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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING
AGENDA

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2022 - 6:00 PM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that West Valley Water District has called a meeting of the External Affairs Committee to meet in the Administrative Conference Room, 855 W. Base Line Road, Rialto, CA 92376.

On March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom declared a State of Emergency resulting from the threat of COVID-19. On September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed Assembly Bill No. 361 into law. Assembly Bill No. 361 amends Government Code section 54953(e) by adding provisions for remote teleconferencing participation in meetings by members of a legislative body, without the requirements of Government Code section 54953(b)(3), subject to the existence of certain conditions. The West Valley Water District adopted a resolution determining, by majority vote, that, as a result of the declared State of Emergency, the District is adopting the State protocol which allows meetings in person and/or via teleconference. Accordingly, it has been determined that all Board and Workshop meetings of the West Valley Water District will be held pursuant to Assembly Bill No. 361, the Brown Act and will be conducted via teleconference and in person. Members of the public may listen and provide public comment via telephone by calling the following number and access code: Dial: (888) 475-4499, Access Code: 840-293-7790 or you may join the meeting using Zoom by clicking this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8402937790>. Public comment may also be submitted via email to administration@wvwd.org. If you require additional assistance, please contact administration@wvwd.org.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Director, Angela Garcia, (Chair)
Director, Channing Hawkins

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The public may address the Board on matters within its jurisdiction. Speakers are requested to keep their comments to no more than three (3) minutes. However, the Board of Directors is prohibited by State Law to take action on items not included on the printed agenda.

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. General Updates to the External Affairs Committee
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Upcoming Community Events

- Saturday, December 3, 2022 - West Valley Water District's Winter Wonderland, Victoria Gardens Cultural Center, 12505 Cultural Center Drive, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91739 at 6:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.
- Saturday, December 3, 2022 - Rialto Holiday Festival and Parade Rialto Civic Center, 150 S. Palm Avenue. Tree Lighting, Posada, Entertainment, Vendor Lane, Activities & More at 5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
- Saturday, December 3, 2022 - Colton Chamber of Commerce's Annual Christmas Parade 10:00 a.m. O Street and La Cadena Drive, Christmas Parade
- Saturday, December 17, 2022 - Christmas Drive - Smile America, Abdi Foundation at Warner Elementary School, 10510 E. Rialto Ave, Rialto, CA 92376, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
- Saturday, April 22, 2023 - Earth Day 2023 - Information to come

IV. ADJOURN

DECLARATION OF POSTING:

I declare under penalty of perjury, that I am employed by the West Valley Water District and posted the External Affairs Committee Agenda at the District Offices on November 23, 2022.



Nancy Albitre, Acting Board Secretary



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
STAFF REPORT**

DATE: November 28, 2022
TO: External Affairs Committee
FROM: Van Jew, Acting General Manager
SUBJECT: WEBSITE REDESIGN UPDATE

BACKGROUND:

In an effort to improve the customer experience with our public-facing website, Public Affairs staff completed an evaluation of the current website and, upon completion, developed a scope of work and went through a request for proposals process to retain a web development consultant/firm to assist in the update of the website. The work was awarded to 360 Civic, who has been working with staff to develop a new website for the district through ongoing coordination with District staff and anticipates a launch date of early 2023. The new website is professional, easy to access and modern and will ultimately help improve customer perceptions, and increase awareness of the district's projects, programs and services through an improved interface and design.

DISCUSSION:

360 Civic will present at tonight's Committee meeting and will present a draft of proposed new website and update the committee on any additional costs to the update of the website.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This project was funded in the Fiscal Year 2021-22 capital budget in the amount of \$80,000 and has carryovered in the current fiscal year.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Review the presentation of the draft website and provide any advice or feedback to staff.

Respectfully Submitted,

Van Jew

Van Jew, Acting General Manager

Vj/sp

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November 7, 2022

Van Jew
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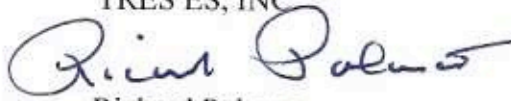
Re: Legislative Services

Dear Mr. Jew:

On May 6, 2021, the Board of Directors approved Tres Es, Inc. as the Water District's state lobbyist. This decision was made after the Public Affairs Department, in cooperation with the Purchasing Department, released a Request for Proposal for State Lobbying Services in March 2021. The water district utilized Planet Bids. The External Affairs Committee reviewed proposals and recommended the Board of Directors interview selected firms. On April 29, 2021, the Board of Directors interviewed two firms and selected Tres Es, Inc. as the Water District's state lobbyist.

I hereby request that an amendment to Tres Es's contract be brought to the executive committee (in the interest of time) and then the Board. I am requesting that the monthly retainer amount be increased to \$12,500.00 per month. I request this increased amount due to the increased scope of work. I have held numerous meetings with staff, directors, state agencies and legislators regarding legislation, IE Waterworks and, most importantly, funding for the modernization and expansion of the RWFF. I anticipate that the foregoing work will continue to increase as a new legislative session gets underway. Additionally, it is my understanding that this increase was approved as part of the budget for the FY 2022-2023.

Thank you,
TRES ES, INC



Richard Polanco
Senator (Ret.)

RP/js



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
STAFF REPORT**

DATE: November 28, 2022
TO: External Affairs Committee
FROM: Van Jew, Acting General Manager
SUBJECT: OCTOBER - NOVEMBER SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE

BACKGROUND:

The social media report provides updates on West Valley Water District's (WVWD) social media profile activity on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and Twitter. Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) including the reach, impressions and engagement of posts are condensed into one report to untangle audience insight, allowing staff to understand works for successful customer engagement.

DISCUSSION:

This month saw a drop in impressions, reach and engagement throughout our social media platforms. This was an expected outcome because of the disparity of posts between the previous reporting time (September – October) and the current reporting time (October – November). While the drop in numbers for our KPIs was expected, the public affairs department utilized trending hashtags and engagement with other agencies to boost numbers of posts.

The Social Media Report for October–November is attached as **Exhibit A**.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

This item is for information only.

Respectfully Submitted,

Van Jew

Van Jew, Acting General Manager

VJ/sp

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Exhibit A Social Media Report October – November.



SOCIAL MEDIA REPORT

October - November 2022

Facebook

Main KPI's



No. of Followers
1,056
+8
-



Reach
453
-65.2%



Engagement
383
-68%



No. of Posts
18 posts

Top Post



Post Impressions

130 Impressions

Post Engagement

11 interactions

Instagram

Main KPI's



No. of Followers
1,042
 +9



Reach
522
 -33%



Engagement
67
 -38%



No. of Posts
15 posts
4 stories
4 videos

Top Post



Post Impressions

302 impressions

Post Engagement

25 interactions

LinkedIn

Main KPI's



No. of Followers
198
+17



Reach/Impressions
1,384
-70%



Engagement
158



No. of Posts
5 posts

Top Post



Post Impressions

199 impressions

Post Engagement

26 interactions

Twitter

Main KPI's



No. of Followers
390



Reach/Impressions
1684
19.4



Engagement
78



No. of Posts
38 posts

Top Post



We had a great time this weekend participating in Ayala's Park Trunk n Treat event 🍬 in Bloomington! Our team enjoyed talking to the community, educating them on our mission, and most importantly sharing some treats. 🍩 🍪

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Post impressions

87 impressions

Post Engagement

4 interactions

Insights

As expected, we saw a significant decrease in our analytics for impressions, reach and engagement when compared to last month.

This was due to the decrease in posting this month. While we scaled back to our normal posting rate, we did see in excess of negative 70 percent some analytics.

While this was expected, the public affairs department will continue to strive to increase our reach with post across our channels through sharing posts of quality to engage our following.

Despite the decrease in numbers, we continue to see an increase in follower account, with the biggest jump on Linked in with 17 new followers.





**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
STAFF REPORT**

DATE: November 28, 2022
TO: External Affairs Committee
FROM: Van Jew, Acting General Manager
SUBJECT: NOVEMBER LEGISLATIVE REPORT

BACKGROUND:

The Legislative Report provides an updated on the 2021-2022 legislative sessions, items related to water and drought conditions. As legislation develops, staff will provide updates and recommendations to the External Affairs Committee.

DISCUSSION:

A copy of the relevant water and state legislative news monitored by staff is provided as **Exhibit A**. The new state legislative body is to be sworn in on December 5, 2022 with the Legislature reconvening on January 3, 2023 for the 2023-2024 legitimate session. Additionally, the legislative report includes lobbyist reports from David Turch and Associates and Tres Es, Inc.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

This item is for information only.

Respectfully Submitted,

Van Jew

Van Jew, Acting General Manager

VJ/sp

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. November 2022 Legislative Report_

MONTHLY LEGISLATIVE REPORT

NOVEMBER 2022





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2022 LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

- November 8 - Election Day
- November 30 - Adjournment at midnight

DECEMBER

- December 5 - 12 p.m. convening of the 2023-24 Regular Session

DWR Releases California Water Plan 2023 Assumptions and Estimates Report

In preparation for the California Water Plan Update 2023(Update 2023), the Department of Water Resources (DWR) will release the Draft Assumptions and Estimates Report (A&E Report) on Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2022. The A&E Report describes data and data sources; improvements to analytical tools, methods, and approaches; and the supporting documents and companion State plans being used to prepare Update 2023.

The California Water Plan (Water Plan) is the State government's strategic plan for managing and developing water resources for sustainability and resilience. To meet the many challenges posed by climate change and extreme events, Update 2023 harnesses state-of-the-art science, a commitment to equity, and collaboration between multiple sectors such as water quality, flood, groundwater, and more. Data and tools, such as water data portfolios, water balances, and water budgets and accounting systems, are critical for establishing a shared understanding of each watershed's current conditions across multiple sectors.

The Water Plan recommends engagement with regional partners to inform actions and policies, and it prioritizes investments to guide future water management planning. The Draft A&E Report and associated webpage contain information about the following categories:

- Basin hydrology
- Current and projected water use
- Groundwater supplies
- Evapotranspiration rates for major crops
- Current and projected water supplies provided by water recycling and reuse
- Current and projected adoption of urban and agricultural water conservation practices
- Environmental water needs
- Current and projected land use pattern
- Current and projected population

California Assembly elects new leader after showdown over speaker post

California Democrats voted in a new leader in the state Assembly on Thursday, selecting San Benito County Assemblyman Robert Rivas after a chaotic hours-long power struggle over one of the top political positions in the state. Rivas, 42, will replace Speaker Anthony Rendon (D-Lakewood) in June, marking an end to months of jockeying in the lower house of the state Legislature. Rendon, whose seven years as speaker marked the longest tenure since the 1990s, will term out of office in 2024. Rendon and Rivas clashed this year when Rivas said he had secured the votes to become speaker, which Rendon acknowledged, only for there to be no timeline for the transition.

Leadership changes in the Legislature are often negotiated in private before being made public in a statement by the outgoing and incoming leaders. A formal vote typically takes place when a new legislative session convenes, which this year will be Dec. 5. With a massive turnover among lawmakers in the Assembly, the general election Tuesday stood to erode or cement Rivas' support ahead of a caucus meeting Thursday and a formal vote Dec. 5.

Though Rivas' camp entered Thursday's leadership vote assured, the meeting became a chaotic scramble for power, with questions about parliamentary procedure and a new name for speaker briefly pushed forward: Assemblyman Evan Low (D-Campbell), numerous sources told The Times. Low previously angered Rendon by trying to make a run for speaker last year.

Rendon's laid-back personality and hands-off management style have caused some to criticize him as not being involved enough in shepherding legislation through the Assembly. He instead empowered his committee chairs. Rivas' ascent next year is likely to mean a shakeup among key Assembly positions, including those on committees that determine which bills are passed each year.

Rivas was elected to the Assembly in 2018 after serving eight years on the San Benito County Board of Supervisors. The Latino lawmaker was raised by his single mother and grandparents in Paicines, where his grandfather was a farmworker who joined United Farm Workers in fighting for fair pay.

Rivas' Assembly district encompasses Paicines, along with Big Sur, Gilroy, Salinas, Watsonville and other Central Coast communities.

Here's what we know about California 2022 election results

From the race for governor to who will represent the Sacramento region in the state Legislature, California voters were asked to make the call on a number of key offices in the 2022 midterm elections. Here's a look at what we know about results in some of the major races.

Results for most races may not be finalized for several days as mail-in ballots continue to arrive in county elections offices for processing.

Statewide offices

Governor

Gavin Newsom will get another term as governor of California after winning re-election, according to a race call from the Associated Press.

State Government

Gavin Newsom sails to reelection as California governor

Newsom led Republican challenger Brian Dahle, a state senator from rural Northern California, 59-41% Friday afternoon. The AP called the race just after polls closed on Election Day. After defeating a recall election in 2021, Newsom was in a comfortable position this cycle. He spent much of this fall's campaign season stumping for other Democratic candidates and causes, including a ballot proposition to add the right to an abortion to California's constitution.

U.S. Senate

Alex Padilla (D) has won his first full term to the U.S. Senate after being appointed to fill the seat vacated by Vice President Kamala Harris. He was being challenged by attorney Mark Meuser (R). Padilla is actually on the ballot twice, once to finish the remainder of Harris' term, and once for his first full term. The AP has called both races for Padilla.

Attorney General

Incumbent Rob Bonta (D) will stay as California Attorney General, according to a race call from the Associated Press. Bonta had around 59% of the vote Friday afternoon, with challenger Nathan Hochman (R) at 41% with around 87% of the expected vote in, according to the AP. Bonta was appointed to the position by Newsom in early 2021. He replaced Xavier Becerra, who was appointed to a cabinet position in the Biden administration. Hochman is a former federal prosecutor who has not previously held public office.

Controller

Democrat Malia Cohen has won the race for state controller, according to a race call from the Associated Press. Cohen had around 55% of the vote Friday with Republican Lanhee Chen at 45% with around 86% of the expected vote in.

DWR Now Accepting Applications for \$510 Million in Financial Assistance to Support Water Supply Reliability, Yard Transformation

As California prepares for extreme drought to extend into a fourth year, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) is gearing up to provide \$510 million in financial assistance to help communities, water agencies, and farmers prepare for a hotter and drier future.

DWR's funding efforts include:

\$300 Million in Financial Assistance for Water Infrastructure Improvements, Yard Transformation, and Improving Water Supply Reliability

DWR is offering \$300 million through the 2022 Urban Community Drought Relief Grant Program under a new "Go Golden" program that provides financial assistance and resources to help large organizations, water agencies and communities build resilience, replace thirsty lawns with California native landscaping and promote water conservation as the golden standard of life.

This financial assistance supports projects that build climate resiliency and emphasize water conservation efforts. This follows the award of \$268 million under DWR's 2021 Urban and Multibenefit Drought Relief program. Eligible projects include water infrastructure repairs, water conservation programs such as yard transformation, well rehabilitation, emergency water interties, and fish and wildlife protection. Approximately \$85 million of the available funding will be set aside to support underrepresented communities and Tribes. Funding is also available for public agencies, public utilities, special districts, non-profit organizations, mutual water companies, colleges, and Integrated Regional Water Management groups.

The 2022 Urban Community Drought Relief program is one of DWR's newest efforts to advance water conservation in the commercial, institutional, and industrial sector and in California's communities. DWR will begin accepting applications on **October 10** and interested parties can visit the 2022 Urban Community Drought Relief Funding webpage for more information about the program guidelines and additional resources. Communities with a failing drinking water supply should contact their county's Office of Emergency Services for immediate assistance and emergency response to urgent drinking water needs. These contacts can then facilitate requests for state funding.

\$200 Million in Financial Assistance for Communities That Rely on Groundwater

California's warming climate means that changes in precipitation, reduced snowpack, and the ongoing extreme drought are likely to increase the demand on groundwater sources, risking overdraft and decreased water quality. Understanding that many municipal, agricultural, and disadvantaged communities rely on groundwater for up to 100 percent of their water supply needs, DWR is offering \$200 million in funding through a second solicitation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Grant Program. The funding will help regional groundwater agencies

comply with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act and follows the release in May of \$150 million to groundwater agencies in California's 20 critically overdrafted basins.

The \$200 million solicitation will support planning efforts and projects in medium and high priority groundwater basins to help local agencies reach their groundwater sustainability goals. Eligible projects include groundwater recharge projects, projects that prevent or clean up contaminated groundwater supplies that serve as a source of drinking water, and other projects that support water supply reliability for people, farms, and the environment. The funding will also support revisions or updates to an existing groundwater sustainability plan (GSP) or Alternative to a GSP.

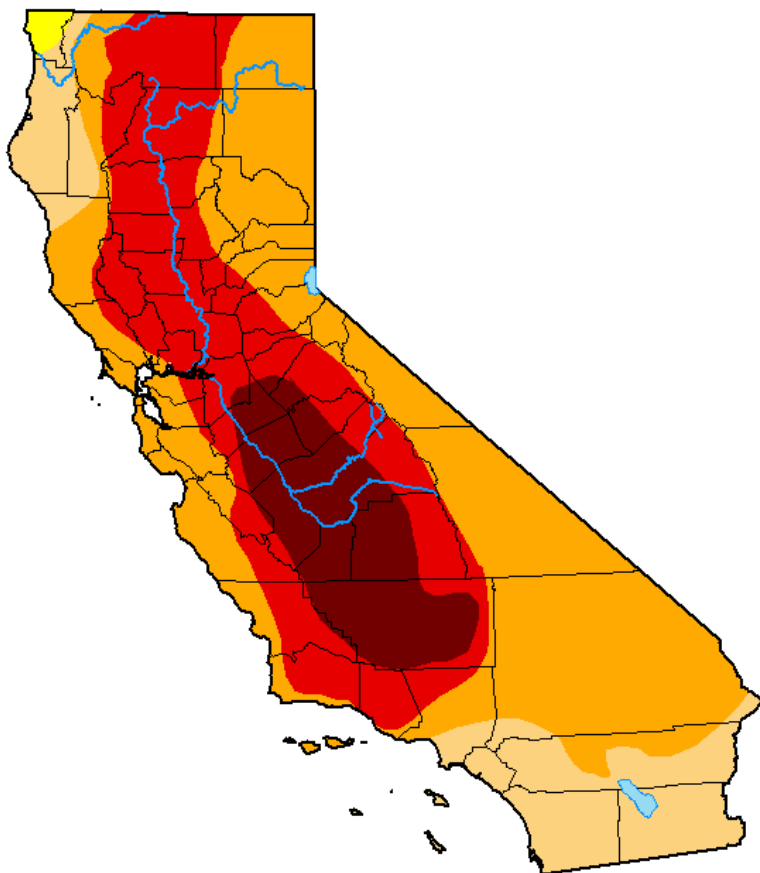
In addition to the \$510 million in grant funding announced today, DWR will also unveil a new program this fall to provide \$50 million to protect drinking water wells in vulnerable communities. The program will create a financial incentive for farmers to temporarily fallow agricultural lands to reduce pressure on shallow drinking water wells and groundwater basins. The program will promote the acceleration of the implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. In the coming weeks, DWR will engage farmers, groundwater agencies, and other agricultural interests to roll out this program.

As California enters a possible fourth dry year, it is critical that we all do our part to use water wisely. Water conservation should continue into the fall even during possible rain events. More information and water-saving tips are available at saveourwater.com. For information about other DWR and State of California drought response efforts and funding programs, visit: drought.ca.gov.

STATE DROUGHT CONDITIONS

U.S. Drought Monitor California

November 15, 2022
(Released Thursday, Nov. 17, 2022)
Valid 7 a.m. EST



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	0.00	100.00	99.48	84.97	40.92	12.73
Last Week <i>11-08-2022</i>	0.00	100.00	99.51	88.09	41.39	16.57
3 Months Ago <i>08-16-2022</i>	0.00	100.00	99.76	97.53	43.16	16.57
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-04-2022</i>	0.00	100.00	99.30	67.62	16.60	0.84
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2022</i>	0.00	100.00	99.76	94.01	40.91	16.57
One Year Ago <i>11-16-2021</i>	0.00	100.00	100.00	92.43	80.28	37.62

Intensity:

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

Author:

Brad Rippey
U.S. Department of Agriculture



droughtmonitor.unl.edu

David Turch and Associates

TO: Van Jew, Acting General Manager
Socorro Pantaleon, Acting Manager Government and Legislative Affairs
West Valley Water District

FROM: Jamie Jones
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DATE: November 7, 2022

RE: Federal Advocacy Report for October 2022

- Met with District staff at WVWD headquarters. Started discussion with District staff in developing list of projects to submit to Representative Norma Torres and Senators Dianne Feinstein and Alex Padilla for the FY2024 Appropriations cycle. Recommend targeting discrete Appropriations bills and accounts. While FY24 congressional project deadlines have yet to be set, advise WVWD to be prepared to submit projects to congressional delegation by the end of January/mid-February 2023. Ideally, District project list should be set by the end of the year so that we may have time to vet them with congressional staff. Recommend the District submit three or four projects that fall under different appropriations bills and accounts. . Will follow up with District staff to further discuss.
- Shared the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Cybersecurity, Energy Security, and Emergency Response request for public input to inform DOE's implementation of the Rural and Municipal Utility Advanced Cybersecurity Grant and Technical Assistance (RMUC) Program, Section 40124 of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), also commonly known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). The goal of the RMUC Program is to enhance the security posture of rural, municipal, and small investor-owned electric utilities through investments in operational capabilities, services, technology deployments, and increased participation in threat intelligence information sharing programs. The intent of this RFI is to obtain public input to inform the scope and priorities of the RMUC Program, and to enable DOE to design opportunities that improve an eligible utility's cybersecurity posture. Information collected from this RFI may be used by DOE for planning purposes, which could include developing future Funding Opportunity Announcements (FOA), Broad Agency Announcements, or other solicitations related to implementation of the RMUC Program. This is solely a request for information and not a funding opportunity. DOE is not accepting applications for funding.
- Provided WVWD with the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) long-term evaluation of the cybersecurity considerations associated with distributed energy resources (DER), such as

distributed solar, storage, and other clean energy technologies, and the potential risks to the electric grid over the next ten years. The study finds that while a cyberattack on today's DER systems would have a negligible impact on grid reliability depending on grid conditions and regional DER installation and integration, the projected growth and evolution in DER deployment could pose cybersecurity challenges for future electric power grid operations if cybersecurity is not taken into consideration. The report presents strategies that DER operators and electric power entities could undertake to make the grid more secure, as well as policy recommendations for decisionmakers.

- Shared information on the Bureau of Land Management's Joint Fire Science Program (JFSP), a partnership of seven federal wildland fire management and research agencies that have a shared need to address problems associated with managing wildland fuels, fires, and fire-impacted ecosystems. The partnering agencies include the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Forest Service (FS) and five bureaus in the U S Department of the Interior (DOI): Bureau of Indian Affairs Bureau of Land Management National Park Service Fish and Wildlife Service, and Geological Survey. The DOI also is represented by the Office of Wildland Fire. Funding to support the program is provided by both DOI and FS. For further background on the JFSP, those considering submitting proposals are encouraged to visit its website at <https://www.firescience.gov>. All proposals must be submitted by December 20, 2022, 5:00 p.m. MT, using the electronic submission process provided on the JFSP website (<https://www.firescience.gov>). Proposals cannot be submitted through Grants.gov. No exceptions are allowed to this closing date and time. All proposals must meet all requirements in this NOFO (see especially Section V below). Proposals that do not meet all requirements in this section will not be considered for funding. Direct questions to:

Administrative questions:

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Task statement questions:

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<https://www.firescience.gov/>

If you have difficulty accessing the full announcement electronically, please contact:

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- Shared the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of Research and Development (ORD) request for applications proposing research on municipal solid waste landfill air emissions. Specifically, this request for applications (RFA) is soliciting research that addresses the following research priorities:

- How can cost effective stationary, mobile, aerial, and remote sensing technologies be combined to more easily and accurately quantify landfill methane emissions, hazardous air pollutants (HAPs), and other air pollutant emissions from municipal solid waste (MSW) landfills?
 - How can cost effective stationary, mobile, aerial, and remote sensing measurements be used to increase ease of use and evaluate mitigation strategies and technologies to identify best landfill management practices?
 - The Science to Achieve Results (STAR) Program’s goal is to stimulate and support scientific and engineering research that advances EPA’s mission to protect human health and the environment. It is a competitive, peer-reviewed, extramural research program that provides access to the nation’s best scientists and engineers in academic and other nonprofit research institutions.
- Shared the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) solicitation for nominations to serve on its Local Government Advisory Committee (LGAC), which advises EPA on critical environmental issues impacting local governments. The agency is also accepting nominations for LGAC’s Small Communities Advisory Subcommittee (SCAS). Members of the LGAC and SCAS will provide advice and recommendations on a broad range of issues, including but not limited to: advancing environmental justice, developing capacity for technical assistance at the local level, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, bolstering resilience to the impacts of climate change, enhancing the infrastructure needed to provide drinking water and wastewater services, and supporting local governments in the assessment and remediation of PFAS chemicals. Candidates must be current elected officials representing local, state, tribal, or territorial governments; officials working full-time for a government who have been appointed directly by an elected official will also be considered. EPA expressly values diversity, equity, and inclusion, and encourages the nominations of individuals from diverse backgrounds, so that the LGAC and SCAS look like America and reflect the country’s rich diversity. Members will be appointed for one or two-year terms. To be considered for 2023 appointments, nominations should be submitted by October 31, 2022. [Learn more about the nomination process here](#)
 - Shared National Crime Victims’ Rights Week notice of funding opportunity. Since 1981, National Crime Victims’ Rights Week (NCVRW) has been a time to honor crime victims and survivors, recognize the work of the crime victims field, and raise public awareness about victims’ rights and services. To support your NCVRW efforts, consider applying for [2023 NCVRW Community Awareness Projects grants](#) which will reimburse up to \$5,000 in costs associated with conducting public awareness campaign activities during NCVRW, April 23–29, 2023. Interested organizations are encouraged to participate in a pre-application webinar on Friday, October 28, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. eastern time to learn more about the application requirements. Apply by Friday, November 18, 2022, at 11:59 p.m., eastern time.

- Ongoing contacts with congressional offices and federal agencies regarding WVWD's priorities and areas of interest.
- Kevin Bosch notifications to West Valley Water District regarding federal programs and funding grant opportunities for various departments/agencies including the Bureau of Reclamation, Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Agriculture; and the Department of Homeland Security/FEMA.
- Provided WVWD with weekly Washington Updates covering legislative, executive and judicial branch activities.

**Tres Es Inc
West Valley Water District
Legislative Report
October 2022**

November 7, 2022

Channing Hawkins
President, Board of Directors
WEST VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
855 West Base Line Road
Rialto, California 92376

Re: Legislative Report

Dear President Hawkins and Members of the Board:

The last day for bill to pass out of the legislature for the 2021 – 2022 session was on August 31, 2022. The deadline for Governor Newsom to sign or veto bills was September 30, 2022. The legislature will reconvene for the 2023-2024 legislative session on December 5, 2022. In our last report we provided an end of session update on legislation that we monitored. In this report, we focus on the status of the state’s water supply and news out of the Metropolitan Water District.

As the legislative session is fast approaching, now is the time to discuss the direction that the District would like to take its lobbying efforts for the next session. Additionally, work continues on obtaining funding for the expansion/renovation of the Oliver P. Roemer Water Filtration Facility.

Wholesale—Imported Water

Colorado River

Conditions continue to deteriorate in the Colorado River Basin. Lake Mead and Lake Powell, the rivers’ two largest reservoirs are only 25% full and risk “dead-pool” levels in 2023 a condition that would stop all water deliveries out of the system and create *dramatic energy impacts in the West*.

California’s Colorado River water users, including Metropolitan Water District of Southern California announced plans to cut 400,000 acre (9%) of their annual allocation 2023 with no financial terms how this would be accomplished.

The Department of the Interior’s 3-year proposal to pay \$330 per AFY for fallowing have drawn meager interest for California agencies. The US department of the Interior announced programs to compel conservation of Colorado River supplies including a plan to pay Colorado River water users up to \$400 per acre-foot of water not drawn from the river in 2023-2025.

President Biden in August reserves \$4B for drought mitigation programs along the river. The Department of Inferior announced new federal environmental review process for Colorado River operating procedures that is expected to further reduce deliveries to all Colorado River water users in 2023 and 2024.

State Water Project

The California state system is limited to just 5% of capacity—sending only 200,000 acre-feet to all its contractors. Southern California agencies that are dependent on SWP supplies are subject to water parts of the MWD service area receive most of their water from the State project and are most impacted by cutbacks in SWP supplies.

The State’s largest domestic wholesalers and retailers have been warned that the SWP are subject to water curtailments on outdoor water use and other drought measures. The northern sections of the MWD service area receive most of their water from the State project and are most impacted by cutbacks in SWP supplies. The State’s’ largest domestic wholesalers and retailers have been warned that the State Water Project will only deliver 5% again in 32023 and to get ready for that scenario.

Metropolitan Water District—New Chairman

The MWD Board Elected Adan Ortega as the new Chair. Adan Ortega brings a depth of knowledge, experience, and leadership and highly respected.

The effects of the drought are equally distributed across the MWD Service area. Agencies like San Diego County Water Authority, invested over the last two decades in local supply, are not as impacted by the water crisis. Water agencies in the Northwest Part experiencing the greatest reductions are to Calleguas and Las Virgenes (73%).

The Northeastern part of MWD service areas, Three Valleys and Inland Empire Utilities Agency are suffering for reasons related to the *water quality* between Colorado River and SWP by supplies. These areas have been forced by MWD to impose disproportional water restrictions on their residents. MWD has communicated to its member agencies that its supplies are “supplemental” only.

MWD’s Colorado River supplies are also threatened. LA Times reported MWD will recommend to the Board early next year that it implement mandatory rationing throughout the entire service area. Under such rationing programs, water agencies that do not comply with their allotment will be fined fess that would be passed on to rate payers. MWD expects the Colorado River will be in a *declared shortage* in 2023. Until recent, The Colorado River has never been declared a shortage, however this may change in 2023.

For 2023, the river will again be in a shortage condition and Lake Powell will release only 5-million-acre feet to lake Mead instead of the usual 7 million. this time the shortage will be applicable to California with MWD absorbing most of it. The lower river basin will follow the existing drought contingency plan, and as lake elevations fall the shortage will deepen and the impact will be greater in Southern California. MWD has not identified supplemental water supply projects planned that can materially reduce its risk of shortage.

Groundwater—Local Source

Water users have continued to rely on groundwater to offset reductions in traditional imported water supplies. The California department of water resources estimates more than 60% of California's groundwater wells R operating at below normal levels. They also estimate that over 1200 small domestic wells in California have run dry this summer.

After denying a permit for the Huntington Beach desalinization proposal in May, the California Coastal Commission granted a permit to the Doheny desalination project in South Orange County. Doheny will produce 5,000 acre—feet per year for local agencies—on—tenth of the capacity of Poseidon's Huntington Beach proposal. With state, federal and MWD grants are applied the cost of water is estimated to be \$1400 per AFY.