

San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments

AGENDA AND NOTICE OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE WATER POLICY COMMITTEE & WATER TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)

Tuesday, June 11, 2019, 10:00 AM Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District Offic 602 E. Huntington Drive, Suite B Monrovia, CA 91016

Water Policy Committee

Chair: Judy Nelson City of Glendora

Vice-Chair: Gloria Crudgington City of Monrovia

Members

Claremont Glendora Monrovia Rosemead San Gabriel Sierra Madre South Pasadena LA County District 1

Water TAC

Chair: Tom Love Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District

Vice Chair: Alex Tachiki City of Monrovia

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Alhambra
Arcadia
Bradbury
Covina
Duarte
Monrovia
Pomona
Sierra Madre
LA County DPW
San Gabriel Valley
MWD

Ex-Officio Members

LA County Sanitation Districts SG Basin Watermaster Thank you for participating in today's meeting. The Water Committee encourages public participation and invites you to share your views on agenda items.

MEETINGS: Regular Meetings of the Water Committee are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 10:00 AM at the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District Offices (602 E. Huntington Drive, Suite B Monrovia, CA 91016). The agenda packet is available at the San Gabriel Valley Council of Government's (SGVCOG) Office, 1000 South Fremont Avenue, Suite 10210, Alhambra, CA, and on the website, www.sgvcog.org. Copies are available via email upon request (sgv@sgvcog.org). Documents distributed to a majority of the Committee after the posting will be available for review in the SGVCOG office and on the SGVCOG website. Your attendance at this public meeting may result in the recording of your voice.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Your participation is welcomed and invited at all Water Committee and Water TAC meetings. Time is reserved at each regular meeting for those who wish to address the Committee. SGVCOG requests that persons addressing the Committee refrain from making personal, slanderous, profane or disruptive remarks.

TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE: At a regular meeting, the public may comment on any matter within the jurisdiction of the Committee during the public comment period and may also comment on any agenda item at the time it is discussed. At a special meeting, the public may only comment on items that are on the agenda. Members of the public wishing to speak are asked to complete a comment card or simply rise to be recognized when the Chair asks for public comments to speak. We ask that members of the public state their name for the record and keep their remarks brief. If several persons wish to address the Committee on a single item, the Chair may impose a time limit on individual remarks at the beginning of discussion. The Water Committee and Water TAC may not discuss or vote on items not on the agenda.

AGENDA ITEMS: The Agenda contains the regular order of business of the Water Committee and the Water TAC. Items on the Agenda have generally been reviewed and investigated by the staff in advance of the meeting so that the Committee/TAC can be fully informed about a matter before making its decision.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Items listed on the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and will be acted upon by one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless a Committee member or citizen so requests. In this event, the item will be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered after the Consent Calendar. If you would like an item on the Consent Calendar discussed, simply tell Staff or a member of the Committee.



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PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

- 1. Call to Order
- **2.** Roll Call
- **3.** Public Comment (*If necessary, the Chair may place reasonable time limits on all comments*).
- 4. Changes to Agenda Order: Identify emergency items arising after agenda posting and requiring action prior to next regular meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR (It is anticipated that the Water Committee/TAC may act on the following matters)

5. Water Committee/TAC Meeting Minutes – Page 1 Recommended Action: Approve Water Committee/TAC meeting minutes.

PRESENTATIONS

6. OurCounty Sustainability Plan: Rita Kampalath, LA County Chief Sustainability Office – Page 5 Recommended Action: For information only.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

7. Safe Clean Water Program – Draft Implementation Ordinance and Related Documents – Page 7 Recommended Action: Discuss and provide direction to staff.

UPDATE ITEMS

- **8.** Legislative Updates Page 13 *Recommended Action: For information only*
- **9.** E/WMP Updates *Recommended Action: For information only.*
- **10.** Water TAC Chair Report *Recommended Action: For information only.*
- **11.** Water Supply Update *Recommended Action: For information only.*
- **12.** Water Boards Update *Recommended Action: For information only.*
- **13.** Litigation Update *Recommended Action: For information only.*

CHAIR'S REPORT ANNOUNCEMENTS ADJOURN



SGVCOG Joint Water Policy Committee/TAC Meeting **Unapproved Minutes**

May 14, 2019 Date: Time: 10:00 AM

Location: Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District

602 E. Huntington Drive, Suite B, Monrovia,

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:02 A.M.

2. Roll Call

Water Policy Committee Members Present

Water Policy Committee Members Absent

H. Nguyen, LA County District #1 A. Fellow, USGVMWD

G. Boyer, Glendora

D. Mahmud, South Pasadena

G. Crudgington, Monrovia

M. Clark, Rosemead

J. Stark, Claremont

J. Capoccia, Sierra Madre

Water TAC Members Present

Water TAC Members Absent

J. Carlson, Sierra Madre D. Dolphin, Alhambra E. Reyes, SGVMWD Bradbury, K. Kearney T. Love, USGVMWD A. Tachiki, Monrovia

S. Costandi, Covina

R. Wang, LACPW

Y. Serna, Duarte

V. Hevener, Arcadia

J. Carver, Pomona

Ex Officio Members Present

Ex Officio Members Absent

K. Gardner; L. Augino, SG Watermaster

S. Green, LACSD

<u>Guests</u>

M. Lyons, Assemblymember Holden

K. Allen, LAC FCD

B. Lathrop, Bradbury

E. Baul; D. Sharp; J. Juarez, LACPW

D. Correy; V. Murphy, Senator Portantino

SGVCOG Staff

K. Ward

N. Kaur

3. Public Comment.

No public comment was given.

Changes to Agenda Order. 4.

No changes to the agenda order.

B. Pence, Congresswoman Napolitano

CONSENT CALENDAR

5. Water Committee/TAC Meeting Minutes

There was a motion to approve the consent calendar. (M/S: Gloria /D. Maggie).

[MOTION PASSED]

AYES:	Alhambra, Arcadia, Monrovia, Glendora, Sierra Madre, South Pasadena,
	LACPW, LA County District #1, Rosemead, Pomona, Duarte, Claremont,
	SGVMWD, Covina
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	
ABSENT:	Bradbury, USGVMWD

ACTION ITEMS

6. SB 414 (Caballero): Small System Water Authority Act of 2019

K. Ward presented on this item. There was a request to provide a map of water systems that are referenced in this legislation.

There was a motion to recommend the Governing Board support SB 414. (M/S: M. Clark/J. Capoccia).

[MOTION PASSED]

AYES:	Alhambra, Arcadia, Monrovia, Glendora, Sierra Madre, South Pasadena,
	Rosemead, Pomona, Duarte, Claremont, SGVMWD, Covina
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	LA County District #1, LACPW
ABSENT:	Bradbury, USGVMWD

7. SB 669 (Caballero): Safe Drinking Water Fund

K. Ward presented on this item. SB 669 is a response to SB 623 (Monning) proposed last year that would tax all water systems to address safe drinking water concerns. Additionally, this bill responds to the Governor's proposed trailer bill that would similarly tax water users to address safe drinking water concerns and AB 217 (Garcia). The Committee requested that AB 217 be brought back to the Committee for discussion at the next meeting. There was a request to clarify what happens to funding under this bill in non-surplus budget year.

There was a motion to recommend the Governing Board support SB 669. (M/S: M. Clark/G. Boyer).

[MOTION PASSED]

AYES:	Alhambra, Arcadia, Monrovia, Glendora, Sierra Madre, South Pasadena,
	Rosemead, Pomona, Duarte, Claremont, SGVMWD, Covina
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	LA County District #1, LACPW
ABSENT:	Bradbury, USGVMWD

DISCUSSION ITEMS

8. SB 205 (Hertzberg): Stormwater Discharge Compliance

K. Ward presented on this item. There was discussion on the concerns that the burden SB 205 places on local governments regarding the issuance of businesses license and enforcing compliance of the NPDES for certain businesses. The Committee and TAC advised that SB 205 should be opposed unless amended to ensure that training would be provided to city staff regarding the complexities of ensuring a business is in compliance with the NPDES, as well as delaying the implementation of the bill until the industrial classification

codes have been adopted by the State Water Board. The current Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) System is not inclusive of all industries and the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) needs to be more descriptive. Additionally, more categories for new industries need to be added in order for Cities to have a more accurate way to classify businesses.

There was a motion to recommend the Governing Board oppose AB 205 unless amended to include training for city staff related to ensuring a business is in compliance with NPDES and delaying implementation of the bill until industrial classification codes have been updated to be more descriptive, as well as adding more categories for new industries to provide Cities with a more accurate way to classify businesses by the State Water Board. (M/S: D. Mahmud/ J. Capoccia).

[MOTION PASSED]

AYES:	Alhambra, Arcadia, Monrovia, Glendora, Sierra Madre, South Pasadena,
	Rosemead, Pomona, Duarte, Claremont, SGVMWD, Covina
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	LA County District #1, LACPW
ABSENT:	Bradbury, USGVMWD

UPDATE ITEMS

9. Legislative Updates

K. Ward presented on this item. Updates on the status of AB 1093 (Rubio), 755 (Holden), AB 1204 (Rubio), AB 1404 (Rubio) and HR 1497 were given. B. Pence reported that HR 1497 was currently being marked up to ensure consensus is reached on the bill.

- **10.** Safe Clean Water Program Update
 - D. Mahmud provided updates on this item. K. Allen answered question on the Safe Clean Water Program.
- 11. State Auditor Report No. 2017-118 Recommendations Update
 - D. Mahmud reported on this item. She discussed updates that have been listed on the State Auditor's website that required follow-up actions by the Regional LA Water Board. Several items were marked as complete by the State Auditor including developing guidelines for considering costs for local jurisdiction. D. Mahmud shared that the Water Board did develop documents on cost compliance; however, there was no indication that there was any public input in the development of these documents. There was a suggestion by the Water TAC to review the documents developed by the Water Board and report back to the Water Committee.
- **12.** E/WMP Updates

A. Tachiki reported on this item. He provided updates on the Rio Hondo and San Gabriel EWMP, submitting final document to Water Board for approval. Dolphin reported on the Upper LA River (ULAR). ULAR is considering special studies, such as a bacteria study that was done in San Diego as a potential starting point.

- **13.** Water TAC Chair Report
 - A. Tachiki reported on this item. He reported on the status of the city stormwater data gathering the Water TAC was tasked with presenting to the Water Policy Committee. Cities are compiling data so that projects include all associated costs (design, construction, etc.).
- **14.** Water Supply Update
 - K. Gardner provided updates on this item. She reported that the SG Watermaster is developing a regional campaign to increase awareness about water conservation.
- **15.** Water Boards Update No updates were given.

16. Litigation Update

D. Mahmud reported on this item. The cities of Duarte and Gardena have issued responses to the tentative decision of the judge in the Gardena/Duarte Water Board litigation.

CHAIR'S REPORT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

D. Dolphin invited committee members to attend the 626 Golden Streets event on May 19.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 11:58 PM.

DATE: June 11, 2019

TO: Water Committee/Water TAC

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **OURCOUNTY SUSTAINABILITY PLAN**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

For information only.

ABOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY CHIEF SUSTAINABILITY OFFICE

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors established the Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office (CSO) to provide comprehensive and coordinated policy support for elected officials, city staff, and the region to make communities more livable, equitable, resilient, and sustainable. More information regarding the Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office can be found at https://www.lacounty.gov/sustainability/.

BACKGROUND

Over the past two years, the Los Angeles County CSO has been working to develop a vision for making communities healthier and more sustainable. This vision became a countywide sustainability plan known as "OurCounty." Since 2017, the CSO has conducted more than 150 stakeholder workshops. As a result, 12 goals, 37 strategies, and 148 actions were developed to form a discussion draft of the plan. OurCounty aims to present a comprehensive pathway to sustainability through addressing a wide range of subjects, including climate change, water, energy, resources management, land use, transportation, open space, public health, and more. The plan is scheduled to be presented to the Board of Supervisors for formal adoption within the next two months.

Rita Kampalath from the Los Angeles County CSO office will provide a brief presentation regarding the plan at this meeting. The draft of the plan can also be found at: https://ourcountyla.org/.

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Alexander P. Fung Management Analyst

Approved by:

Marisa Creter

Executive Director



DATE: June 11, 2019

TO: Water Policy Committee/ Water TAC

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: SAFE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM – DRAFT IMPLEMENTATION

ORDINANCE AND RELATED DOCUMENTS

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Discuss and provide direction to staff

BACKGROUND

On May 29, a public review period for documents related to the implementation ordinance for the Safe Clean Water Program were released. The implementation ordinance will establish guidelines for the Credit Program and low-income senior tax exemptions and will formalize many of the details described in the Safe Clean Water Program Elements. Comments on the implementation ordinance and related documents are due by 11:59 pm on Friday, June 14, 2019. Documents available for public review can be found at the following link: https://safecleanwaterla.org/public-review-period-docs/

Additionally, several Public Review Open Houses have been scheduled. The Open Houses will allow for discussion and questions on the Safe Clean Water Program. These Open Houses will be facilitated by Flood Control District staff. The dates, times and locations of these Open Houses are listed below:

- · June 10, 2019, 2:00 4:00pm, South Gate Municipal Auditorium
- June 10, 2019, 5:00 7:00pm, South Gate Municipal Auditorium
- June 11, 2019, 2:00 4:00pm, Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, Azusa

· June 12, 2019, 2:00 - 4:00pm, Marina Del Rey Burton Chace Park

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Approved by:

Marisa Creter Executive Director

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A – Safe Clean Water Program Implementation Update



Attachment A



PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE

Public Review Period through June 14: A public review period for documents related to the Implementation Ordinance for the Safe Clean Water Program* is currently underway. The Implementation Ordinance will establish guidelines for the Credit Program and low-income senior tax exemptions, and will formalize many of the details described in the Program Elements. Comments on the Implementation Ordinance and related documents are due by 11:59 pm on Friday, June 14, 2019. Documents available for public review can be found here.

Public Review Open Houses: A Public Review Open House, where you can learn more about the Safe Clean Water Program and discuss any questions with Flood Control District staff, is scheduled for Monday, June 10, 2019. RSVP for the the event here.

Due to a high level of interest in the June 10 Public Review Open House, we are scheduling additional public review meetings. Additional dates, times, and locations along with links to RSVP are below:

- June 10, 2019, 5:00 7:00pm, South Gate Details and RSVP here
- June 11, 2019, 2:00 4:00pm, Azusa Details and RSVP here
- June 12, 2019, 2:00 4:00pm, Marina Del Rey Details and RSVP here

Monthly Implementation Update: Below you will find a full monthly update on the status of Safe Clean Water Program implementation. For more information please visit www.SafeCleanWaterLA.org. Don't hesitate to contact us at SafeCleanWaterLA@pw.lacounty. govif you have any comments or questions about the information provided.

Timeline (anticipated):



*Funded by Regional Program

SCW Implementation Timeline

Status Update: Safe Clean Water Program Elements

Implementation Ordinance

An Implementation Ordinance that clarifies and sets in law certain elements of the Safe Clean Water Program is under development. We invite you to be a part of this important process. Here is the projected timeline:

- A Draft Implementation Ordinance is currently available for public review. All comments are due by 11:59 pm on June 14, 2019.
- The final Implementation Ordinance is tentatively scheduled to be adopted by the County Board of Supervisors on July 30, 2019.

Regional Program

50% of the Safe Clean Water Program revenues will be dedicated to implementation at the watershed level, guided by nine Watershed Area Steering Committees. A Regional Oversight Committee will help ensure that Regional Program goals are being achieved. These committees are currently being formed, and several other regional programs are under development

- Watershed Area Steering Committees (WASCs)
 - Board of Supervisor's action to formally appoint members is expected in midsummer 2019.
 - Draft WASC Operating Guidelines are currently available for public review. All comments are due by 11:59 pm on June 14, 2019.
 - The Committees are expected to begin meeting mid-summer 2019.
- Regional Oversight Committee (ROC)
 - Board action to formally appoint members is expected in mid-summer 2019.
- Infrastructure Program no less than 85% of Regional Program funds must be used for infrastructure projects.

^{*} The Safe, Clean Water Program will provide local, dedicated funding to increase our local water supply, improve water quality, and protect public health. The Program will generate approximately \$300 million per year from a special parcel tax of 2.5 cents per square foot of impermeable surface area on private property within the L.A. County Flood Control District. Publicly owned parcels, including schools, are exempt under state law. Credits for property owners who have installed stormwater-capture improvements will be available. Qualifying low-income seniors and non-profit organizations are also eligible for exemption.

- A Draft Project Scoring Module (click to open web application; requires Google Chrome) for the Regional Program is currently available for public review. All comments are due by 11:59 pm on June 14, 2019.
- Various other applications and guidance documents are under development.
- Draft Fund Transfer Agreements are under development by Flood Control
 District staff and are expected to be available for public review and comment
 by the fall.
- - Watershed Coordinators
 - A Draft Watershed Coordinator Scope of Work is currently available for public review. All comments are due by 11:59 pm on June 14, 2019.
 - Development of a Request for Statement of Qualifications (RFSQ) is in process by Flood Control District staff and is schedule to be released in the summer.
 - The first evaluation of Watershed Coordinator applicant proposals will be conducted by the LA County Flood Control District to determine whether applicants meet minimum qualifications.
 - The second evaluation of proposals and recommendations for hiring will be conducted by a WASC panel.
 - Technical Assistance Teams
 - Will be provided by the District and are currently being assembled.
 - Among other responsibilities, Technical Assistance Teams will support the development of Feasibility Studies. Draft Feasibility Study Requirements and Scoring Criteria are currently available for public review. All comments are due by 11:59 pm on June 14, 2019.

Municipal Program

40% of funds will be allocated directly to municipalities.

- Draft Fund Transfer Agreements under development by Flood Control District staff and are expected to be available for public review and comment by the fall.
- Flood Control District staff are developing guidance documents to help municipalities understand program parameters and opportunities for technical assistance.

District Program

The County Flood Control District will receive 10% of Safe, Clean Water funds to develop education programs, develop projects, and administer the overall program.

 The approach for the Stormwater Education Programs is under development. Any related Requests for Qualifications (RFQs) are expected to be released late this year.

Other Program Elements Under Development

Credit Program

- The Credit Program to provide Safe Clean Water Program tax credits to qualifying parcel owners is currently under development by Flood Control District staff.
- Parcel owners will be able to submit applications for tax credits and recertification. Draft Credit Program Implementation Procedures and Guidelinesas well as a draft online tax credit application are currently

available for public review. All comments are due by 11:59 pm on June 14, 2019.

Credit Trading Program

- The Credit Trading Program identified in the Board letter package is currently under development
- If you would like to provide preliminary input on this process, please contact the Safe Clean Water Team at SafeCleanWaterLA@pw.lacounty.gov.

Tax Calculation and Collection Provisions

- Tax roll preparation for the FY 2019-2020 tax roll is nearing completion.
 Refined revenue projections for each municipality, watershed area, and the District are expected to be available in July.
- The Safe, Clean Water Program tax will be seen on property tax bills sent out in fall 2019.
- A web-based tool to help facilitate tax appeals and errors is under development. A Draft Tax Appeals Process Tutorial is currently available for public review. Users will be able to enter their address and visually estimate their own tax amounts using the tool's built-in and user-friendly mapping utility. All comments are due by 11:59 pm on June 14, 2019.
- Tax exemption for low-income senior-owned parcels will be made available for applications. Applicants who apply this first year will still need to pay for their SCW tax and will receive a refund before the end of the 2019-20 fiscal year. Draft Low-Income Senior Exemption Procedures and Guidelines as well as a Draft Application Form are now available for public review. All comments are due by 11:59 pm on June 14, 2019.

DATE: June 11, 2019

TO: Water Policy Committee/ Water TAC

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

RECOMMENDED ACTION

For information only.

BACKGROUND

Below are updates on legislation the Water Committee and Water TAC have taken positions on or are currently tracking:

AB 1093 (Rubio) - Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems: Financial Capability Analysis

- Summary: This bill would require the State Water Resources Control Board, by July 1, 2020, to establish financial capability assessment guidelines for municipal separate storm sewer system permittees that are adequate and consistent when considering the costs to local jurisdictions.
- **Status**: On May 24, AB 1093 was passed on the Assembly floor and ordered to the Senate by a 77-0 vote.
- **SGVCOG Position**: Support (Sponsor).
- Support: Association of California Water Agencies, Los Angeles County Division, League of California Cities, Upper San Gabriel Municipal Water District
- **Opposition**: None recorded.

AB 755 (Holden) - California Tire Fee: Stormwater Permit Compliance Fund

- **Summary**: This bill would increase the California tire fee by \$1.50. The bill would deposit the additional moneys in the Stormwater Permit Compliance Fund, which would be established by the bill, and would make the moneys available to the State Water Resources Control Board Division of Financial Assistance. The bill would continuously appropriate moneys in the fund for competitive grants for projects and programs for municipal storm sewer system permit compliance requirements that would prevent or remediate zinc pollutants caused by tires in the state and for an annual audit of the fund.
- **Status**: On May 29, AB 755 was ordered to the inactive file at the request of the bill's author.
- **SGVCOG Position**: Support (Sponsor).
- **Support**: LA County Division of the League of California Cities, Upper San Gabriel Municipal Water District, Sierra Club, Heal the Bay.
- Opposition: Auto Care Assoc., Automotive Service Councils of California, California Autobody Association, California Automotive Business Coalition, California Chamber of Commerce, California Tire Dealers Association, CAWA, Independent Automotive Professionals, Specialty Equipment Market Association, U.S. Tire Manufacturers Association.



AB 1204 (Rubio) - Primary Drinking Water Standards: Implementation Date

- **Summary**: This bill would require the adoption or amendment of a primary drinking water standard for a contaminant in drinking water not regulated by a federal primary drinking water standard or that is more stringent than a federal primary drinking water standard to take effect 3 years after the date on which the state board adopts or amends the primary drinking water standard. The bill would authorize the state board to delay the effective date of the primary drinking water standard adoption or amendment by no more than 2 additional years as necessary for capital improvements to comply with a maximum contaminant level or treatment technique.
- Status: AB 1204 has been deemed a two-year bill and may be acted upon in January 2020.
- **SGVCOG Position**: Support
- Support: Association of California Water Agencies (Sponsor)
- **Opposition**: Unknown

SB 205 (Hertzberg) - Business Licenses: Stormwater Discharge Compliance.

- **Summary**: This bill would require, when applying to a city or a county for an initial business license or business license renewal, a person who conducts a business operation that is a regulated industry to demonstrate enrollment with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit program by providing specified information, under penalty of perjury, on the application, including, among other things, the Standard Industrial Classification Code for the business. The bill would apply to all applications for initial business licenses and business license renewals submitted on and after January 1, 2020. The bill would permit a city or county to develop a provisional license procedure for business license renewals that provides businesses 3 months to comply with these provisions. By requiring that the information be submitted under penalty of perjury, this bill would expand the crime of perjury and impose a state-mandated local program.
- **Status**: On May 22, SB 205 was passed on the Senate floor by a 38-0 vote. On May 30, SB 205 was referred to the Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee and the Assembly Local Government Committee.
- **SGVCOG Position**: Oppose unless amended.
- Support: American Rivers, California Coastal Protection Network, California Coastkeeper Alliance, California Metals Coalition. Center for Biological Diversity, Coachella Valley Waterkeeper, Foothill Conservancy, Heal the Bay, Humboldt Baykeeper, Inland Empire Waterkeeper, Los Angeles Waterkeeper, Monterey Coastkeeper, Natural Resources Defense Council, Orange County Coastkeeper, Planning and Conservation League, Russian Riverkeeper, San Diego Coastkeeper, Santa Barbara Channelkeeper, Save the Bay, Surfrider Foundation
- **Opposition**: California Construction and Industrial Materials Association

SB 414 (Caballero) - Small System Water Authority Act of 2019

• Summary: This bill would enact the Small System Water Authority Act of 2019 and require the State Water Resources Control Board to order the consolidation of certain small water systems that are not in compliance with specified clean drinking water standards through the formation of a small system water authority. This bill would merge these non-compliant water systems into a larger and more robust public water system that can take advantage of improved economies of scale, streamlined managerial functions, and enhanced financial capacity.



- **Status**: On May 23, SB 414 passed the Senate by a 37-0 vote and was ordered to the Assembly. However, as of May 24, SB 414 was held at Desk.
- · SGVCOG Position: Support
- Support: California Municipal Utilities Association (Co-Sponsor), Eastern Municipal Water District (Co-Sponsor), Economic Development Coalition, California Association of Mutual Water Companies, Calleguas Municipal Water District, Cucamonga Valley Water District, El Toro Water District, Emerald Bay Service District, Independent Special Districts of Orange County, Irvine Ranch Water District, Laguna Beach County Water District, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District, Municipal Water District of Orange County, Murrieta/Wildomar Chamber of Commerce, Rincon del Diablo Municipal Water District, Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, South Coast Water District, Southwest California Legislative Council, The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Three Valleys Municipal Water District, Valley Center Municipal Water District, Western Municipal Water District, Yorba Linda Water District.
- **Opposition**: Clean Water Action (Oppose Unless Amended), Community Water Center (Oppose Unless Amended), Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability (Oppose Unless Amended), Rural Communities Assistance Corporation (Oppose Unless Amended), Self-Help Enterprises (Oppose Unless Amended).

SB 669 (Caballero) - Water Quality: Safe Drinking Water Fund

- **Summary**: This bill would create the Safe Drinking Water Fund. The Fund would be established in the State Treasury and would provide that moneys in the Fund are continuously appropriated to the State Water Resources Control Board. This bill would require the State Board to administer the Fund to assist community water systems in disadvantaged communities that are chronically noncompliant relative to the federal and state drinking water standards and do not have the financial capacity to pay for operation and maintenance costs to comply with those standards.
- Status: On May 16, SB 669 was held in the Senate Appropriations committee under submission.
- · SGVCOG Position: Support
- Support: Association of California Water Agencies (Sponsor), California Municipal Utilities Association (Sponsor), Amador Water Agency, BizFed, Calaveras County Water District, City of Riverside, Desert Water Agency, Eastern Municipal Water District, El Dorado Irrigation District, Goleta Water District, Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, Humboldt Community Services District, Indian Wells Valley Water District, Irvine Ranch Water District, Los Angeles County Business Federation, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Northern California Water Association, Orange County Water District, Professional Engineers in California Government, Regional Water Authority, Rincon del Diablo Municipal Water District, Rowland Water District, San Diego County Water Authority, San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District, San Gabriel Valley Water Association, San Juan Water District, Southern California Water Coalition, Three Valleys Municipal Water District, Tuolumne Utilities District, Twain Harte Community Services District, Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District, Vista Irrigation District, Walnut Valley Water District, Western Canal Water District, Yorba Linda Water District
- **Opposition**: No known opposition.

HR 1497: Water Quality Protection and Job Creation Act



- Summary: This bill authorizes approximately \$23.5 billion in direct infrastructure investment over the next five years to address wastewater infrastructure and local water quality challenges.
- **Status**: On March 6, HR 1497 was referred to the House Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment. As of May 22, HR 1497 has 39 cosponsors.
- · SGVCOG Position: Support
- Support: American Public Works Association, American Road & Transportation Builders Association, American Society of Civil Engineers, American Sustainable Business Council, Bipartisan Policy Center, California Association of Sanitation Agencies, Earthjustice, Environmental Law & Policy Center, League of Conservation Voters, National Association of Clean Water Agencies, National Association of Counties, National League of Cities, National Water Resources Association, Natural Resources Defense Council, Sanitation District of Los Angeles County, Sierra Club, U.S. Conference of Mayors
- **Opposition**: No known opposition.

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