

LEGISLATIVE AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE NOTES

May 16, 2018

Attendees:

Committee members: Oscar Gonzalez (Chair) and Kathy Tieg

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

Members of the Public: None

Call to Order: 5:00 p.m.

Public Comment: None

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda: None

1. Legislative Conference Call (Verbal)

- Michael Boccadoro and Beth Olhasso from the West Coast Advisors provided an update to the Committee on state legislation and policy. The state budget deadline of June 15, 2018 is rapidly approaching.
- The June primary elections will have implications on vote counts and in particular, for the Governor's Budget Trailer Bill on the proposed water tax. It is expected that the vote on the water tax will take place between the primary election and the summer recess on July 4.
- SB 998 (Dodd), the Water Shutoff bill is still active and the author does not seem willing to make any more amendments; therefore, the water community will remain opposed to the bill as it stands.
- The two water use efficiency bills are expected to be sent to the Governor for his signature this week and will go into effect on January 1, 2019.
- The Gas Tax Repeal initiative and the Meral Water Bond both received enough signatures to appear on the November ballot.

2. Water Tax and WaterFix Updates (Verbal)

- Staff provided the Committee an update on the Water Tax and the California WaterFix including our outreach activity on both items. This will be presented to the full Board of Directors on May 22, 2018.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:00 p.m.