

Government and Public Affairs Committee Notes

February 17, 2022

Attendees:

Committee members:	Luis Cetina (Chair) and Kevin Kenley
Staff members:	Luis Cetina, Kevin Kenley, John Bosler, Eduardo Espinoza, Rob Hills, Eric Grubb, Erin Morales, Joanna Gonzalez, Elizabeth Becker, and Evette Ounanian
Members of the Public:	Beth Olhasso and Michael Boccadoro of West Coast Advisors

Call to Order: 5:00 p.m.

Public Comment: None

Additions/Deletions to Agenda: None

Introductory Remarks by Chair Cetina

Chair Cetina announced for the record that this meeting was conducted by teleconference pursuant to Resolution No. 2022-2-1 in response to the COVID-19 State of Emergency. Further, the agenda stated that there was no public location for attending this meeting in person. The agenda stated that the public may listen and provide comment telephonically by calling the number listed on the agenda. Chair Cetina took a roll call of Committee members and staff present on the call as listed above.

I. Legislative Conference Call

- Beth Olhasso of West Coast Advisors provided an update on the statewide water supply and legislative issues. California's snowpack is at an average of 50%. Lake Orville is at 47% capacity.
- The More Water Now initiative has ended its bid for the 2022 ballot. There were not enough funds available to continue to collect signatures. The initiative may be brought back up in 2024.
- There is no longer a limit to the number of bills that a member can carry so there have been approximately 1,500-2,000 bills introduced this session.
- Some of the key water bills that West Coast is monitoring include:
 - AB 2247 Bloom: Sponsored by CASA. Would regulate sources of PFAS.
 - SB 1219 Hurtado: State Water Resiliency and Moderation Act. This bill focuses on reimagining water management in the 21st century, including the possible elimination of the State Water Resources Control Board.
 - SB 1144 Wiener: Would require replacing the plumbing in schools and public buildings that are inefficient. It doesn't identify who will be financially responsible.
 - AB 2142 Gabriel: Would provide income taxes exemptions for turf replacement programs.

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- AB 1724 Stone: Would require, on or before January 1, 2024, all washing machines sold as new in California contain a microfiber filtration system.
- SB 1157 Hertzberg: Would require that from January 1, 2025, to January 1, 2030, the standard for indoor residential water use by 47 gallons per capita daily, and beginning January 1, 2030, the standard be 42 gallons per capita daily.
- SCR 5 Senator Melendez: Would end to the coronavirus state of emergency declared by Governor Newsom. The hearing is scheduled for March 15.
- AB 2016 Bauer-Kahan: Would require State Water Resources Control Board to undertake a comprehensive study of the impact of the desalination plants within the State of California.
- Ms. Olhasso and Mr. Boccadoro exited the call at 5:27 p.m.

2. Education and Outreach Update (Verbal)

- Staff provided the committee with an update on education and outreach programs.
- Social Media following and engagement has increased across all platforms; Facebook has increased by 11 followers, Instagram has increased by 10 followers, Twitter has increased by 90 followers, and Nextdoor has increased by 1,263 followers.
- To broaden our social media presence staff has begun utilizing LinkedIn for certain industry related items.
- Staff will conduct approximately 20 ELC field trips from January-March reaching rough almost 400 students in this time frame.
- Our current partnerships for the ELC include City of Rancho Cucamonga, Inland Empire Resource Conservation District, and OPARC.
- Our Earth Day & Open House week scheduled for April 18-23 will consist of several programs and events. These events will be featured on social media platforms, as well as provide an opportunity for customers to participate and receive giveaways.
- The Fifth Grade Poster Contest artwork deadline is February 25. Poster judging will take place on March 16 by Los Osos High School Students, there will also be an opportunity for Board Member's to participate in judging. The Contest Award Ceremony will take place at the District on May 11, 2022.
- The History Podcast has a total of 1,097 downloads for Episodes 1-9 from Apple, Google, Spotify, and the CVWD website.
- Our Rebate Ready: Turf Replacement & Landscape Design Workshop had 20 online attendees.
- Upcoming Events include LWMTP Tour May 2022, Landscape Workshops & Legislative Tours are ongoing.

Meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.