214	9/11/2024	KUER 90.1, NPR Utah	Radio clip from KUER 90.1, NPR Utah - Sep 11, 2024	United States		69,000
215	9/11/2024	Connecticut Public Radio (WNPR)	Radio clip from Connecticut Public Radio (WNPR) - Sep 11, 2024	United States		86,000
216	9/11/2024	101.9 WDET (radio)	Radio clip from 101.9 WDET (radio) - Sep 11, 2024	United States		52,400
217	9/11/2024	WNYC-FM (Radio)	Radio clip from WNYC-FM (Radio) - Sep 11, 2024	United States		372,800
218	9/11/2024	WLRN Radio	Radio clip from WLRN Radio - Sep 11, 2024	United States		157,100
219	9/11/2024	WFYI-FM (90.1 MHz)	Radio clip from WFYI-FM (90.1 MHz) - Sep 11, 2024	United States		56,300
220	9/11/2024	Live Feed Wire - U.S. Navy SEALs News Today - EIN Presswire	Utilities must comply with limits on PFAS chemicals by 2029. Some have a head start	United States	https://www.wets.org/morning-edition/2024-09-11/utilities-must-comply-with-limits-on-pfas-chemicals-by-2029-some-have-a-head-start	1,238

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221	9/10/2024	WorldCat	U.S. Epa Announces \$7.5 Billion in Available Financing for Water Infrastructure Projects	United States		2,863,837
222	9/10/2024	gwf Wasser Abwasser	EPA announces USD 7.5 billion WIFIA available funding	Germany	https://gwf-wasser.de/news/epa-announces-usd-7-5-billion-wifia-available-funding/	1,596
223	9/10/2024	American Infrastructure	\$7.5 billion in Available Financing for Water Infrastructure Projects	Colombia	https://www.americaninfrastructuremag.com/7-5-billion-in-available-financing-for-water-infrastructure-projects/	176
224	9/9/2024	Conduit Street	EPA Opens \$7.5B in Water Infrastructure Financing	United States	https://conduitstreet.mdcounties.org/2024/09/09/epa-opens-7-5b-in-water-infrastructure-financing/	17,255
225	9/9/2024	WDBO-FM (Radio)	Radio clip from WDBO-FM (Radio) - Sep 9, 2024	United States		53,500
226	9/9/2024	Water Online	Biden-Harris Administration Announces \$7.5B In Available Financing For Water Infrastructure Projects	United States	https://www.wateronline.com/doc/biden-harris-administration-announces-available-financing-water-infrastructure-projects-0001	25,433
227	9/9/2024	Tenders Info	United States : Biden-Harris Administration Announces \$7.5 billion in Available Financing for Water Infrastructure Projects.	India		42,463
228	9/9/2024	WorldCat	United States : Biden-Harris Administration Announces \$7.5 billion in Available Financing for Water Infrastructure Projects.	United States		3,372,474

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229	9/9/2024	WaterWorld	U.S. EPA announces \$7.5 billion in available financing for water infrastructure projects	United States	https://www.waterworld.com/drinking-water-treatment/press-release/55138318/-us-epa-announces-75-billion-in-available-financing-for-water-infrastructure-projects	46,038
230	9/7/2024	Targeted News Service	EPA: Biden-Harris Administration Announces \$7.5 Billion in Available Financing for Water Infrastructure Projects	United States		2,427
231	9/7/2024	JBK-Environmental	Biden-Harris Administration Announces \$7.5 billion in Available Financing for Water Infrastructure Projects	United States	http://jbk-environmental.blogspot.com/2024/09/biden-harris-administration-announces_93.html	628
232	9/6/2024	Impact News Service	Biden-Harris Administration Announces \$7.5 billion in Available Financing for Water Infrastructure Projects	United States		1,000
233	9/6/2024	States News Service	BIDEN-HARRIS ADMINISTRATION ANNOUNCES \$7.5 BILLION IN AVAILABLE FINANCING FOR WATER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS	Germany		15,667

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234	9/6/2024	Contify Telecom News	Biden-Harris Administration Announces \$7.5 billion in Available Financing for Water Infrastructure Projects	India		7,643
235	9/6/2024	Federal Newswire	EPA announces \$7.5 billion financing for critical water infrastructure projects	United States	https://thefederalnewswire.com/stories/664084630-epa-announces-7-5-billion-financing-for-critical-water-infrastructure-projects	4,408
236	9/4/2024	Re:Wired	Water and Wastewater Reuse: Quenching Our Planet's Future	United States	https://rewiredz.com/sustainability/water-and-wastewater-reuse-quenching-our-planets-future	240
237	9/3/2024	Blogarama	Water and Wastewater Reuse: Quenching Our Planet's Future	United States	https://www.blogarama.com/green-blogs/1421119-renewable-energy-sustainability-tech-innovation-blog/62456912-water-wastewater-reuse-quenching-planetas-future	28,912
238	9/3/2024	24/7 Business Reporter	Covenant Technical Solutions Welcomes Blake DePaola as Southern California VP of Operations	United States	https://www.247businessreporter.com/article/740411391-covenant-technical-solutions-welcomes-blake-depaola-as-southern-california-vp-of-operations	953
239	9/3/2024	Media World Today	Covenant Technical Solutions Welcomes Blake DePaola as Southern California VP of Operations	United States	https://www.mediaworldtoday.com/article/740411391-covenant-technical-solutions-welcomes-blake-depaola-as-southern-california-vp-of-operations	745
240	9/3/2024	Niueindustrybrief	Covenant Technical Solutions Welcomes Blake DePaola as Southern California VP of Operations		https://www.niueindustrybrief.com/article/740411391-covenant-technical-solutions-welcomes-blake-depaola-as-southern-california-vp-of-operations	633

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241	9/3/2024	EIN Presswire	Covenant Technical Solutions Welcomes Blake DePaola as Southern California VP of Operations	United States	https://www.einpresswire.com/article/740411391/covenant-technical-solutions-welcomes-blake-depaola-as-southern-california-vp-of-operations	190,559
242	9/3/2024	CALIFORNIA COMMERCE DAILY	Covenant Technical Solutions Welcomes Blake DePaola as Southern California VP of Operations	United States	https://www.californiacommercedaily.com/article/740411391-covenant-technical-solutions-welcomes-blake-depaola-as-southern-california-vp-of-operations	611
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