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April 8, 2016

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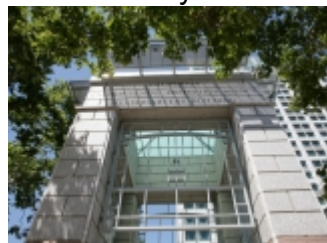
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Member Action Requested to Advance Long-Term Water Conservation Policy

Submitted by Pamela Martineau on Wed, 04/06/2016 - 4:56pm



As the state's focus begins to transition from the 2015 emergency conservation regulation to a long-term water management vision for California's future, ACWA strongly believes that any long-term policy should recognize investments in drought-resilience, emphasize ongoing water-use efficiency, and leave local water management discretion to local water agencies.

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Legislative Hearing Explores California's Drinking Water Program

Submitted by Pamela Martineau on Wed, 04/06/2016 - 2:40pm



California lawmakers listened to an update today on the state's Drinking Water Program and its transition to the State Water Resources Control Board in 2014. The progress report was delivered during an oversight hearing of the Senate Environmental Quality Committee.

Sen. Bob Wieckowski (D-Fremont), chair of the committee, said the hearing's focus was to review the State Water Board's "progress on the reorganization" and explore any challenges or gaps that have arisen.

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Californians "Just Shy" of 25% Water Conservation Mandate

Submitted by Pamela Martineau on Mon, 04/04/2016 - 4:08pm



State regulators today released the water conservation tally for the past nine months of mandatory reductions and applauded Californians for coming "just shy" of meeting Gov. Jerry Brown's 25% water conservation mandate by cumulatively saving 23.9% compared with the same months in 2013.

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State Water Board Issues First Mandatory Consolidation Order Authorized Under SB 88

Submitted by Emily Allshouse on Fri, 04/01/2016 - 2:08pm



The State Water Resources Control Board on April 1 issued the first mandatory water system consolidation order authorized by SB 88 (2015). The order directs the City of Tulare to connect Matheny Tract, currently being served by Pratt Mutual Water Company in Tulare County, to its water system.

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Bureau Announces Initial Water Supply Allocation for CVP

Submitted by Emily Allshouse on Fri, 04/01/2016 - 1:05pm



Citing the cumulative effects of the multiyear drought, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation today released what it called a “cautious” estimate for its initial 2016 water supply allocation for the Central Valley Project.

Due to improved drought conditions in Northern California, north-of-Delta contractors have been allocated 100% of their contract supply, while south-of-Delta agricultural contractors will see much less – just 5% – and eastside contractors have received a zero allocation this year.

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Online ACWA Marketplace Open for Browsing

Submitted by Pamela Martineau on Wed, 03/30/2016 - 5:36pm



Looking for one-stop shopping for a wide array of water industry services and products? Check out the online [ACWA Marketplace](#), a portal catering to the needs of ACWA members and others.

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California Financing Coordinating Committee Funding Fair

Wed, 04/13/2016

Location: Sacramento County Sanitation 10060 Goethe Rd Sacramento, CA 95827

CFCC agencies fund primarily the following types of infrastructure projects:

- Drinking water
- Water conservation
- Wastewater Water use efficiency
- Water quality Energy efficiency
- Water supply Flood management

Some of the participating agencies also fund other types of infrastructure projects including streets and highways, emergency response vehicles, solid waste, and community facilities.

[Information](#)

Central Valley Tour 2016

Wed, 04/13/2016 - 7:30am - Fri, 04/15/2016 - 6:00pm

Location: Tour begins at the Sacramento International Airport

Sponsored by the Water Education Foundation this field trip ventures through California's Central Valley which covers about 20,000 square miles through the heart of the state and provides 25% of the nation's food, including 40% of all fruits, nuts and vegetables consumed throughout the country.

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Stay Afloat! Forum on Water Rights

Wed, 04/20/2016 - 5:00pm - 6:30pm

Location: UCR Palm Desert 75080 Frank Sinatra Drive, Palm Desert, Auditorium

This free forum, presented by CV Water Counts in partnership with UCR Palm Desert, will focus on water rate changes in the Coachella Valley.

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2016 Green California Summit

Thu, 04/21/2016 - Fri, 04/22/2016

Location: Sacramento Convention Center

The 2016 Green California Summit will offer presentations from experts and leaders who will provide information and resources to grow green programs. Topics range from water conservation, green fleets and energy efficiency (including Prop 39) to funding. [More details here.](#)

www.green-technology.org

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Southern California Water Committee Quarterly Luncheon

Fri, 04/22/2016 - 12:00pm - 2:00pm

Location: Central Basin Municipal Water District

California Natural Resources Secretary John Laird will speak at the Southern California Water Committee's Quarterly Luncheon. The event is sponsored and hosted by the Central Basin Municipal Water District, and will focus on the need for California WaterFix as well as CA Water Action Plan implementation.

The luncheon will be held at Central Basin's offices at 6252 Telegraph Rd, Commerce, CA 90040. The cost is \$70 per person.

[Register here](#)

Water: 2016

Thu, 04/28/2016 - 9:00am - 3:30pm

Location: 1123 J St. 3rd Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814

As Californians live through a historic drought, the state's leaders seek solutions to an age-old problem. New groundwater rules, restrictions on water use, and fights over new storage and transportation projects loom in 2016 – with a proposed ballot initiative that would restrict large infrastructure projects looming over all.

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ACWA 2016 Spring Conference & Exhibition

Tue, 05/03/2016 - Fri, 05/06/2016

Location: Monterey Marriott and Portola Hotels

ACWA's 2016 Spring Conference & Exhibition is set for May 3-6, 2016, at the Marriott and Portola hotels in Monterey. The theme is "2016: It's Go Time".

Online Registration & cancellation deadline is April 8, 2016 - 4:30 p.m. (PST)

IMPORTANT LINKS:

ONLINE REGISTRATION

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California Financing Coordinating Committee Funding Fair

Tue, 05/10/2016

Location: San Luis Obispo City County Library 995 Palm Street San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

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San Diego Tour 2016

Thu, 05/19/2016 - 7:30am - Fri, 05/20/2016 - 6:00pm

Location: TBD

Sponsored by the Water Education Foundation, this field trip includes a private tour of the new Carlsbad ocean desalination plant, the largest seawater desalination plant in the Western Hemisphere designed to increase the San Diego area's water supply reliability.

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CEO BULLETIN



TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: NORMA J. CAMACHO

CEO BULLETIN

Week of April 1 – 7, 2016

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Board Policy EL-7: Communication and Support to the Board

The BAOs inform and support the Board in its work.

Further, a BAO shall:

Inform the Board of relevant trends, anticipated adverse media coverage, or material external and internal changes, particularly changes in the assumptions upon which any Board policy has previously been established.

Report in a timely manner an actual or anticipated noncompliance with any policy of the Board.

BOARD MEMBER REQUESTS

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During the January 26, 2016, board meeting, the board referred discussion of R-15-0032 to the board's Homeless Encampment Ad Hoc Committee (Ad Hoc Committee), as reported in the February 12-18, 2016, CEO Bulletin.

The following is an update of the Ad Hoc Committee's activities and next steps.

The board's Ad Hoc Committee held its first meeting on March 30, 2016. The Ad Hoc Committee, consisting of Vice Chair John Varela and Directors Richard Santos and Tony Estremera, received information on the water district's homeless encampment cleanup efforts.

Participants included Santa Clara County Supervisor, Cindy Chavez, who testified in favor of collaborating with the water district to explore opportunities to address homelessness in Santa Clara County (County). Comments were also provided by representatives from the City of San Jose, County Parks and Recreation, non-profit social service agencies, and members of the public. Others in attendance included staff from offices of other locally elected officials, the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board, and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

The Ad Hoc Committee provided direction to return in 30 days with analyses of the information received at the meeting with the goal of finding solutions on how best the water district will work within its authority to address homelessness and their encampment impacts on water resources. Once the Ad Hoc Committee has discussed the analyses, its recommendation will be considered by the full board in the summer of 2016.

Another tool the water district has launched, based on board direction received March 15, 2016, is for the water district to develop a small grants program. This grant program will enable the water district to work collaboratively with non-profit entities in meeting the water district's water resources stewardship mission.

For further information, please contact Chris Elias at (408) 630-2739.

Keegan

Staff to respond to Ms. Diane Strutz's questions: 1) By what medical authority does the Board have permission to administer fluoride to the general population? 2) How will you defend yourselves from a fluoride class action lawsuit? R-16-0012

After receiving information from many sides of the issue over several months, including testimony from Dr. Marty Fenstersheib, former Santa Clara County Public Health Officer, an advocate of community water fluoridation, in 2011, the board adopted a policy to fluoridate water from the water district's three water treatment plants. Dr. Sara Cody, current Santa Clara

County Public Health Officer, has also written to the board in support of the water district's fluoridation efforts.

Response to Question 1

Although fluoridation has been and continues to be a controversial issue, courts throughout the United States have uniformly held that fluoridation of water is a reasonable and proper exercise of the police power in the interest of public health. The matter is no longer an open question (Coshov v. City of Escondido (2005)). That being the case, the water district is following state law (section 116415(f) of the California Health and Safety Code), which allows the water district to elect to comply with the standards, compliance requirements, and regulations for fluoridation as are required of California public water systems that are mandated to provide fluoridated water.

Response to Question 2

The water district does not seek nor does it encourage litigation over the issue of fluoridation, as both the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and California state courts have upheld the fluoridation of water by public water systems.

For further information, please contact Angela Cheung at (408) 630-2735.

BOARD MEMBER REQUESTS & INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Request	Completed Date	Meeting Date	Director	GM / AGM	Description	20 Days Due Date	Expected Completion Date	Disposition
R-16-0011	Pending	02/23/16	Estremera	Camacho	The Board request the Audit Committee to review the scope/development of the Lower Silver Creek Flood Protection Project 40264008, Reaches 406A, Dobern Bridge, and return recommendations to the Board. (Assign to N. Camacho as current Acting CEO)	03/24/16		
R-16-0016	Pending	03/29/16	Estremera Keegan	Nava	Staff is requested to investigate anti-nepotism policies at other public agencies, in regards to disclosure or transparency of Board member/elected official's relations with staff.	04/19/16		
R-15-0032	Pending	08/18/15	Hsueh	Camacho	Agendize a Board discussion, on collaboration with non-governmental and non-profit organizations, and their experiences with the District and how better to work with the Board and invite organizations to discuss. Also, include a report on the status of E-1.3.	09/14/15	01/26/16	02/18/16 CEO Bulletin. 01/26/16 Information Only. 12/30/15 CEO Bulletin. 09/17/15 CEO Bulletin. 08/27/15 Information Only.
R-15-0040	Pending	10/27/15	Hsueh	Camacho	Communications and Government Relations to strategize and share information and message presented by CEO and staff in Item 2.3 - Staff Report in Response to Board Request Related to Recent Media Coverage.	11/19/15		
R-16-0003	Pending	01/26/16	Hsueh	Nava	Staff is to investigate the benefit of continued participation in the Association of CA Water Agencies Joint Powers Insurance Authority.	02/16/16		
R-16-0015	Pending	03/22/16	Hsueh	King	Look into whether it is more appropriate for staff to attend the Santa Clara County Park & Rec. meetings versus a Director.	04/12/16		
R-16-0009	Pending	02/23/16	Keegan	Fiedler	Chairperson Keegan requests staff to prepare information for those speakers who had questions on fluoridation for education of young children and to contact them when the information is ready for dissemination.	03/16/16	04/13/16	03/31/16 CEO Bulletin. 03/07/16 Information Only.
R-16-0012	Pending	03/08/16	Keegan	Fiedler	Staff to respond to Ms. Diane Strutz's questions: By what medical authority does the Board have permission to administer fluoride to the general population? How will you defend yourselves from a fluoride class action lawsuit?	03/29/16		
R-16-0013	Pending	03/22/16	Keegan	Fiedler	Staff is requested to respond to Marlies Lee's questions asked during 3/22/16 Public Comment, regarding Fluoride.	04/12/16		

Request	Completed Date	Meeting Date	Director	GM / AGM	Description	20 Days Due Date	Expected Completion Date	Disposition
R-16-0014	Pending	03/22/16	Keegan	Fiedler	Include a discussion item on forming a FAHCE Ad Hoc Committee on the next agenda. (RS/LL asked to be on the committee)	04/12/16		
R-16-0017	Pending	03/29/16	Keegan	Yamamoto	District Counsel to prepare a memo to Board, memorializing in writing what levels of authority are granted to individual directors when they are appointed by the Board to represent District on external committees.	04/19/16		
R-16-0018	Pending	03/29/16	Keegan	King	Staff to revise Board External Committee appointment list so that annual review includes participation/purpose/duties/role information.	04/19/16		
R-16-0019	Pending	03/29/16	Keegan	King	Staff to agendize Board discussion on policies pertaining to Brown Act requirements including discussion on differences in various Board committees and how they are treated in accordance with the Brown Act.	04/19/16		
R-16-0004	Pending	01/26/16	Kremen	Fiedler	Staff to come back to the Board with information and status of automatic meter reader efforts.	02/16/16	02/19/16	02/18/16 CEO Bulletin.

Request	Completed Date	Request Date	Director	GM / AGM	Description	20 Days Due Date	Expected Completion Date	Disposition
I-15-0054	Pending	12/10/15	Kremen	Fiedler	Chair Kremen requests staff to provide 1) apples-to-apples acre-feet (separate rates for North and South) comparisons of: -Proposed recycling-DPR; -Proposed recycling-IPR; - WaterFix; -long term SWP purchases- what do we pay now?; -semitropic costs; -lawn replacement; -grey water; -cost to idle land in the south; - Please show the assumptions including rates and DCR. 2) More detailed cost estimate for DPR vs IPR; and 3) More detailed methodology behind current and new recycled O&M costs and methodology behind 60% utilization/yield factor.	12/30/15		01/22/16 CEO Bulletin.
I-16-0006	Pending	03/11/16	Kremen	Fiedler	Staff is to investigate options, by state constitutional amendment or other ways, to redesign and implement significant changes to state's water rights system.	04/03/16		
I-16-0007	Pending	03/14/16	Varela	Camacho	Staff is to provide Director Varela with a copy of the Communication Unit's master spreadsheet of community organizations and neighborhood associations located within District 1.	04/04/16		
I-16-0008	Pending	03/23/16	Varela	Camacho	Provide Director Varela with a map showing his district's boundaries.	04/12/16		03/24/16 CEO Bulletin.