



**Southeast
Water Coalition**

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AGENDA
SOUTHEAST WATER COALITION
REGULAR MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE ENTITY
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2024, 12:00 p.m.

Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex
Hargitt Room
13000 Clarkdale Avenue
Norwalk, CA 90650

- 1. ROLL CALL**
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- 3. CONSENT CALENDAR**
 - a. SEWC ADMINISTRATIVE ENTITY MINUTES OF MAY 16, 2024 REGULAR MEETING**
Recommendation: Approve minutes as submitted.
- 4. FY 2023-24 AUDIT UPDATE**
Glen Kau, AE Chair, City of Norwalk
Recommendation: Request quotes from recommended auditors.
- 5. DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING WHITTIER NARROWS OPERABLE UNIT (WNOU)**
Glen Kau, AE Chair, City of Norwalk
Recommendation: Request presentation from the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) at the October Board Meeting.
- 6. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE ON BILLS RELEVANT TO SEWC**
Glen Kau, AE Chair, City of Norwalk
Recommendation: Receive and file.
- 7. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**
- 8. ADMINISTRATIVE ENTITY MEMBER COMMENTS**

On September 12, 2024, the foregoing agenda was posted in accordance with the applicable legal requirements. Regular and Adjourned Regular meeting agendas may be amended up to 72 hours and Special meeting agendas may be amended up to 24 hours in advance of the meeting.

Disability-related services are available to enable persons with a disability to participate in this meeting, consistent with the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Please contact the City of Norwalk Public Services Department at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting at (562) 929-5511.

The next meeting of the Southeast Water Coalition Administrative Entity will be on Thursday, November 21, 2024, 12:00 p.m., at Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex, Hargitt Room, 13000 Clarkdale Avenue, Norwalk, CA 90650



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**MINUTES OF THE SOUTHEAST WATER COALITION
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE ENTITY**

**THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2024
12:00 NOON**

The Regular Meeting of the Southeast Water Coalition Joint Powers Authority Administrative Entity, held in-person at the Vernon City Hall Council Chamber, was called to order at 12:04 p.m. by AE Chair Joanna Moreno. At the time the meeting was called to order, a quorum of members was present.

Ms. Madeline Anderson took attendance, and the following Administrative Entity members were present:

ITEM 1 - ROLL CALL

Andrew Caraveo	City of Commerce
Dan Mueller	City of Downey
Derek Nguyen	City of Lakewood
Glen Kau	City of Norwalk
Sarah Ho	City of Paramount
Sarina Morales-Choate	City of Santa Fe Springs
Chris Castillo	City of South Gate
Joanna Moreno, AE Chair	City of Vernon
Ray Cordero	City of Whittier

STAFF AND GUESTS ON SIGN-IN SHEET:

Madeline Anderson	SEWC Staff
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ITEM 2 – PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ITEM 3 - CONSENT CALENDAR

Director Kau moved to approve the consent calendar.

The motion was seconded by Director Nguyen and was approved by the following voice vote:

AYES: Caraveo, Mueller, Nguyen, Kau, Ho, Morales-Choate, Moreno, Cordero

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: Castillo

ITEM 4 - FY 2024-25 BUDGET

Ms. Moreno reviewed the draft budget, highlighting key areas. No issues or comments were received by members.

Director Mueller moved to approve the consent calendar.

The motion was seconded by Director Cordero and was approved by the following voice vote:

AYES: Caraveo, Mueller, Nguyen, Kau, Ho, Morales-Choate, Castillo, Moreno, Cordero

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ITEM 5 – DISCUSSION REGARDING LEAD AGENCY TRANSFER & SCHEDULE

Ms. Moreno updated the members on the proposed timing for the Lead Agency Transfer from the city of Vernon to the City of Norwalk. She noted that the timing for both Board of Directors and AE meetings would stay the same.

Sarina Morales-Choate entered the meeting at 12:10pm.

ITEM 6 – DISCUSSION/ACTION RESPONSE LETTER CONCERNING WNOU

Ms. Moreno reminded members of the purpose of the letter originally sent to the DTSC regarding operational inefficiencies. Since then, Whittier has had great communication with the DTSC and would like to recommend that they present the updated information to the Board.

Brian Partington, Water Replenishment District (WRD), mentioned that WRD is happy to present to the Board to provide the perspective of Central Basin. AE members agreed this would be a great addition to the Board Meeting Agenda.

ITEM 7 – NATIONAL PRIMARY DRINKING WATER REGULATION FOR SIX PFAS UPDATE

Ms. Moreno reported on an update of the National Primary Drinking Water Regulation for six PFAS. She highlighted that this new rule will significantly reduce the level of PFAS in drinking water across the United States.

Mr. Nguyen mentioned the new requirement to sample all wells and having until 2029 to treat.

ITEM 8 – 2023 FINALIZED AUDIT UPDATE

Ms. Moreno reported an update on the 2023 Finalized Audit completed by the Pun Group, LLP. For the fiscal year 2022-2023, auditors affirmed the accuracy and compliance of the financial statements as of June 30, 2023, with US accounting principles.

There were no further comments.

ITEM 9 – JUNE 6, 2024 BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA

The following items were discussed as potential agenda items for the Board Meeting on June 6, 2024.

- Presentation for WNOU
- Finalized Audit
- Budget
- Agency Transfer Schedule
- National PFAS Update
- Hexavalent Chromium Water Update

ITEM 10 – WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None.

ITEM 11 - ADMINISTRATIVE ENTITY MEMBER COMMENTS

Ms. Moreno reminded members that the Central Basin Municipal Water District (CBMWD) Nominations are coming up. Mr. Nguyen mentioned that there are two positions available to be nominated for.

Mr. Nguyen provided an update on the communications with the Division of Drinking Water (DDW). Five of the Southeast Water Coalition (SEWC) Cities met with the Branch Chief and Area Chief. They were both extremely helpful and open to the Cities' concerns. They mentioned that if there are any permitting issues, Cities can reach out to them to facilitate the process.

Mr. Nguyen also updated the group on the Central Basin Water Rights Panel. Whittier has been elected for the small category, Lakewood was elected for the medium category, and Vernon has been elected for the at-large category. Vernon and Whittier are both new members.

ITEM 12 - ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:12 p.m.

The next regular Southeast Water Coalition Administrative Entity Meeting will be held on July 18, 2024 at 12:00 p.m. at the Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex, Hargitt Room, 13000 Clarkdale Avenue, Norwalk, CA 90650.

Chair

Date



**SOUTHEAST WATER COALITION
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
AGENDA REPORT**

Date: September 19, 2024
To: Southeast Water Coalition Administrative Entity
From: Glen Kau, AE Chair, City of Norwalk

Subject: Fiscal Year “FY” 2023-24 AUDIT UPDATE

Recommendation: Request proposals/quotes from recommended auditors.

Discussion:

In an effort to retain the most cost-effective and independent auditing firm for SEWC, it is good practice to seek proposals from multiple firms. Several firms have been identified for inclusion in the solicitation. They are:

- The Pun Group
- DavisFarr
- White Nelson Diehl Evans
- Vasquez + Company LLC

Additional firms will be invited to propose through the efforts of Administrative Entity (AE) members.

Once all proposals are received and reviewed by the AE, they will be presented to the Board with recommendations, who will then make a final decision on the selection of auditing services for FY 2023-24. This process will help ensure that SEWC secures the most appropriate and cost-effective auditing partner moving forward.



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Date: September 19, 2024
To: Southeast Water Coalition Administrative Entity
From: Glen Kau, AE Chair, City of Norwalk

**Subject: DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING WHITTIER NARROWS
OPERABLE UNIT (WNOU)**

Recommendation: Request presentation from the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) at the October Board Meeting.

Background:

On January 18, 2024, the SEWC Administrative Entity (AE) discussed heightened concern regarding operational deficiencies at the Whittier Narrows Operable Unit (WNOU), managed by the California Department of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC). The declining pumping rates at WNOU have raised concerns regarding whether they are sufficient to prevent the spread of a plume of contaminants, specifically Perchloroethylene (PCE) and Trichloroethylene (TCE), into the Central Basin. The inadequate operation poses a risk of contaminating water sources for downstream providers.

SEWC sent a letter to the DTSC earlier this year urging assistance in increasing production to avoid contaminating water in the Central Basin. SEWC received a response via email on April 4, 2024. The DTSC noted that testing has shown no evidence of harmful substances and reassured that they are aware of the concerns brought up in the letter from SEWC and are actively working towards solutions.

The purpose of this discussion is to receive an update on the situation and determine whether SEWC should request a presentation from the DTSC for the October Board Meeting. During the May AE meeting, there was also a discussion of having the Water Replenishment District (WRD) present at a future Board Meeting.

Attachments:

1. Letter to DTSC from SEWC.
2. Response letter to SEWC from DTSC.



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February 1, 2024

Department of Toxic Substances Control

Attn: Meredith Williams

1001 I Street

Sacramento, CA 95814-2828

Subject: SEWC Formal Request for Intervention with WNOU

Dear Ms. Williams,

The Southeast Water Coalition Joint Powers (SEWC) was created in July 1991 and is comprised of eleven cities. These agencies formed a joint power authority to improve and protect the quantity and quality of the regional water supply. SEWC's water purveyors service a population of 670,000 in a service area of 93+ square miles. SEWC's mission is to prevent the contamination of the Central Groundwater Basin from migrating contaminated groundwater and to encourage good governance of water policies to ensure the availability of reliable, quality, and affordable water.

We write with heightened concern about the deficiency in operations at the Whittier Narrows Operable Unit (WNOU) by the California Department of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC). The consecutive decline in pumping rates is not enough to prevent the plume of contaminants from spreading into the Central Basin.

A plume of Perchloroethylene (PCE) and Trichloroethylene (TCE) is effectively contained and prevented from spreading by proper operation of the WNOU. DTSC and their contractor San Gabriel Valley Water Company are not effectively operating at rates high enough to continue to contain the plume, which puts several downstream water providers at risk of contamination spreading to their water source supply. DTSC Unit Chief has acknowledged this deficiency and has stated they are "aware of the loss in containment due to the lower pumping rates". DTSC must figure out a way to quickly increase production or risk



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contaminating several water purveyors in the Central Basin. SEWC is formally requesting your assistance in this matter, as our inquiries and request directly to DTSC have not been appropriately addressed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Melissa Ybana".

The Southeast Water Coalition Board of Directors



Yana Garcia
Secretary for
Environmental Protection



Department of Toxic Substances Control

Meredith Williams, Ph.D.
Director
8800 Cal Center Drive
Sacramento, California 95826-3200



Gavin Newsom
Governor

April 4, 2024

SENT VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Ms. Melissa Ybarra
Chair, Board of Directors
Southeast Water Coalition

RESPONSE TO LETTER FROM SOUTHEAST WATER COALITION (SEWC) REGARDING WHITTIER NARROWS OPERABLE UNIT, SAN GABRIEL VALLEY SUPERFUND SITES

Dear Ms. Ybarra:

Thank you for your letter, dated February 1, 2024, expressing concern about the groundwater extraction and treatment system (GWETS) at the Whittier Narrows Operable Unit (WNOU), which is operated and maintained by the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) as part of the cleanup of the San Gabriel Valley Superfund Sites. DTSC is committed to operating the WNOU GWETS to ensure that contaminated groundwater within the WNOU is fully contained. In response to your concerns, we provide the following:

- Based on current groundwater monitoring data, contaminated groundwater from the WNOU has not spread from the San Gabriel Main Basin to the Central Groundwater Basin. The Central Basin drinking water production wells immediately downgradient of WNOU show no detectable concentrations of perchloroethylene (PCE) and/or trichloroethylene (TCE). Overall, the existing data indicates that there is no loss in containment of the WNOU plume.
- In 2023, DTSC had to limit its discharge of treated WNOU groundwater to a local surface water impoundment (Legg Lakes) to conform to our WNOU Water Production Agreement with local stakeholders. This resulted in a decline in the

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overall WNOU pumping rate that was noted in your letter. That said, DTSC has constructed infrastructure using Proposition 1 grant funds from the State Water Resources Control Board (Water Board) that will allow us to significantly increase the WNOU pumping rate by serving treated groundwater as drinking water to neighboring communities by the end of 2025, pending approval of a Water Board drinking water permit.

- In the meantime, DTSC is actively working with stakeholders to identify opportunities to increase the WNOU pumping rate to the Legg Lakes surface water discharge. Members of my staff are also currently coordinating with SEWC members (City of Whittier) to assist in these efforts. Overall, DTSC is committed to maintaining an appropriate pumping rate to maintain long term plume capture in the WNOU.

Please feel free to contact me at Meredith.Williams@dtsc.ca.gov if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,



Meredith Williams
Director
Department of Toxic Substances Control

cc: Kyle Cason, PE
Director of Public Works
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**SOUTHEAST WATER COALITION
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
AGENDA REPORT**

Date: September 19, 2024
To: Southeast Water Coalition Administrative Entity
From: Glen Kau, AE Chair, City of Norwalk

Subject: LEGISLATIVE UPDATE ON BILLS RELEVANT TO SEWC

Recommendation: Receive and file.

Discussion:

The following bill was passed in both houses. Enrolled and presented to the Governor on August 27, 2024.

- **AB 1827 (Papan D) Local government: fees and charges: water: high consumptive water parcels.** This bill outlines requirements for how local agencies can levy assessments and property-related fees, including public notice and approval by property owners or voters. The current law, Proposition 218, sets specific rules for compliance, allowing agencies that provide water, sewer, or waste services to adjust fees automatically for increases in wholesale costs or inflation. The law defines “water” as any system providing water supply, storage, or treatment. This bill would allow water fees to include higher costs related to factors like increased water usage on specific properties.

The following bill was passed in both houses. Enrolled and presented to the Governor on September 3, 2024.

- **SB 1188 (Laird D) Drinking water: technical, managerial, and financial standards.** This bill directs the State Board to set technical, managerial and financial standards for community water systems serving fewer than 10,000 people or 3,300 service connections and nontransient, noncommunity water systems that serve K-12 schools. At the time of submitting an application to operate a public water system, these entities would be required to show proof of capacity to meet the standards and demonstrate compliance with those standards, as provided.

Attachments:

1. California Municipal Utilities Association. All CMUA Tracked Water Bills.



All CMUA Tracked Water Bills

List current as of Monday, August 26, 2024

BILL NUMBER, TITLE, POSITION	Position	STATUS
AB 305 (Villapudua D) California Flood Protection Bond Act of 2024. Would enact the California Flood Protection Bond Act of 2024 which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$4,500,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law for flood protection projects, as specified. The bill would provide for the submission of these provisions to the voters at the November 5, 2024, statewide general election.		5/22/2024-Re-referred to Com. on N.R. & W.
AB 460 (Bauer-Kahan D) State Water Resources Control Board: water rights and usage: civil penalties. Under current law, the diversion or use of water other than as authorized by specified provisions of law is a trespass, subject to specified civil liability. This bill would require the State Water Resources Control Board to adjust for inflation, by January 1 of each year, beginning in 2026, the amounts of civil and administrative liabilities or penalties imposed by the board or in water right actions brought at the request of the board, as specified.	Support	8/19/2024-Read second time. Ordered to third reading. "> 8/26/2024 #334 SENATE ASSEMBLY BILLS - THIRD READING FILE
AB 805 (Arambula D) Sewer service: disadvantaged communities. The State Water Resources Control Board and the 9 California regional water quality control boards regulate water quality in accordance with the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act and the federal Clean Water Act. Current law authorizes a regional board to order the provision of sewer service by a receiving sewer system, as defined, to a disadvantaged community served by an inadequate onsite sewage treatment system, as defined. This bill would authorize the state board, until January 1, 2029, and after it makes a specified finding or findings by resolution, to require a designated sewer system to	Neutral	8/19/2024-Read second time. Ordered to third reading. "> 8/26/2024 #281 SENATE ASSEMBLY BILLS - THIRD READING FILE

BILL NUMBER, TITLE, POSITION	Position	STATUS
contract with an administrator designated or approved by the state board for administrative, technical, operational, legal, or managerial services to assist a designated sewer system with the delivery of adequate sewer service, as defined. AB 990 (Grayson D) Water quality: waste discharge requirements: infill housing projects. Under current law, the State Water Resources Control Board and the 9 California regional water quality control boards regulate water quality and prescribe waste discharge requirements in accordance with the federal National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit program established by the federal Clean Water Act and the act. This bill would require the regional water board, defined to mean the regional water board with geographic boundaries for the San Francisco Bay region, to, by July 1, 2025, initiate modifications to its waste discharge requirements, as specified. The bill would require these modifications to be completed within 6 months of initiation. Before finalizing the modifications, the bill would require the regional water board to make specified findings, including, among other things, that concerns regarding the potential impacts of the draft NPDES permit requirements on the development of housing on infill sites have been adequately addressed. The bill would make these provisions inoperative on July 1, 2028, and would repeal them on January 1, 2029. AB 1205 (Bauer-Kahan D) Water rights: sale, transfer, or lease: agricultural lands. Current law declares that, because of the conditions prevailing in this state, the general welfare requires that the water resources of the state be put to beneficial use to the fullest extent of which they are capable, that the waste or unreasonable use or unreasonable method of use of water be prevented, and that the conservation of the water is to be exercised with a view to the reasonable and beneficial use of the water in the interest of the people and for the public welfare. This bill would require the State Water Resources Control Board to, on or before January 1, 2027, conduct a study and report to the Legislature and appropriate policy committees on the existence of speculation or profiteering by an investment		8/15/2024-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(14). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 6/17/2024) 9/14/2023-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(14). (Last location was INACTIVE FILE on 9/11/2023)(May be acted upon Jan 2024)

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fund in the sale, transfer, or lease of an interest in any surface water right or groundwater right previously put to beneficial use on agricultural lands, as specified. The bill would repeal this provision on January 1, 2031.		
AB 1211 (Mathis R) Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund: internet website information: updates. The Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Law of 1997, administered by the State Water Resources Control Board, establishes the Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund to provide grants or revolving fund loans for the design and construction of projects for public water systems that will enable those systems to meet safe drinking water standards. Current law requires the board, at least once every 2 years, to post information on its internet website regarding implementation of the Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Law and expenditures from the Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, as specified This bill would require the board to post the information at least annually.	Watch	7/2/2024-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(13). (Last location was E.Q. on 5/10/2023)
AB 1272 (Wood D) State Water Resources Control Board: drought planning. Would require the State Water Resources Control Board, in consultation with the Department of Fish and Wildlife, to adopt principles and guidelines for diversion and use of water in coastal watersheds, as specified, during times of water shortage for drought preparedness and climate resiliency. The bill would require that the principles and guidelines allow for the development of locally generated watershed-level plans to support public trust uses, public health and safety, and the human right to water in times of water shortage, among other things. The bill also would require the state board, prior to adopting those principles and guidelines, to allow for public comment and hearing, as provided. The bill would make the implementation of these provisions contingent upon an appropriation of funds by the Legislature for this purpose.	Watch	7/18/2024-Vetoed by the Governor"> 8/26/2024 #44 ASSEMBLY GOVERNOR'S VETOES
AB 1284 (Ramos D) Tribal ancestral lands and waters: cogovernance and comanagement agreements. Current law provides that the Legislature encourages the State of California and its agencies to consult on a government-to-government basis with		8/21/2024-Read second time. Ordered to third reading. "> 8/26/2024 #469 SENATE ASSEMBLY BILLS - THIRD READING FILE

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federally recognized Native American tribes and to consult with nonfederally recognized tribes and tribal organizations, as appropriate, in order to allow tribal officials the opportunity to provide meaningful and timely input in the development of policies, processes, programs, and projects that have tribal implications. Current law provides that the Legislature encourages the state and its agencies to consult with a federally recognized tribe, at the tribe's request for a government-to-government consultation on a specified agency action, within 60 days of the request. The bill would authorize the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency or a delegate to enter into cogovernance and comanagement agreements with federally recognized tribes for the purposes of shared responsibility, decisionmaking, and partnership in resource management and conservation within a tribe's ancestral lands and waters, and would require the secretary or a delegate to be the signatory for these agreements. The bill would authorize the secretary or a delegate, as provided, and within 90 days of a federally recognized tribe's request, to begin government-to-government negotiations on cogovernance and comanagement agreements with the tribe.		
AB 1563 (Bennett D) Groundwater sustainability agency: groundwater extraction permit: verification. Current law authorizes any local agency or combination of local agencies overlying a groundwater basin to decide to become a groundwater sustainability agency for that basin and imposes specified duties upon that agency or combination of agencies, as provided. Current law authorizes a groundwater sustainability agency to request of the county, and requires a county to consider, that the county forward permit requests for the construction of new groundwater wells, the enlarging of existing groundwater wells, and the reactivation of abandoned groundwater wells to the agency before permit approval. This bill would instead require a county to forward permit requests for the construction of new groundwater wells, the enlarging of existing groundwater wells, and the reactivation of abandoned groundwater	Watch	7/2/2024-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(13). (Last location was L. GOV. on 5/22/2024)

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wells to the groundwater sustainability agency before permit approval. AB 1573 (Friedman D) Water conservation: landscape design: model ordinance. The Water Conservation in Landscaping Act provides for a Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance that is adopted and updated at least every 3 years by the Department of Water Resources, unless the department makes a specified finding. Current law requires a local agency to adopt the model ordinance or to adopt a water efficient landscape ordinance that is at least as effective in conserving water as the updated model ordinance, except as specified. Current law specifies the provisions of the updated model ordinance, as provided. Current law includes a related statement of legislative findings and declarations. This bill would require the updated model ordinance to include provisions that require that plants included in a landscape design plan be selected based on their adaptability to climatic, geological, and topographical conditions of the project site, as specified. The bill would also exempt landscaping that is part of a culturally specific project, as defined, ecological restoration projects that do not require a permanent irrigation system, mined-land reclamation projects that do not require a permanent irrigation system, and existing plant collections, as part of botanical gardens and arboretums open to the public, from the model ordinance. The bill would require the updated model ordinance to include provisions that, among other changes, prohibit the use of traditional overhead sprinklers on all new and rehabilitated landscapes and require that new and rehabilitated landscapes use only water efficient irrigation devices.	Neutral	9/14/2023-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(14). (Last location was INACTIVE FILE on 9/7/2023)(May be acted upon Jan 2024)
AB 1827 (Papan D) Local government: fees and charges: water: higher consumptive water parcels. The California Constitution specifies various requirements with respect to the levying of assessments and property-related fees and charges by a local agency, including requiring that the local agency provide public notice and a majority protest procedure in the case of assessments and submit property-related fees and charges for approval by property owners subject to the	Support AB 1827 Coalition Support	8/20/2024-Read third time. Passed. Ordered to the Assembly. (Ayes 29. Noes 9.). In Assembly. Ordered to Engrossing and Enrolling.

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fee or charge or the electorate residing in the affected area following a public hearing. Current law, known as the Proposition 218 Omnibus Implementation Act, prescribes specific procedures and parameters for local jurisdictions to comply with these requirements and, among other things, authorizes an agency providing water, wastewater, sewer, or refuse collection services to adopt a schedule of fees or charges authorizing automatic adjustments that pass through increases in wholesale charges for water, sewage treatment, or wastewater treatment or adjustments for inflation under certain circumstances. Current law defines, among other terms, the term “water” for these purposes to mean any system of public improvements intended to provide for the production, storage, supply, treatment, or distribution of water from any source. This bill would provide that the fees or charges for property-related water service imposed or increased, as specified, may include the incrementally higher costs of water service due to specified factors, including the higher water usage demand of parcels. AB 1851 (Holden D) Drinking water: schoolsites: lead testing pilot program. Would require the Superintendent of Public Instruction to establish a pilot program to test for and remediate lead contamination in drinking water at participating local educational agency facilities with plumbing that was installed before January 1, 2010. The bill would require the Superintendent to select no fewer than 6 and no more than 10 local educational agencies for participation in the pilot program and, if a selected local educational agency consents to participate in the pilot program, the bill would require the Superintendent to provide grants to the participating local educational agencies for testing and remediating drinking water lead levels at eligible facilities. If sampling results show lead levels in excess of 5 parts per billion in water at any potable water system outlet, the bill would require a participating local educational agency to notify the parents and guardians of pupils who attend the school of the elevated lead levels, as provided, to take immediate steps to shut down all potable water use at potable water system outlets where excess lead levels may exist, and	Watch	8/15/2024-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(14). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 8/5/2024)

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to ensure that a lead-free source of drinking water is provided for pupils at each potable water system outlet that has been shut down.		
AB 2214 (Bauer-Kahan D) Ocean Protection Council: microplastics. The California Ocean Protection Act establishes the Ocean Protection Council in state government to coordinate activities of state agencies that are related to the protection and conservation of coastal waters and ocean ecosystems to improve the effectiveness of state efforts to protect ocean resources within existing fiscal limitations, among other duties. Current law requires, to the extent that funds are available from bonds or other sources, including from federal, state, academic, or other public or private entities, on or before December 31, 2024, the council to adopt and implement a Statewide Microplastics Strategy related to microplastic materials that pose an emerging concern for ocean health. This bill would require, on or before March 1, 2025, the council to establish and lead an interagency coordination group, and would require the council, in coordination with the interagency coordination group, to identify and recommend to the Legislature, on or before December 31, 2025, statutory changes that are needed to implement the recommendations described in the Statewide Microplastics Strategy, as specified.	Watch	8/20/2024-Read third time. Passed. Ordered to the Assembly. (Ayes 32. Noes 6.). In Assembly. Concurrence in Senate amendments pending. May be considered on or after August 22 pursuant to Assembly Rule 77. "> 8/26/2024 #16 ASSEMBLY CONCURRENCE IN SENATE AMENDMENTS
AB 2257 (Wilson D) Local government: property-related water and sewer fees and assessments: remedies. The California Constitution specifies various requirements with respect to the levying of assessments and property-related fees and charges by a local agency, including notice, hearing, and protest procedures, depending on the character of the assessment, fee, or charge. Current law, known as the Proposition 218 Omnibus Implementation Act, prescribes specific procedures and parameters for local jurisdictions to comply with these requirements. This bill would prohibit, if a local agency complies with specified procedures, a person or entity from bringing a judicial action or proceeding alleging noncompliance with the constitutional provisions for any new, increased, or extended fee or assessment, as defined, unless that person or entity has timely submitted to the local agency	Support	8/20/2024-Read third time. Passed. Ordered to the Assembly. (Ayes 28. Noes 10.). In Assembly. Concurrence in Senate amendments pending. May be considered on or after August 22 pursuant to Assembly Rule 77. "> 8/26/2024 #18 ASSEMBLY CONCURRENCE IN SENATE AMENDMENTS

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a written objection to that fee or assessment that specifies the grounds for alleging noncompliance, as specified. This bill would provide that local agency responses to the timely submitted written objections shall go to the weight of the evidence supporting the agency's compliance with the substantive limitations on fees and assessments imposed by the constitutional provisions. The bill would also prohibit an independent cause of action as to the adequacy of the local agency's responses. AB 2318 (Papan D) State Water Pollution Cleanup and Abatement Account: receipts and expenditures: report. The State Water Resources Control Board and the 9 California regional water quality control boards regulate water quality and prescribe waste discharge requirements in accordance with the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act and the federal National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit program established by the federal Clean Water Act. Current law requires each regional board to formulate and adopt water quality control plans for all areas within the region, as provided. Current law requires specified moneys to be paid into the State Water Pollution Cleanup and Abatement Account, which is established in the State Water Quality Control Fund, including, among other moneys, the proceeds of civil penalties for violations of certain waste discharge requirements. Current law continuously appropriates moneys in the account for specified purposes, including, among others, the payment of grant moneys to eligible entities to assist in cleaning up a waste, abating the effects of a waste on waters of the state, or addressing an urgent drinking water need. This bill would require the State Water Resources Control Board, no later than January 1 of each year, to post on its internet website a report describing the receipts and expenditures of the State Water Pollution Cleanup and Abatement Account, as provided. The bill would require the board to provide the initial report no later than January 1, 2026, and to include data for the period from July 1, 2017, to June 30, 2025, inclusive, in that report, as provided.	Watch	8/20/2024-Read second time. Ordered to third reading. "> 8/26/2024 #426 SENATE ASSEMBLY BILLS - THIRD READING FILE

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AB 2610 (Garcia D) Protected species: authorized take: System Conservation Implementation Agreement. Current law authorizes the Department of Fish and Wildlife, if certain conditions are fulfilled, to authorize the take of species, including fully protected species, resulting from impacts attributable to implementation of the Quantification Settlement Agreement on specified lands and bodies of water. This bill would additionally authorize the department, if certain conditions are fulfilled, to authorize the take of species resulting from impacts attributable to the implementation of any System Conservation Implementation Agreement between the United States Bureau of Reclamation and the Imperial Irrigation District to implement the Lower Colorado River Basin System Conservation and Efficiency Program, as provided, on the specified lands and bodies of water.	Favor AB 2610 Support	8/15/2024-In committee: Held under submission.
AB 2735 (Rubio, Blanca D) Joint powers agreements: water corporations. Would authorize a water corporation, as defined, a mutual water company, and one or more public agencies to provide insurance, as specified, by a joint powers agreement. The bill would also authorize a water corporation, a mutual water company, and one or more public agencies to enter into a joint powers agreement for the purposes of risk pooling, as specified. The bill would prohibit a joint powers agency from allowing a water corporation to join the joint powers agency, unless the joint powers agency makes a specified determination relating to insurance. If a water corporation enters into a joint powers agreement for the purposes of risk pooling, the bill would require the water corporation to submit an annual information filing to the Public Utilities Commission and the joint powers agency, as specified.		8/20/2024-Read third time. Passed. Ordered to the Assembly. (Ayes 38. Noes 2.). In Assembly. Concurrence in Senate amendments pending. May be considered on or after August 22 pursuant to Assembly Rule 77. "> 8/26/2024 #24 ASSEMBLY CONCURRENCE IN SENATE AMENDMENTS
AB 2962 (Papan D) Wholesale Regional Water System Security and Reliability Act. The Wholesale Regional Water System Security and Reliability Act requires the City and County of San Francisco to adopt a specified program of capital improvement projects designed to restore and improve the bay area regional water system, as defined. Current law makes the act inoperative and repeals these provisions on January 1,		8/19/2024-Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 3 p.m.

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2026. This bill would extend the repeal date of the act to January 1, 2036, and make technical nonsubstantive changes. By extending the period of time during which certain requirements would apply to regional wholesale water suppliers and the City and County of San Francisco, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.		
AB 3121 (Hart D) Urban retail water suppliers: informational order: written notice: conservation order: water use efficiency standards and water use reporting: dates. Current law authorizes the State Water Resources Control Board, on and after January 1, 2024, to issue informational orders pertaining to water production, water use, and water conservation to an urban retail water supplier that does not meet its urban water use objective. Current law authorizes the board, on and after January 1, 2025, to issue a written notice to an urban retail water supplier that does not meet its urban water use objective. Current law authorizes the board, on and after January 1, 2026, to issue a conservation order to an urban retail water supplier that does not meet its urban water use objective. This bill would instead provide that the date the board is authorized to issue informational orders is on or after January 1, 2026, the date to issue a written notice is on or after January 1, 2027, and the date to issue a conservation order is on or after January 1, 2028, respectively.	Watch	6/27/2024-From Consent Calendar. Ordered to third reading. "> 8/26/2024 #226 SENATE ASSEMBLY BILLS - THIRD READING FILE
ACA 2 (Alanis R) Water Resiliency Act of 2024. The California Constitution declares that the general welfare requires that the water resources of the state be put to beneficial use to the fullest extent of which they are capable, and that the right to the use of water does not extend to the waste or unreasonable use, method of use, or method of diversion of water. This measure would require the Treasurer to annually transfer an amount equal to 1.5% of all state revenues from the General Fund to the California Water Resiliency Trust Fund, which the measure would create. The measure would continuously appropriate moneys in the fund to the California Water Commission for its actual costs of implementing these provisions and for specified water infrastructure projects.	Watch	3/19/2024-In committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.

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ACA 16 (Bryan D) Environmental rights. Would amend the California Constitution to declare that the people have a right to clean air and water and a healthy environment considering the general well-being and other needs of the people. The measure would specify that the principles inherent in these rights shall serve as a guide to all branches of government in the performance of their official duties and that these rights shall inure to all people in equal measure and shall not be construed or applied in a manner inconsistent with duly enacted laws of the state or other rights set forth in the California Constitution.	Watch	6/6/2024-Read third time and amended. Ordered to third reading. "> 8/26/2024 #49 ASSEMBLY THIRD READING FILE - ASSEMBLY BILLS
SB 366 (Caballero D) The California Water Plan: long-term supply targets. Current law requires the Department of Water Resources to update every 5 years the plan for the orderly and coordinated control, protection, conservation, development, and use of the water resources of the state, which is known as "The California Water Plan." Current law requires the department to include a discussion of various strategies in the plan update, including, but not limited to, strategies relating to the development of new water storage facilities, water conservation, water recycling, desalination, conjunctive use, water transfers, and alternative pricing policies that may be pursued in order to meet the future needs of the state. Current law requires the department to establish an advisory committee to assist the department in updating the plan. This bill would revise and recast certain provisions regarding The California Water Plan to, among other things, require the department to expand the membership of the advisory committee to include tribes, labor, and environmental justice interests. The bill would require the department, as part of the 2033 update to the plan, to update the interim planning target for 2050, as provided. The bill would require the target to consider the identified and future water needs for all beneficial uses and ensure safe drinking water for all Californians, among other things.	Sponsor	8/22/2024-Read third time and amended. Ordered to third reading. "> 8/26/2024 #231 ASSEMBLY THIRD READING FILE - SENATE BILLS
SB 638 (Eggman D) Climate Resiliency and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2024. Would enact the Climate Resiliency and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2024 which,	Favor SB 638 Support if amended	7/6/2023-July 11 hearing postponed by committee.

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if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$6,000,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law, for flood protection and climate resiliency projects. SB 651 (Grove R) California Environmental Quality Watch Act: groundwater recharge projects: Judicial Council rules of court. Would require the Judicial Council to adopt a rule of court to establish procedures requiring actions or proceedings brought to attack, review, set aside, void, or annul the certification of an environmental impact report, or the granting of any project approvals, for groundwater recharge projects, as described, except as provided, that implement a groundwater sustainability plan or an interim groundwater sustainability plan, as described, that would require the actions or proceedings, including any appeals, to be resolved within 270 days of the filing of the certified record of proceedings with the court. The bill would also include a related statement of legislative intent.		7/2/2024-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(13). (Last location was NAT. RES. on 6/20/2023)
SB 1072 (Padilla D) Local government: Proposition 218: remedies. The California Constitution sets forth various requirements for the imposition of local taxes. The California Constitution excludes from classification as a tax assessments and property-related fees imposed in accordance with provisions of the California Constitution that establish requirements for those assessments and property-related fees. Under these requirements, an assessment is prohibited from being imposed on any parcel if it exceeds the reasonable cost of the proportional special benefit conferred on that parcel, and a fee or charge imposed on any parcel or person as an incident of property ownership is prohibited from exceeding the proportional cost of the service attributable to the parcel. The Proposition 218 Omnibus Implementation Act prescribes specific procedures and parameters for local compliance with the requirements of the California Constitution for assessments and property-related fees. This bill would require a local agency, if a court determines that a fee or charge for a property-related service, as specified, violates the above-described provisions of the California Constitution relating to fees and charges, to credit the amount of the	Support SB 1072 Local Government Support	6/27/2024-Read second time. Ordered to third reading. "> 8/26/2024 #69 ASSEMBLY THIRD READING FILE - SENATE BILLS

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fee or charge attributable to the violation against the amount of the revenues required to provide the property-related service, unless a refund is explicitly provided for by statute. SB 1110 (Ashby D) Water reports: urban retail water suppliers: informational order: conservation order. Current law authorizes the State Water Resources Control Board, on and after January 1, 2024, to issue informational orders pertaining to water production, water use, and water conservation to an urban retail water supplier that does not meet its urban water use objective, as provided. Current law authorizes the board, on and after January 1, 2025, to issue a written notice to an urban retail water supplier that does not meet its urban water use objective. Current law authorizes the board, on and after January 1, 2026, to issue a conservation order to an urban retail water supplier that does not meet its urban water use objective. This bill would instead authorize the board to issue the informational orders on and after January 1, 2026, the written notice on and after January 1, 2027, and the conservation order on and after January 1, 2028. SB 1147 (Portantino D) Drinking water: microplastics levels. Would require the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) to study the health effects of microplastics in drinking and bottled water to evaluate toxicity characteristics and levels of microplastics in water that are not anticipated to cause or contribute to adverse health effects, or to identify data gaps that would need to be addressed to establish those levels. The bill would require OEHHA to provide biennial status updates, and post a final report on its internet website. The bill would authorize the State Water Resources Control Board, after taking into consideration the findings of the report, to request that OEHHA prepare and publish a public health goal for microplastics in drinking water, as specified. SB 1178 (Padilla D) California Water Quality and Public Health Protection Act. Under current law, the State Water Resources Control Board and the 9 California regional water quality control boards regulate water quality and prescribe waste discharge	Support SB 1110 Support Watch Watch	8/15/2024-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(14). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 8/7/2024) 8/22/2024-Read third time and amended. Ordered to third reading. "> 8/26/2024 #294 ASSEMBLY THIRD READING FILE - SENATE BILLS 8/15/2024-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(14). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 8/7/2024)

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requirements in accordance with the federal national pollutant discharge elimination system permit program established by the federal Clean Water Act and the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act. This bill would require the board to, on or before August 1, 2025, establish regulations governing annual reporting by compliance entities, as defined, regarding waste discharges, as provided. The bill would require compliance entities to submit a report to the board by June 1, 2026, and annually thereafter on waste discharges and their locations, as provided. The bill would require, within 3 months of reporting to the board waste discharges that affect the quality of the water of the state within any region, any nonexempt compliance entity to prominently label any product sold in California whose production resulted in waste discharge contaminating California's water quality with a warning label, as specified. The bill would authorize the board to adopt regulations to seek administrative penalties for nonfiling, late filing, or other failures to meet the requirements of these provisions, and would require these penalties to be deposited into the California Water Quality and Public Health Impact Fund, which the bill would create. SB 1188 (Laird D) Drinking water: technical, managerial, and financial standards. The California Safe Drinking Water Act prohibits a person from operating a public water system unless the person first submits an application to the state board and receives a permit to operate the system, as specified. Current law authorizes the State Water Resources Control Board to impose permit conditions, requirements for system improvements, technical, financial, or managerial requirements, and time schedules as it deems necessary to ensure a reliable and adequate supply of water at all times that is pure, wholesome, potable, and does not endanger the health of consumers. Current law makes it a crime to knowingly make any false statement or representation in any application, record, report, or other document submitted, maintained, or used for purposes of compliance with the act. This bill would require the state board to develop and adopt minimum standards related	Neutral SB 1188 Oppose Unless Amended	8/19/2024-Read second time. Ordered to third reading. "> 8/26/2024 #175 ASSEMBLY THIRD READING FILE - SENATE BILLS

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to the technical, managerial, and financial capacity of community water systems serving fewer than 10,000 people or 3,300 service connections and nontransient noncommunity water systems that serve K–12 schools. The bill would require community water systems serving fewer than 10,000 people or 3,300 service connections and nontransient noncommunity water systems that serve K–12 schools to demonstrate compliance with those standards, as provided. The bill would require new community water systems serving fewer than 10,000 persons or 3,300 service connections and nontransient noncommunity water systems that serve K–12 schools to demonstrate, as part of a permit application, compliance with the minimum technical, managerial, and financial standards.		
SB 1218 (Newman D) Water: emergency water supplies. The Urban Water Management Planning Act requires every public and private urban water supplier that directly or indirectly provides water for municipal purposes to prepare and adopt an urban water management plan. The act requires an urban water management plan to include a water shortage contingency plan, as provided. This bill would declare that it is the established policy of the state to encourage, but not mandate, the development of emergency water supplies, and to support their use during times of drought or unplanned service or supply disruption, as provided.	Favor SB 1218 Support	8/15/2024-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(14). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 8/7/2024)
SB 1255 (Durazo D) Public water systems: needs analysis: water rate assistance program. Current law establishes the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund in the State Treasury to help water systems provide an adequate and affordable supply of safe drinking water in both the near and long terms. Current law requires the state board to annually adopt a fund expenditure plan, as provided, and requires expenditures from the fund to be consistent with the fund expenditure plan. Current law requires the state board to base the fund expenditure plan on data and analysis drawn from a specified drinking water needs assessment. This bill would require the state board to update a needs analysis of the state's public water systems to include an assessment, as specified, of the funds necessary to provide a 20% bill credit for low-	Oppose/Amend	8/15/2024-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(14). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 8/7/2024)

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income households served by community water systems with fewer than 3,300 service connections and for community water systems with fewer than 3,300 service connections to meet a specified affordability threshold on or before July 1, 2026, and on or before July 1 of every 3 years thereafter.		
SB 1330 (Archuleta D) Urban retail water supplier: water use. Current law requires an urban retail water supplier to calculate its urban water use objective no later than January 1, 2024, and by January 1 every year thereafter, and to be composed of the sum of specified data, including aggregate residential water use. Current law requires each urban retail water supplier’s water use objective to be composed of the sum of specified aggregate estimates, including efficient outdoor irrigation of landscape areas with dedicated irrigation meters or equivalent technology in connection with water used by commercial water users, industrial water users, institutional water users, and large landscape water users (CII). Current law requires an urban retail water supplier to submit reports to the Department of Water Resources, as provided, by the same dates. This bill would require the department to, no later than January 1, 2035, conduct necessary studies and investigations regarding the efficiency performance of newly constructed residential landscapes and landscape areas with dedicated irrigation meters in connection with CII water use, as specified.	Support SB 1330 SNRW Support	8/15/2024-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(14). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 8/7/2024)