

## LEGISLATIVE AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE NOTES

March 21, 2018

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### Attendees:

Committee members: Oscar Gonzalez (Chair) and Kathy Tiegs

Staff members: John Bosler, Eric Grubb, Kristeen Farlow, Erin Morales, and Katie Heer

Members of the Public: None.

**Call to Order:** 5:05 p.m.

**Public Comment:** None

**Additions/Deletions to Agenda:** None

### 1. Legislative Conference Call

- Michael Boccadoro and Beth Olhasso from West Coast Advisors provided an update to the Committee on State legislation and policies. Water supply update: reservoirs are above historic averages except for Lake Oroville. The snowpack level is at 48% and they are expecting an additional two to four feet from this storm. The recent storms should result in an increase in State Water Project allocations from the current 20% allocation; and they should turn public concern away from drought concern.
- There have been 2,398 new bills introduced this session. The leadership transition from Senator Kevin De Leon to Senator Toni Atkins recently took place. April will be a busy month with legislators trying to meet policy deadlines. We are in the second year of a two-year session.
- Long-term conservation, a public goods charge on water, the CA WaterFix, the CA Water Commission's allocation of Proposition I funds, and proposed permanent conservation regulations from the State Water Board remain the key issues.

### 2. State Legislative Update (Verbal)

- Staff presented the Committee with details on the upcoming state legislative visit.
- The Committee commented on how they enjoy meeting with legislators from other parts of the state, in particular Northern California. Director Tiegs requested to meet with Assemblyman Frank Bigelow and at least two legislators we have not previously met.

### 3. Federal Legislative Board Briefing Update (Verbal)

- Staff provided the Committee with details on the upcoming Federal Legislative Workshop.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:00 p.m.