

Communications /Legislative Meeting

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Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014

- The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 fundamentally changed the management of California's groundwater basins, among many other provisions, the Act:
 - Requires the formation of groundwater sustainability agencies "GSA's;" and,
 - Acknowledges OCWD as the exclusive groundwater management agency within its statutory boundaries
- OCWD played an integral part in the development of the Act in 2014

Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014

- In 2015, “clean-up” legislation to the Act is currently being drafted by ACWA
- President Green, OCWD staff, and legal counsel have reviewed the draft, and don’t see major concerns, but will provide input for amendments
- Staff recommends Board “support, with amendments,” for the clean-up legislation
- District counsel will advise staff on amendments

OCWD 2015 Legislative Platform

- The OCWD 2015 platform summarizes District goals, key issues and policy positions
- Includes 31 guiding principles on groundwater, Pardo Dam wetlands, environment, supply, energy, distribution of Prop. 1 bond funds, fiscal, and local topics

OCWD 2015 Legislative Platform

- Used to take timely action on legislation in between regularly scheduled Comm/Leg Board meetings
 - Actions include drafting letters, lobbying legislators and staff, engaging in legislative work groups, and drafting bills
- Staff recommends adoption of the OCWD 2015 legislative platform

Priority Projects for Bond Funding

- At the December Comm/Leg meeting the Board directed staff to develop a priority project list for Prop. 1 and other funding
- Staff reviewed the 18 projects in the OCWD long-term facility plan for readiness, applicability to Prop. 1 and other funding, and overall benefits

Priority Projects for Bond Funding

- Of the 18 projects in the long-term facility plan, staff recommend four projects to pursue grant and loan funding, which include:
 - GWRS final expansion
 - Mid-Basin injection project
 - North-Basin groundwater project
 - South-Basin groundwater project
- At this time, staff request Board approval of the four priority projects to pursue Prop. 1 and other funding