

AGENDA  
IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT  
WATER RESOURCES POLICY AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2021

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CALL TO ORDER    11:30 a.m.

ATTENDANCE      Committee Chair: Steven LaMar      \_\_\_\_\_  
Member: Karen McLaughlin      \_\_\_\_\_

<u>ALSO PRESENT</u>	Paul Cook	_____	Paul Weghorst	_____
	Wendy Chambers	_____	Cheryl Clary	_____
	Fiona Sanchez	_____	Jim Colston	_____
	Christine Compton	_____	Kellie Welch	_____
	Mark Tettemer	_____	Amy McNulty	_____
	Jo Ann Corey	_____	John Fabris	_____
	Ray Bennett	_____		_____
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**COMMUNICATIONS**

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1. Notes: Weghorst
2. Public Comments
3. Determine the need to discuss and/or take action on item(s) introduced that came to the attention of the District subsequent to the agenda being posted.
4. Determine which items may be approved without discussion.

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**INFORMATION**

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| 5. | <u>UPDATE ON IRWD WATER LOSS AUDIT REPORTS AND PROPOSED WATER LOSS PERFORMANCE STANDARDS – SANCHEZ / WEGHORST</u><br><br>Recommendation: Receive and file. |  |
| 6. | <u>NEW CUSTOMER WEB PORTAL UPDATE – COTTON / CLARY</u><br><br>Recommendation: Receive and file.  |  |

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**ACTION**

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| 7. | <u>2021 LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY UPDATE – COMPTON / COOK</u><br><br>Recommendation: That the Board adopt an “OPPOSE” position on AB 59 ( <i>Gabriel</i> ), a “SEEK AMENDMENTS” position on SB 55 (Stern), and a “SUPPORT IN CONCEPT” position on the legislative concept to allocating a portion of California’s federal COVID-19 relief funding equitably to water districts across the state in order to assist customers with their outstanding debt. |  |
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**ACTION**

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8.     GOVERNMENT RELATIONS OUTREACH ACTIVITIES – COMPTON /  
       COOK

Recommendation: That the Committee provide input on the Government Outreach Plan.

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**OTHER BUSINESS**

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9.     Directors' Comments

10.    Adjourn

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January 12, 2021

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Submitted by: P. Weghorst

Approved by: Paul A. Cook



## WATER RESOURCES POLICY AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

### UPDATE ON IRWD WATER LOSS AUDIT REPORTS AND PROPOSED WATER LOSS PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

#### SUMMARY:

Each year, urban retail water suppliers are required to submit validated Water Loss Audit Reports to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR). The State Water Resources Control Board is proposing to use information from the reports as baseline data to inform the development of water loss performance standards and regulations in 2021. As part of the process in preparing and validating IRWD's Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-20 Water Loss Audit Report, staff identified inaccuracies that have been corrected in IRWD's audit reports for FY 2017-18 and FY 2018-19. The corrections made to the reports will affect IRWD's performance standard for water loss in accordance with the State Board's proposed regulations. This item reviews the changes made to the audit reports and provides an overview of the proposed water loss regulations and standards.

#### BACKGROUND:

In 2015, California Senate Bill 555 was enacted that requires that each urban retail water supplier submit a third-party-validated Water Loss Audit Report to DWR. Data from the reports submitted by the urban retail water suppliers will serve as baseline data to inform the State Board in the development of water loss performance standards that are expected to be adopted through regulations in 2021. The water loss standards will also be incorporated into urban water use objectives that urban water suppliers will be required to meet by 2024 in accordance with the requirements of the *Conservation As a Way of Life* legislation (AB 1668 and SB 606).

#### Revisions to Water Loss Audits Report:

Staff recently prepared and submitted IRWD's validated FY 2019-20 Water Loss Audit Report to DWR. The report was prepared by a multi-disciplinary team of IRWD staff utilizing the procedures outlined in the American Water Works Association M36 Water Audits and Loss Control Programs Manual and associated software. Consultants at Water Systems Optimization (WSO) conducted a third-party validation of the audit report. As part of the validation process, staff became aware of inaccuracies in IRWD's previously submitted FY 2017-18 and FY 2018-19 audit reports. Staff has corrected the previous audit reports and WSO will conduct third-party validations of the reports prior to submittal to DWR. Key changes to the reports included corrections to imported and exported water volumes, reductions to the number of active and inactive accounts and the length of main pipelines in IRWD's potable water distribution system. A summary of the results of the initial and revised audit performance indicators is shown in the following table:

Water Loss Performance Indicators for FY 2017-18 and FY 2018-19

Performance Indicator	Fiscal Year 2017-18	Revised FY2017-18	Fiscal Year 2018-19	Revised FY 2018-19
Infrastructure Leakage Index	0.45	1.05	0.79	0.85
Unavoidable Annual Real Loss	2,667 AF	2,468 AF	2,719 AF	2,513 AF
Total Real Loss	1,191 AF	2,589 AF	2,158 AF	2,128 AF
Real Loss, gallons per connection per day	8.86	20.16	15.64	16.18
Apparent Loss	675 AF	662 AF	705 AF	705 AF
Apparent Loss, gallons per connection per day	5.02	5.16	5.11	5.35
Non-Revenue Water by Volume of Supply	4%	7.9%	6.7%	6.7%
Non-Revenue Water by Operating Cost	9%	17.9%	13.4%	13.3%
Data Validity Grade	78	78	79	78

The final revised audit report results may change slightly following the validation process. Exhibit “A” provides an explanation of key water loss performance indicator terms.

Agencies with aggressive water loss control programs, such as IRWD, can expect an Infrastructure Leakage Index (ILI) close to the technical minimum value of 1.0, provided the data used in reporting are valid. An ILI value less than 1.0 is typically not realistic based on the unavoidable losses calculated for the system.

The ILI for the FY 2017-18 audit report increased from 0.45 to a more realistic 1.05, and the ILI for the FY 2018-19 audit report increased from 0.79 to 0.85. The gallons per connection per day of real loss increased from 8.86 to 20.16 in FY 2017-18 and from 15.64 to 16.18 in FY 2018-19. These changes to the audit reports will affect IRWD’s performance standard to be established based on the State Board’s proposed water loss regulations.

Proposed Water Loss Regulations:

The State Board has been working with stakeholders to develop water loss performance standards and regulations since 2018. The State Board released draft regulations and an associated economic model for review in December 2019. The proposed water loss regulations include the following elements:

- Compliance by January 2028 with a supplier’s water loss standard, calculated using an economic model developed by the State Board and using a supplier’s data reported in Water Loss Audit Reports as a baseline;
- The baseline will be derived from the average real water loss from FY 2017 to 2020 audits report. Suppliers may exclude one outlier from the baseline calculation;

- Compliance will be assessed every three years, with an allowed variance of five gallons per connection per day above the standard;
- Submission of responses to questionnaires on data quality by 2023, and pressure management and asset management by 2024; and
- An off-ramp for suppliers with low levels of real loss (16 gallons per connection per day) and high data quality. IRWD would not qualify for the off-ramp based on its revised audit report data.

*State Board Economic Model:*

The State Board's proposed economic model will be used to calculate each water supplier's water loss performance standard. Below are concerns that staff has with the economic model:

- The model uses base assumptions on water loss that bias the outcome to require additional water loss reductions. For example, the ILI is assumed to be 1.0 for all suppliers. The assumptions can be modified by water supplier-specific data, but many suppliers don't have this information available;
- Suppliers must incur the costs to come into compliance within six years, but the benefits are calculated over 30 years;
- The rise in the cost of water is fixed for all suppliers statewide at 5.6% per year, regardless of water sources; and
- The model does not necessarily result in a performance standard that is cost-effective to implement. Using the revised audit report data, IRWD would have a proposed performance standard of 21 gallons per connection per day. The model indicates this is not cost-effective to maintain, but does not calculate what would be a cost-effective standard.

Although the economic model is being peer-reviewed in parallel with the proposed regulations, State Board staff has stated that only "very compelling" information from the peer review process would result in any changes.

Next Steps:

The formal rulemaking for the water loss regulations is expected to be initiated in January or February 2021, which will trigger a 45-day comment period. The State Board will review comments and possibly make changes, which would result in a subsequent 15-day comment period. The State Board is expected to adopt the regulations between March 2021 and July 2021, which would become effective in October 2021. Staff is reviewing the regulations and economic model and will coordinate IRWD's response with industry associations. IRWD-specific comments and outreach are being prepared.

FISCAL IMPACTS:

None.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE:

IRWD's Water Loss Audit program is not a project as defined in the California Environmental Quality Act as authorized under the California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3 and Section 15378.

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and file.

LIST OF EXHIBITS:

Exhibit "A" – Performance Indicator Terms



# EXHIBIT “A”

## Overview of Water Loss Audit Performance Indicators

The water loss audit provides a basic water balance and several performance indicators for the reporting period. These indicators include the Infrastructure Leakage Index (ILI), Real and Apparent Losses as well as a percentage of non-revenue water, and a data validity grade. These indicators are explained in more detail below.

### *Infrastructure Leakage Index:*

The Infrastructure Leakage Index is calculated as follows:

$$\text{Infrastructure Leakage Index} = \frac{\text{Current Annual Real Losses}}{\text{Unavoidable Annual Real Losses}}$$

A perfect ILI score is 1.00 indicating a very tight potable water distribution system with loss volumes that are equal to the Unavoidable Annual Real Losses. These unavoidable losses are calculated for each system and represent a minimum level of leakage expected based on the size of system, pressure and number of connections.

### *Real and Apparent Losses and Non-Revenue Water:*

Two metrics are used to report on real loss. One is total current annual Real Losses, which varies based on the size of the utility and other factors. The second metric is gallons per connection per day, which helps to normalize the results. Apparent Loss is reported as a total volume and on a per connection per day basis. Non-revenue water includes both Real and Apparent Losses. It is represented as a percentage of the total potable supply and as a percentage of the total operating costs.

### *Data Validity Grade:*

All data that are entered into the AWWA Water Loss Audit report software are evaluated and assigned a Data Validity Grade. The Data Validity Grade is a measure of audit data accuracy and ranges from zero to 100, with a score of 100 representing the highest level achievable. The scale does not represent 100 being the best because there are measures that would improve a utility's Data Validity Grade but may not actually save water, may not be cost-effective or simply may not be appropriate for the utility.

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January 12, 2021

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Submitted by: C. Clary

Approved by: Paul A. Cook



## WATER RESOURCES POLICY AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

### NEW CUSTOMER WEB PORTAL UPDATE

#### SUMMARY:

IRWD plans to go live with its new Customer Web Portal beginning on February 1, 2021. At the Committee meeting, staff will provide an online demonstration of the new Customer Web Portal features along with an overview of the planned communications with IRWD customers announcing the rollout.

#### BACKGROUND:

IRWD currently uses a custom-built, Electronic Bill Presentment and Payment Solution (EBPP) solution developed several years ago. The existing EBPP portal has not kept pace with advances in technology and customer expectations. The system currently available through IRWD's website allows customers to log in to their IRWD accounts, view and pay their bills, and sign up for electronic (paperless) billing and auto-pay. IRWD customers currently pay a fee of \$2.95 associated with their electronic payments.

Over the past 10 years, IRWD's customer base and expectations have grown and evolved substantially. Customers are interested in receiving real-time, valuable and personalized account information. The existing customer portal provides a linked third-party website provided by Fiserv Solutions, which only supports bank account payment methodology. The third-party site has a different look and feel from IRWD's portal and does not link customers to their WaterInsight information. WaterInsight is a web portal that allows customers to receive individualized water use data, including comparison use to the water usage of similar households to inform them about typical and efficient water use, IRWD programs, and incentives for water use efficiency. The existing agreement with Fiserv expires on January 31, 2021.

In April 2020, the Board approved developing and implementing an EBPP with Paymentus. The new solution will provide IRWD customers with an updated web portal allowing them to receive bills in an electronic format and provide services for on-line and on-demand electronic payments. The new EBPP is customer-focused, with easy navigation to IRWD's WaterInsight program, where customers can track water usage, see how their usage compares to others in their neighborhood. It will also allow for real-time payment functionality by credit card, ACH, Interactive Voice Response (IVR) / automated phone payments, pay-by-text, mobile wallet, PayPal, Venmo, and Amazon Pay.

At the Committee meeting, staff will provide a PowerPoint presentation on the planned communications with IRWD customers for the rollout.

FISCAL IMPACTS:

Based on the current IRWD customer eBill participation rate and current electronic payment volumes, the cost is neutral and is included in the FY 2020-21 operating budget.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE:

Not applicable.

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and file.

LIST OF EXHIBITS:

None.

January 12, 2021  
Prepared and  
submitted by: C. Compton  
Approved by: Paul A. Cook



## WATER RESOURCES POLICY AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

### 2021 LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY UPDATE

#### SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on the 2021-2022 legislative session, regulatory issues, and IRWD priorities. As legislation and regulations develop, staff will provide updates and recommendations to the Water Resources Policy and Communications Committee and the Board, as appropriate. Staff recommends the Board consider the following actions/positions:

- *AB 59 (Gabriel) – Mitigation Fee Act: “OPPOSE”;*
- *SB 55 (Stern) – Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone: Development Prohibition: “SEEK AMENDMENTS”; and*
- *COVID-19 Financial Relief for Water Agencies – “SUPPORT IN CONCEPT”.*

#### BACKGROUND:

The 2021-2022 state legislative session convened on December 7, 2020. New members of the Legislature were sworn into office that day. The Legislature then recessed until January 4, 2021, when the first year of the 2021-2022 legislative session was to be convened. Due to the current surge in COVID-19 cases, the Senate President pro Tempore and the Assembly Speaker moved the reconvening date back to January 11, 2021. At least one day prior to the Legislature’s return to session, Governor Gavin Newsom will submit his proposed Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget to the Legislature.

January 22 is the last day for bills to be submitted to the Office of the Legislative Counsel. The bill introduction deadline this year is February 19, although resolutions and constitutional amendments can be introduced after that date. The first policy committee deadlines are in late April and early May.

A copy of the 2021 Legislative Matrix is provided as Exhibit “A”. Links to the bills discussed below are included within each discussion, unless a separate exhibit is noted.

#### 2021 State Legislative Update:

##### *AB 59 (Gabriel, D-Woodland Hills) – Mitigation Fee Act:*

Under Government Code Section 66022, a lawsuit seeking to invalidate water and sewer connection fees or capacity charges must be filed within 120 days of the effective date of the ordinance, resolution or motion adopting the fee or charge. This creates a 120-day statute of limitations for challenging water and sewer connection fees, and capacity charges. AB 59 proposes to delete this provision of the Government Code and, instead, treat connection fees and capacity charges in the same manner as development impact fees (DIF). Existing law allows a

DIF to be paid under protest and then challenged within 180-days of the fee being paid to the local agency. Additionally, AB 59 makes other changes to the notice and evidence a board can consider when adopting connection and capacity fees or charges.

Staff recommends the Board adopt an “oppose” position on AB 59 as it fails to distinguish between DIFs and connection fees, would impact IRWD’s ability to adopt cost-based connection fees, and would repeal Government Code Section 66022.

*SB 55 (Stern, D-Calabasas) – Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone: Development Prohibition:*

SB 55 was introduced on December 7, 2020. The bill, which is a reintroduction of SB 474 (Stern) from last year, proposes to prohibit new residential, commercial, retail and industrial development within a very high fire severity zone or state responsibility area. As currently drafted, the language of the bill does not clearly exclude utility infrastructure from the bill’s development prohibition and, therefore, creates uncertainty as to whether infrastructure development is permitted. The author’s office has indicated that they do not intend for the bill to prohibit the development of facilities and infrastructure related to water service.

Staff recommends the Board adopt a “seek amendments” position on SB 55. The amendments sought would be clarification that the bill does not apply to water and wastewater utility infrastructure and facilities.

*COVID-19 Financial Relief for Water Agencies*

The San Diego County Water Authority has been working to develop legislation directing that a portion of the federal COVID-19 relief received by the State of California be allocated to water suppliers to pay for some of the outstanding debt customers have accumulated as a result of the COVID-19 shutoffs moratorium. Staff will provide an update on the status of this proposal to the Committee, and recommends that the Board adopt a “support in concept” position on allocating a portion of the federal COVID-19 relief equitably to water districts across the state to assist customers with their outstanding debt.

Other State Legislation of Interest to IRWD:

Staff will also discuss with the Committee other newly introduced legislation.

2021 State Regulatory Update:

*State Water Resources Control Board’s Survey on COVID-19 Impacts:*

The State Water Resources Control Board was expected to receive a report from its staff at its January 5, 2021, Board meeting on the survey results from the November 2020 COVID-19 financial impacts survey that was sent to water agencies. As yet, the report has not placed on the State Board’s agenda. Staff will provide an update to the Committee on any new developments related to the State Board’s release of the survey results.

### 2021 State Regulatory Update:

The following is a list of some of the State regulations and agency reports staff is monitoring, tracking or planning to engage in over the next three to 12 months. As the next drafts of the regulations or report are released for public review and comment, staff will engage, as appropriate. Staff will also provide an oral update to the Committee on any new developments related to these regulations.

The pending regulations and reports actively being tracked include the:

- Board of Forestry and Fire Protection's propose "[Fire Safe Regulations](#)";
- California Air Resources Board's [proposed "Advanced Clean Trucks Regulation;"](#)
- California Air Resources Board's Heavy-Duty Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program;
- California Plumbing Code Update;
- California Water Commission Workshops on Water Conveyance;
- Department of Water Resources (DWR) and the State Board's implementation of the "[Making Water Conservation a California Way of Life](#)" legislation;
- Implementation of Executive Order [EO-N-82-2020](#) requiring 30 percent of the state's land and coastal waters to be conserved by 2030;
- Implementation of the Governor's Water Resiliency Portfolio;
- State Board's adopted "[Definition of Microplastics in Drinking Water;](#)"
- State Board's development of a "Cross Connection Policy Handbook;"
- State Board's Electronic Annual Report;
- State Board's [Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience \(SAFER\) Drinking Water Program](#); and
- State Board's [Water Loss Performance Standards Regulations](#).

### 2021 Federal Legislative Update:

IRWD's federal advocacy efforts in 2021 continue to largely focus on seeking federal funding for the Kern Fan Groundwater Storage Project and advocating for an increased funding authorization for the federal Water Storage Program. As the nation's attention has shifted to COVID-19, staff and the District's advocates have been tracking the federal legislation dealing with the coronavirus. Staff also continues to track federal legislation related to infrastructure funding. Staff will update the Committee on these efforts and on the ongoing efforts related to positioning the Kern Fan Groundwater Storage Project for federal funding this year, and other federal proposals of interest to the District.

FISCAL IMPACTS:

Not applicable.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE:

Not applicable.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board adopt an “OPPOSE” position on AB 59 (Gabriel), a “SEEK AMENDMENTS” position on SB 55 (Stern), and a “SUPPORT IN CONCEPT” position on the legislative concept to allocating a portion of California’s federal COVID-19 relief funding equitably to water districts across the state to assist customers with their outstanding debt.

LIST OF EXHIBITS:

Exhibit “A” – IRWD Legislative Matrix



**EXHIBIT “A”**  
**IRWD 2021 LEGISLATIVE MATRIX**  
**Updated 01/04/2021**

<b>Bill No. Author</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>IRWD Position</b>	<b>Summary/Effects</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b><u>AB 1</u></b> Garcia (D)	Hazardous Waste		Creates the Board of Environmental Safety in the California Environmental Protection Agency. Provides requirements for the membership of the board and requires the board to conduct no less than 6 public meetings per year. Provides for the duties of the board, which would include, among others, reviewing specified policies, processes, and programs within the hazardous waste control laws.	12/07/2020 - INTRODUCED.
<b><u>AB 2</u></b> Fong (R)	Regulations: Legislative Review: Regulatory Reform		Requires the Office of Administrative Law to submit to each house of the Legislature for review a copy of each major regulation that it submits to the Secretary of State. Requires each state agency to review that agency's regulations, identify any regulations that are duplicative, overlapping, inconsistent, or out of date, to revise those identified regulations, and report to the Legislature and Governor.	12/07/2020 - INTRODUCED.
<b><u>AB 5</u></b> Fong (R)	Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: High Speed Rail		Suspends the appropriation to the High-Speed Rail Authority for the 2021-22 and 2022-23 fiscal years and requires the transfer of those amounts from moneys collected by the State Air Resources Board to the General Fund. Specifies that the transferred amounts shall be available to support K-12 education and to offset any funding reduction for K-12 education.	12/07/2020 - INTRODUCED.
<b><u>AB 9</u></b> Wood (D)	Wildfires		States the intent of the Legislature to enact subsequent legislation that would increase California's capacity to prevent and reduce the impact of wildfires.	12/07/2020 - INTRODUCED.
<b><u>AB 11</u></b> Ward (D)	Climate Change: Regional Coordinating Groups		Requires the Strategic Growth Council to establish up to 12 regional climate change coordinating groups to develop and work on climate adaptation for their communities. Authorizes the regional climate change coordinating groups to engage in certain activities to address climate change.	12/07/2020 - INTRODUCED.

**IRWD 2021 LEGISLATIVE MATRIX**  
**Updated 01/04/2021**

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<b><u>AB 15</u></b> Chiu (D)	COVID-19 Relief: Tenancy Stabilization Act of 2021		Extends the definition of "COVID-19 rental debt" as unpaid rent or any other unpaid financial obligation of a tenant that came due between March 1, 2020, and December 31, 2021. Extends the repeal date of the COVID-19 Tenant Relief Act of 2020 to January 1, 2026. Prohibits a landlord from taking certain actions with respect to a tenant's COVID-19 rental debt, including, among others, charging or attempting to collect late fees, or withholding a service or amenity.	12/07/2020 - INTRODUCED.
<b><u>AB 16</u></b> Chiu (D)	Tenancies: Tenant, Small Landlord, and Housing Act		States the intent of the Legislature to enact the Tenant, Small Landlord, and Affordable Housing Provider Stabilization Act of 2021 to address the long-term financial impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on renters, small landlords, and affordable housing providers, ensure ongoing housing stability for tenants at risk of eviction, and stabilize rental properties at risk of foreclosure.	12/07/2020 - INTRODUCED.
<b><u>AB 20</u></b> Lee (D)	Political Reform Act of 1974: Clean Money Act of 2021		Enacts the Clean Money Act of 2021, would prohibit a candidate for elective office from receiving a contribution from a business entity, and a business entity from making a contribution to a candidate for elective office, and would make related findings and declarations.	12/07/2020 - INTRODUCED.
<b><u>AB 25</u></b> Kiley (R)	Worker Classification: Employees and Contractors		Generally repeals provisions relating to the "ABC" test to determine if workers are employees or independent contractors. The bill would instead require the determination of whether a person is an employee or an independent contractor to be based on the specific multifactor test set forth in the Borello decision, including whether the person to whom service is rendered has the right to control the manner and means of accomplishing the result desired.	12/07/2020 - INTRODUCED.
<b><u>AB 29</u></b> Cooper (D)	State Bodies: Meetings		Requires that the notice of a meeting of a state body include all writings or materials provided for the noticed meeting to a member of the state body by the staff of a state agency, board, or commission, or another member of the state body that are in	12/07/2020 - INTRODUCED.

**IRWD 2021 LEGISLATIVE MATRIX**  
**Updated 01/04/2021**

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			connection with a matter subject of discussion or consideration at the meeting.	
<b><u>AB 33</u></b> Ting (D)	Natural Gas		Prohibits the Department of General Services from approving or providing funding from the construction on new school buildings that have natural gas connections. Prohibits new public buildings for which construction begins on or after January 1, 2022, to have natural gas connections.	12/07/2020 - INTRODUCED.
<b><u>AB 49</u></b> Petrie-Norris (D)	California Debt Limit Allocation Committee		States the intent of the Legislature to enact future legislation that would eliminate the California Debt Limit Allocation Committee and that would transfer the duties and authority of that committee to the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee.	12/07/2020 - INTRODUCED.
<b><u>AB 50</u></b> Boerner Horvath (D)	Climate Adaptation Center and Regional Support Network		Establishes the Climate Adaptation Center and Regional Support Network in the Ocean Protection Council to provide local governments facing sea level rise challenges with information and scientific expertise necessary to proceed with sea level rise mitigation.	12/07/2020 - INTRODUCED.
<b><u>AB 51</u></b> Quirk (D)	Regional Climate Adaptation Planning Groups		Requires the Strategic Growth Council, by July 1, 2022, to establish guidelines for the formation of regional climate adaptation planning groups. Requires the council, by July 1, 2023, and in consultation with certain state entities, to develop criteria for the development of regional climate adaptation plans.	12/07/2020 - INTRODUCED.
<b><u>AB 52</u></b> Frazier (D)	California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006		Requires the State Air Resources Board, in each scoping plan update prepared by the state board after January 1, 2022, to include, consistent with the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, recommendations for achieving the maximum technologically feasible and cost-effective reductions of emissions of greenhouse gases and black carbon from wildfires. Expresses the intent of the Legislature to appropriate an amount from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund for wildfire mitigation and prevention.	12/07/2020 - INTRODUCED.

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<b><u>AB 53</u></b> Low (D)	Election Day Holiday		Adds the day on which a statewide general election is held, which is the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of any even-numbered year, to the list of holidays. Requires community colleges and public schools to close on any day on which a statewide general election is held. Requires that state employees, with specified exceptions, be given time off with pay for days on which a statewide general election is held.	12/07/2020 - INTRODUCED.
<b><u>AB 55</u></b> Boerner Horvath (D)	Employment: Telecommuting		Declares the intent of the Legislature to enact future legislation to ensure certain rights and benefits for telecommuting employees.	12/07/2020 - INTRODUCED.
<b><u>AB 59</u></b> Gabriel (D)	Mitigation Fee Act: Fees: Notice and Timeliness		Relates to the Mitigation Fee Act. Increases, for fees and service charges and for fees for specified public facilities, the time for mailing the notice of the time and place of the meeting to at least 45 days before the meeting. Requires the local agency to make that information available to the public at least 30 days before the meeting.	12/07/2020 - INTRODUCED.
<b><u>AB 63</u></b> Petrie-Norris (D)	Marine Resources: Marine Managed Areas Improvement Act		Relates to the Marine Managed Areas Improvement Act, restoration activities. Authorizes the designating entity or managing agency to also permit restoration activities.	12/07/2020 - INTRODUCED.
<b><u>AB 64</u></b> Quirk (D)	Electricity: Renewable Energy and Zero-Carbon		Requires the PUC, Energy Commission, and State Air Resources Board, in consultation with all balancing authorities, to additionally develop a strategy, by an unspecified date, on how to achieve a specified state policy in a cost-effective and environmentally beneficial manner.	12/07/2020 - INTRODUCED.
<b><u>AB 67</u></b> Petrie-Norris (D)	Sea Level Rise: Working Group: Economic Analysis		Requires a state agency to take into account the current and future impacts of sea level rise when planning, designing, building, operating, maintaining, and investing in infrastructure located in the coastal zone or otherwise vulnerable to flooding from sea level rise	12/07/2020 - INTRODUCED.

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			or storm surges, or when otherwise approving the allocation of state funds for those purposes.	
<b><u>AB 68</u></b> Salas (D)	Affordable Housing: California State Auditor's Report		States the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would implement recommendations made in the California State Auditor's Report 2020-108, issued on November 17, 2020, relating to affordable housing.	12/07/2020 - INTRODUCED.
<b><u>AB 69</u></b> Kiley (R)	State of Emergency: Termination After 60 Days		Requires a state of emergency to terminate 60 days after the Governor's proclamation of the state of emergency unless the Legislature extends it by a concurrent resolution. Prohibits a concurrent resolution from extending a state of emergency by more than 60 days.	12/07/2020 - INTRODUCED.
<b><u>AB 72</u></b> Petrie-Norris (D)	Environmental Protection: Coastal Adaptation Projects		Enacts the Coastal Adaptation Permitting Act of 2021. Requires the Natural Resources Agency to explore, and authorize it to implement, options within the agency's jurisdiction to establish a more coordinated and efficient regulatory review and permitting process for coastal adaptation projects.	12/07/2020 - INTRODUCED.
<b><u>AB 93</u></b> Garcia E (D)	Pandemics: Priority for Medical Treatment: Food Supply		States the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to prioritize workers in the food supply industry, including, but not limited to, field workers and grocery workers, for rapid testing and vaccination programs in response to pandemics, including COVID-19.	12/07/2020 - INTRODUCED.
<b><u>AB 95</u></b> Low (D)	Employees: Bereavement Leave		Enacts the Bereavement Leave Act of 2021. Requires an employer with 25 or more employees to grant an employee up to 10 business days of unpaid bereavement leave upon the death of a spouse, child, parent, sibling, grandparent, grandchild, or domestic partner, in accordance with certain procedures, and subject to certain exclusions. Requires an employer with fewer than 25 employees to grant up to 3 business days of leave.	12/07/2020 - INTRODUCED.

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<b><u>AB 96</u></b> O'Donnell (D)	Clean Truck, Bus, and Off-Road Vehicle and Technology		Extends the requirement that 20% of funding be made available to support early commercial deployment of existing zero- and near-zero-emission heavy-duty truck technology until December 31, 2026. The bill would further require at least 20% of that funding support early commercial deployment of existing near-zero-emission heavy-duty truck technology.	12/07/2020 - INTRODUCED.
<b><u>AB 100</u></b> Holden (D)	Drinking Water: Pipes and Fittings: Lead Content		Defines "lead free" under the California Safe Drinking Water Act, with respect to end point devices, to mean that the devices do not leach more than one microgram of lead under certain tests and meeting a specified certification.	12/11/2020 - INTRODUCED.
<b><u>AB 108</u></b> Cunningham (R)	Governor's Emergency Orders and Regulations: Approval		Permits an order or regulation, or an amendment or rescission thereof, issued pursuant to specified California Emergency Services Act (CESA) provisions 60 or more days after the proclamation, to take effect only if approved by a concurrent resolution of the Legislature.	12/16/2020 - INTRODUCED.
<b><u>AB 115</u></b> Bloom (D)	Planning and Zoning: Housing Development		Requires that a housing development be an authorized use on a site designated in any local agency's zoning code or maps for commercial uses if certain conditions apply. Provides that among these conditions, the bill would require that the housing development be subject to a recorded deed restriction requiring that at least 20% of the units have an affordable housing cost or affordable rent for lower income households, as those terms are defined, and located on a site that satisfies specified criteria.	12/18/2020 - INTRODUCED.
<b><u>AB 119</u></b> Salas (D)	County Assessors: Direct Levies		Requires county assessors to make publicly available on their internet websites information about direct levies applicable to each tax rate area within the county.	12/18/2020 - INTRODUCED.
<b><u>AB 123</u></b> Gonzalez (D)	Paid Family Leave: Weekly Benefit Amount		Revises the formula for determining benefits available pursuant to the family temporary disability insurance program, for periods of disability commencing after January 1, 2022, by redefining the	12/18/2020 - INTRODUCED.

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			weekly benefit amount to be equal to 90% of the wages paid to an individual for employment by employers during the quarter of the individual's disability base period in which these wages were highest, divided by 13, but not exceeding the maximum workers' compensation disability indemnity weekly benefit amount.	
<b><u>AB 125</u></b> Rivas R (D)	Food and Agriculture: Climate Crisis: COVID-19 Recovery		States the intent of the Legislature to enact subsequent legislation to issue a bond to support solutions to the climate crisis and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic that would create a more equitable and resilient food and farming system.	12/18/2020 - INTRODUCED.
<b><u>ACA 1</u></b> Aguiar-Curry (D)	Local Government Financing: Affordable Housing		Creates an additional exception to the 1% ad valorem tax rate limit on real property that would authorize a city, county, or special district to levy an ad valorem tax to service bonded indebtedness incurred to fund the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of public infrastructure, affordable housing, or permanent supportive housing, if the proposition proposing the tax is approved by 55% of the voters of the city or county, and the proposition includes accountability requirements.	12/07/2020 - INTRODUCED.
<b><u>SB 1</u></b> Atkins (D)	Coastal Resources: Sea Level Rise		Includes, as part of the procedures the California Coastal Commission is required to adopt for local coastal programs, recommendations and guidelines for the identification, assessment, minimization, and mitigation of sea level rise within each local coastal program.	12/07/2020 - INTRODUCED.
<b><u>SB 3</u></b> Caballero (D)	Tenancy: COVID-19		Extends the covered time period and transition time period for purposes of the COVID-19 Tenant Relief Act of 2020 to a specified date.	12/07/2020 - INTRODUCED.
<b><u>SB 8</u></b> Skinner (D)	Density Bonus Law		Makes a nonsubstantive change to the definition of development standard for purposes of the Density Bonus Law.	12/07/2020 - INTRODUCED.

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<b><u>SB 9</u></b> Atkins (D)	Housing Development: Approvals		Requires a proposed housing development containing two residential units within a single-family residential zone to be considered ministerially, without discretionary review or hearing, if the proposed housing development meets certain requirements that the proposed housing development would not require demolition or alteration of housing that is subject to a recorded covenant, ordinance, or law that restricts rents to levels affordable to persons and families of moderate or low income.	12/07/2020 - INTRODUCED.
<b><u>SB 10</u></b> Wiener (D)	Planning and Zoning: Housing Development: Density		Authorizes a local government to pass an ordinance to zone any parcel for up to 10 units of residential density per parcel, at a height specified in the ordinance, if the parcel is located in a transit-rich area, a jobs-rich area, or an urban infill site, as those terms are defined. Requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to determine jobs-rich areas and publish a map of those areas on a certain frequency.	12/07/2020 - INTRODUCED.
<b><u>SB 12</u></b> McGuire (D)	Local Government Planning and Zoning: Wildfires		Requires the safety element, upon the next revision of the housing element or the hazard mitigation plan, on or after a certain date, whichever occurs first, to be reviewed and updated as necessary to include a comprehensive retrofit strategy to reduce the risk of property loss and damage during wildfires, and would require the planning agency to submit the adopted strategy to the Office of Planning and Research for inclusion into the clearinghouse for climate adaptation.	12/07/2020 - INTRODUCED.
<b><u>SB 13</u></b> Dodd (D)	Local Agency Services: Contracts: Napa, San Bernardino		Imposes a deadline for the Napa and San Bernardino commissions to report to the Legislature on the pilot program, authorize a city or district to provide new or extended services outside its jurisdictional boundary, and would require the contents of that report to include how many requests for extension of services were received under these provisions.	12/07/2020 - INTRODUCED.



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<b><u>SB 27</u></b> Skinner (D)	Carbon Sequestration: State Goals: Natural Working Land		Requires the Natural Resources Agency, no later than July 1, 2022, in coordination with the California Environmental Protection Agency, the State Air Resources Board, and the Department of Food and Agriculture, to establish carbon sequestration goals for natural and working lands. Requires the state board, as part of its scoping plan, to establish specified carbon dioxide removal targets for 2030 and beyond.	12/07/2020 - INTRODUCED.
<b><u>SB 29</u></b> Umberg (D)	Elections: Vote by Mail Ballots		Extends requirements to vote by mail ballots to all elections conducted prior to January 1, 2022.	12/07/2020 - INTRODUCED.
<b><u>SB 33</u></b> Cortese (D)	California Environmental Quality Act: Lead Agency		Makes nonsubstantive changes to the California Environmental Quality Act.	12/07/2020 - INTRODUCED.
<b><u>SB 36</u></b> Skinner (D)	Energy Efficiency		Makes nonsubstantive changes to existing law which authorizes the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission to prescribe, by regulation, energy efficiency standards, including appliance efficiency standards.	12/07/2020 - INTRODUCED.
<b><u>SB 37</u></b> Cortese (D)	Contaminated Sites Dominic Cortese Act of 2021		Updates and revitalizes the Hazardous Waste and Substances Sites List, or the Cortese List. Requires the Department of Toxic Substances Control to also list hazardous waste facilities where the department issued an order for corrective action after determining that there is or has been a release of hazardous waste or constituents into the environment from a facility.	12/07/2020 - INTRODUCED.
<b><u>SB 45</u></b> Portantino (D)	Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water Bond Act		Enacts the Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2022, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in a specified amount pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance projects for a wildfire prevention, safe drinking water, drought preparation, and flood protection program.	12/07/2020 - INTRODUCED.

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<b><u>SB 46</u></b> Stern (D)	Employment: Contact Tracing: COVID-19		States the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would require an employer to develop and implement contact tracing and safety policies for its employees, including requiring notice to the employer when an employee receives a positive Coronavirus disease 2019 test.	12/07/2020 - INTRODUCED.
<b><u>SB 49</u></b> Umberg (D)	Business Fees: Reimbursement: Waiver: COVID-19		Expresses the intent of the Legislature to enact future legislation that would reimburse or waive state or locally mandated operating fees for businesses that are unable to operate due to statewide or local actions or ordinances instituted as a result of the Coronavirus 19 pandemic.	12/07/2020 - INTRODUCED.
<b><u>SB 51</u></b> Durazo (D)	Surplus Residential Property: Sale: Los Angeles		Requires, with respect to surplus residential property that is located in the City of Los Angeles, that if the surplus residential property is not sold to a former owner or present occupant, the property be offered at fair market value to purchasers who are present tenants who have occupied the property for 5 years or more and who are in good standing with all rent obligations current and paid in full, with first right of occupancy to the present occupants.	12/07/2020 - INTRODUCED.
<b><u>SB 52</u></b> Dodd (D)	State of Emergency: Power Outages		Expands the definition of sudden and severe energy shortage to include a deenergization event, defined as a planned power outage, as specified, and would make a deenergization event one of those conditions constituting a state of emergency and a local emergency.	12/07/2020 - INTRODUCED.
<b><u>SB 55</u></b> Stern (D)	Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone: Development		Prohibits the creation or approval of a new development, as defined, in a very high fire hazard severity zone or a state responsibility area.	12/07/2020 - INTRODUCED.
<b><u>SB 63</u></b> Stern (D)	Fire Prevention: Vegetation Management: Education		Requires the Director of Forestry and Fire Protection to identify areas of the state as moderate and high fire hazard severity zones and requires a local agency to make this information available for public review and comment. Requires the director to establish a statewide program to allow qualified entities to support and	12/07/2020 - INTRODUCED.

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			augment the department in its defensible space and home hardening assessment and education efforts.	
<b><u>SB 67</u></b> Becker (D)	Clean Energy		States intent of the Legislature to enact subsequent legislation to accelerate the state's progress toward having all electricity provided by renewable or other zero-carbon sources on a permanent basis.	12/07/2020 - INTRODUCED.
<b><u>SB 68</u></b> Becker (D)	Building Decarbonization		States the intent of the Legislature to enact subsequent legislation that will help the state achieve its climate and air pollution reduction goals in the building sector through actions such as reducing barriers to upgrading electrical service panels or accommodating additional electrical appliances within existing service panels.	12/07/2020 - INTRODUCED.
<b><u>SB 72</u></b> Rubio (D)	Residential Property Insurance: Wildfire Risk		Requires the Insurance Commissioner to transmit to the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency a report that makes geographic recommendations for vegetation management projects based on the commissioner's analysis of specified information, including nonrenewal data on policies of residential property insurance, and to post that report on the Department of Insurance's internet website.	12/10/2020 - INTRODUCED.
<b><u>SB 77</u></b> Nielsen (R)	Elections: Ballots		Makes a technical, nonsubstantive change to provisions of existing law providing that, on election day, a voter who does not vote the ballot the voter has received shall, before leaving the polling place, return it to the precinct board member having charge of the ballots, who shall immediately cancel it.	12/15/2020 - INTRODUCED.
<b><u>SB 79</u></b> Nielsen (R)	Fair Political Practices Commission		Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to provisions of the Fair Political Practices Commission prohibiting members of the commission from holding certain offices and from participating in certain activities. Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to prescribing criteria for the removal of members of the Fair Political Practices Commission.	12/15/2020 - INTRODUCED.

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<b><u>SB 83</u></b> Allen (D)	California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank		Creates the Sea Level Rise Revolving Loan Program within the I-Bank to provide low-interest loans to local jurisdictions for the purchase of coastal properties in their jurisdictions identified as vulnerable coastal property. Requires the California Coastal Commission in consultation with the State Lands Commission, and any other applicable state, federal, and local entities, as specified to determine criteria and guidelines for the identification of eligible vulnerable coastal properties.	12/15/2020 - INTRODUCED.
<b><u>SB 98</u></b> McGuire (D)	Public Peace: Media Access		Requires that specified media be allowed to enter specified closed areas and prohibits a peace officer or other law enforcement officer from intentionally assaulting, interfering with, or obstructing a duly authorized representative who is gathering, receiving, or processing information for communication to the public. Prohibits a duly authorized representative who is in a closed area from being cited for the failure to disperse, a violation of a curfew, or a violation of other specified laws.	12/22/2020 - INTRODUCED.
<b><u>SB 99</u></b> Dodd (D)	Community Energy Resilience Act of 2021		Requires the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission to develop and implement a grant program for local governments to develop community energy resilience plans. Sets forth guiding principles for plan development, including equitable access to reliable energy and integration with other existing local planning documents.	12/28/2020 - INTRODUCED.
<b><u>SCA 1</u></b> Hertzberg (D)	Elections: Referenda		Requires that the ballot for a referendum measure provide that a Yes vote is in favor of the referendum and rejects the statute or part of the statute subject to the referendum, and a No vote is against the referendum and approves the statute or part of the statute subject to the referendum, thus requiring a majority vote in favor of the referendum to reject the statute or part of the statute subject to the referendum.	12/07/2020 - INTRODUCED.

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<b><u>SCR 5</u></b> Melendez (R)	State of emergency: COVID-19: Termination		Declares that the state of emergency proclaimed by the Governor on a specified date, is at an end, thereby terminating the emergency powers granted to the Governor as a result of that proclamation.	12/22/2020 - INTRODUCED.;12/22/2020 - To SENATE Committee on RULES.

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## WATER RESOURCES POLICY AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

### GOVERNMENT RELATIONS OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

#### SUMMARY:

As a local, regional, state and federal leader in water resources public policy and governance, IRWD has worked diligently to promote policy initiatives that allow the District, along with other water purveyors in California, to protect customers' interests and to enhance the quality and reliability of water supplies locally and throughout the state. While most of IRWD's government relations activities involve engagement and advocacy at the state and federal levels, the District also engages with local and regional elected officials and stakeholders to build strong relationships and, when appropriate, work on issues and public policy matters of interest to both IRWD and those parties. IRWD also strives to maintain regular communication with local and regional stakeholders, along with elected officials and their staff, regarding IRWD projects and policy interests.

In support of these government relations efforts, this report summarizes IRWD's Government Relations Outreach Activities. Outreach activities include both ongoing and planned activities that support the District's outreach at the local, state, and federal government levels. Staff recommends the Committee provide input on the Government Outreach Plan.

#### BACKGROUND:

IRWD's Government Relations Program engages, on behalf of the District, with elected officials, other governmental agencies, and notable stakeholders at the local, state and federal levels. In doing so, the program seeks to build and maintain strong relationships with:

- Orange County water and sewer agencies and departments;
- City and County elected officials, professional staff, and agencies;
- Regional governmental board and commissions, their professional staff, and agencies;
- The Governor's Office and within State agencies;
- Members of the California Legislature and their staff; and
- Members of Congress, their staff, and within Federal agencies.

The program also engages with notable community and statewide stakeholders seeking to build and maintain strong relationships with them. These stakeholders include:

- Local and regional associations, such as the Association of California Cities-Orange County (ACC-OC);
- Local and regional business groups, such as the Orange County Business Council and the South Orange County Economic Coalition;

- Chambers of commerce, such as the Greater Irvine Chamber of Commerce;
- Statewide associations and their respective legislative/government relations committees and work groups, including, but not limited to, the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA), California Municipal Utilities Association (CMUA), the California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA), and WaterReuse California;
- Other water agencies outside of Orange County; and
- Other stakeholders and interest groups.

The District's engagement with these elected officials, other governmental agencies, and notable stakeholders at the local, state, and federal levels better enables IRWD to carry out its work on behalf of its customers and to promote policy initiatives that allow the District, along with other water purveyors in California, to enhance the quality and reliability of water supplies and water infrastructure throughout the state.

#### Local, Regional, State and Federal Government Relations Outreach

##### *Local and Regional Outreach:*

IRWD's local and regional government relation efforts value cultivating and maintaining relationships with members of the Orange County Board of Supervisors and elected officials from the cities within the District's service area, and their staff. IRWD's service area covers all of the City of Irvine and portions of the cities of Costa Mesa, Irvine, Lake Forest, Newport Beach, Orange, Santa Ana, and Tustin, along with unincorporated areas of Orange County. IRWD's service area overlays portions of the First, Second, Third, and Fifth County Supervisorial Districts. These districts are currently represented by Supervisor Andrew Do, Supervisor Don Wagner, Supervisor Lisa Bartlett. The Supervisor for the Second District will be elected in a special election being held in March.

The District has sent and will continue to send letters of congratulations to all the local and regional elected officials within its service area boundaries. These letters always include an invitation to the elected official and their staff to visit IRWD and tour our facilities. District staff will follow up with these elected officials, as appropriate, to schedule an IRWD briefing and tour.

Staff and members of IRWD's Board of Directors also regularly participate in meetings and activities of Orange County-based associations and organizations. These associations and organizations not only provide a platform for IRWD to work with and develop relationships with county and city stakeholders, including elected officials, but they also facilitate the coordination of efforts on state and federal legislative and regulatory advocacy. IRWD's government relations staff will continue to engage with these stakeholders, as appropriate.



*State Government Outreach:*

IRWD's Government Relations Program strives to build and maintain relationships with the members of the Orange County State Legislative Delegation and their staff in addition to other members of the California Assembly and State Senate. While IRWD engages with the entire Orange County State delegation, IRWD is currently represented in the California Assembly by Assemblymember Tom Daly (D-Anaheim), Assemblymember Steven Choi (R-Irvine), Assemblymember Cottie Petrie-Norris (D-Newport Beach), and Assemblymember Laurie Davies (R-Laguna Niguel). IRWD is represented in the California State Senate by Senator Tom Umberg (D-Anaheim), Senator David Min (D-Irvine,) and Senator Patricia Bates (R-Laguna Niguel).

The District has sent and will continue to send letters of congratulations to all members of the Orange County State delegation upon their election or reelection to the Legislature. Each letter includes an invitation to the elected official and his or her staff to visit IRWD and tour District facilities. District staff follows up with these elected officials, as appropriate, to schedule an IRWD briefing and tour.

Additionally, the District's Government Relations Program seeks to cultivate and maintain relationships with key staff on committees in the Legislature that are of particular interest to the District. These committees include the Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee, Assembly Local Government Committee, Senate Committee on Natural Resources, and Senate Governance and Finance Committee. These relationships are not only critical to IRWD's advocacy efforts on legislation as it moves through the Legislature and to the Governor's desk during the course of the legislative session but is also important to the District's efforts to shape public policy discussions in Sacramento.

In addition to its legislative outreach efforts, the Government Relations Program seeks to build and maintain relationships with key staff within the Administration and State agencies along with members of statewide boards and commissions at agencies involved in water policy. Most notably, the District engages at a substantial level with the State Water Resources Control Board and the Regional Water Quality Control Board. As the District continues to engage with State officials and agencies, the District strives to ensure their familiarity with IRWD, its operations and its policy objectives.

As at the local and regional level, IRWD staff and members of IRWD's Board of Directors also regularly engage with the statewide associations of which the District is a member. It is the District's objective to be active in all associations to which it belongs, to some extent, or to re-visit the need to belong in that association.

Federal Government Outreach:

IRWD's Government Relations Program strives to build and maintain relationships with the members of the Orange County Congressional Delegation and their staff in addition to other members of Congress and their staff. This includes members within and outside of the California congressional delegation.

The District's Government Relations Program will continue to cultivate and maintain strong relationships with the offices of California's United States Senators. Staff and IRWD's federal advocates have regular communication with Senator Dianne Feinstein's Office. Communication will be established with incoming Senator Alex Padilla's Office once he assumes office.

With regard to the House of Representatives, IRWD engages with the entire Orange County Federal delegation and will continue to do so. While the District considers the entire delegation as representing it in Washington, D.C., IRWD's service area currently falls within the congressional districts of Representative Lou Correa (D-Santa Ana), Representative Katie Porter (D-Irvine), and Representative Michelle Steel (R-Huntington Beach).

As with IRWD's State delegation, the District has sent, and will continue to send, letters of congratulations to all members of the Orange County Federal delegation upon their election or reelection to Congress. These letters always include an invitation to the elected official and their staff to visit IRWD and tour our facilities. District staff will follow up with these elected officials, as appropriate, to schedule an IRWD briefing and tour. Additionally, the District's Government Relations Programs seeks to build and maintain relationships with key staff within the Administration and federal agencies. These efforts will continue with the Biden Administration.

#### Government Relations Outreach Plan

In support of the District's government relations efforts, staff has put together a summary of Government Relations Outreach Activities for the District. The purpose of the Outreach Activities Plan is to provide a high-level framework of local, regional, state and federal engagement being undertaken within the Government Relations Program. The Outreach Activities encompasses both ongoing and planned activities that support the District's government outreach at the local, state, and federal government levels. The Outreach Activities Plan is provided as in Exhibit "A". For reference purposes, staff has also assembled two additional resources: Exhibit "B" is a map of IRWD's service area and select local, state and federal representatives, and Exhibit "C" is a directory of County and city elected officials.

Staff recommends the Committee provide input on the Government Outreach Activities Plan.

#### FISCAL IMPACTS:

Not applicable.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE:

Not applicable.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

That the Committee provide input Government Relations Outreach Activities Plan.

LIST OF EXHIBITS:

- Exhibit “A” – Government Relations Outreach Plan
- Exhibit “B” – Map of County, State and Federal Representatives
- Exhibit “C” – Directory of IRWD County and City Elected Officials

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EXHIBIT "A"  
**IRWD 2021 Government Relations Program  
Outreach Activities**

**Key Local Outreach Activities**

- Send congratulations letters and tour invitations to city, County of Orange, local water agency, and regional elected officials (Local Elected Officials) following elections.
- Provide IRWD overview briefings and tours to new Local Elected Officials and their staff.
- Regularly provide briefings and information to Local Elected Officials (and staff as appropriate) as issues arise so that they remain briefed on IRWD projects, interests, and policy positions.
- Engage with regional government agencies, including the Orange County Fire Authority, Orange County Local Agency Commission, Orange County Transportation Authority, and Transportation Corridor Agencies, as appropriate.
- Attend and participate in meetings and committees of the Association of California Cities-Orange County (ACC-OC), including the Legislative and Regulatory Committee and the Energy and Environment Committee.
- Attend and participate in meetings and committees of the Orange County Business Council (OCBC), including the Infrastructure Committee and the Government Affairs Committee. Participate in OCBC Washington, D.C. and Sacramento advocacy trips, as appropriate.
- Attend and participate in meetings and committees of the South Orange County Economic Coalition, as appropriate.
- Attend and participate in meetings of the Greater Irvine Chamber of Commerce, including the Advocacy and Government Affairs Committee, and other chambers of commerce.
- Attend and participate in meetings of the Independent Special Districts of Orange County (ISDOC).
- Engage with other Orange County water agencies.
- Attend and participate in relevant Orange County Water District, OC SAN, South Orange County Wastewater Authority, and Municipal Water District of Orange County committee and Board meetings.
- Attend and participate in meetings of the Water Advisory Committee of Orange County (WACO).
- Engage with other community stakeholders, as appropriate, working to build stronger relationships between IRWD and the Orange County community.

## IRWD 2021 Government Relations Program Outreach Activities

### **Key Statewide and Federal Outreach Activities**

- Send State and Federal elected officials congratulations letters and tour invitations following elections.
- Provide IRWD overview briefings and tours to new State and Federal Elected Officials and their staff.
- Provide IRWD overview briefings and tours to State and Federal administration appointees and staff.
- Provide IRWD overview briefings and tours to State and Federal agency appointees and staff.
- Regularly provide briefings and information to State and Federal Elected Officials and their staff as issues arise so that they are briefed on IRWD projects and policy positions, as appropriate. (This includes IRWD positions on legislative matters and updates on grant funding requests.)
- Regularly provide briefings and information to State and Federal administration appointees and staff as issues arise so that they are briefed on IRWD projects and policy positions, as appropriate. This includes IRWD positions on legislative and regulatory matters.
- Regularly provide briefings and information to State and Federal agency appointees and staff as issues arise so that they are briefed on IRWD projects and policy positions, as appropriate. This includes IRWD positions on regulatory matters.
- Plan and participating in IRWD-specific advocacy trips and participate in joint advocacy trips with other organizations and industry partners.
- Attend and participate in meetings, committee and workgroups of the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA), including the Federal Affairs Committee and the State Legislative Committee, to shape the association's state and federal advocacy strategy and positions; participate in other committees as appropriate.
- Attend and participate on the Board and in meetings and activities of the Bioenergy Association of California (BAC), including participating in the Legislative Committee to shape the association's state advocacy strategy and positions.
- Attend and participate in meetings, committees and workgroups of the California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA), including the Air Quality Climate Change, and Energy Workgroup, the Regulatory Workgroup, and the State Legislative Committee to shape the association's state and federal advocacy strategy and positions.

## IRWD 2021 Government Relations Program Outreach Activities

- Attend and participate in meetings of the California Council for Environmental and Economic Balance (CCEEB) and the projects the District participates in, including the Water Quality Task Force and the Water, Chemistry and Waste (WCW) Project.
- Attend and participate in meetings, committees and workgroups of the California Municipal Utilities Association (CMUA), including serving as Co-Chair of the Legislative Committee in 2021.
- Attend and participate in meetings, committees and workgroups of the California Special Districts Association (CSDA), including the Legislative Committee, to the association's state and federal advocacy strategy and positions.
- Attend and participate in meetings, committees and workgroups of WaterReuse California, including the Legislative/Regulatory Committee, to the association's state advocacy strategy and positions.
- Engage with other industry and non-industry stakeholders, as appropriate, working to build stronger relationships between IRWD and those stakeholders to better position the District to engage in productive State and Federal policy discussions and decisions.

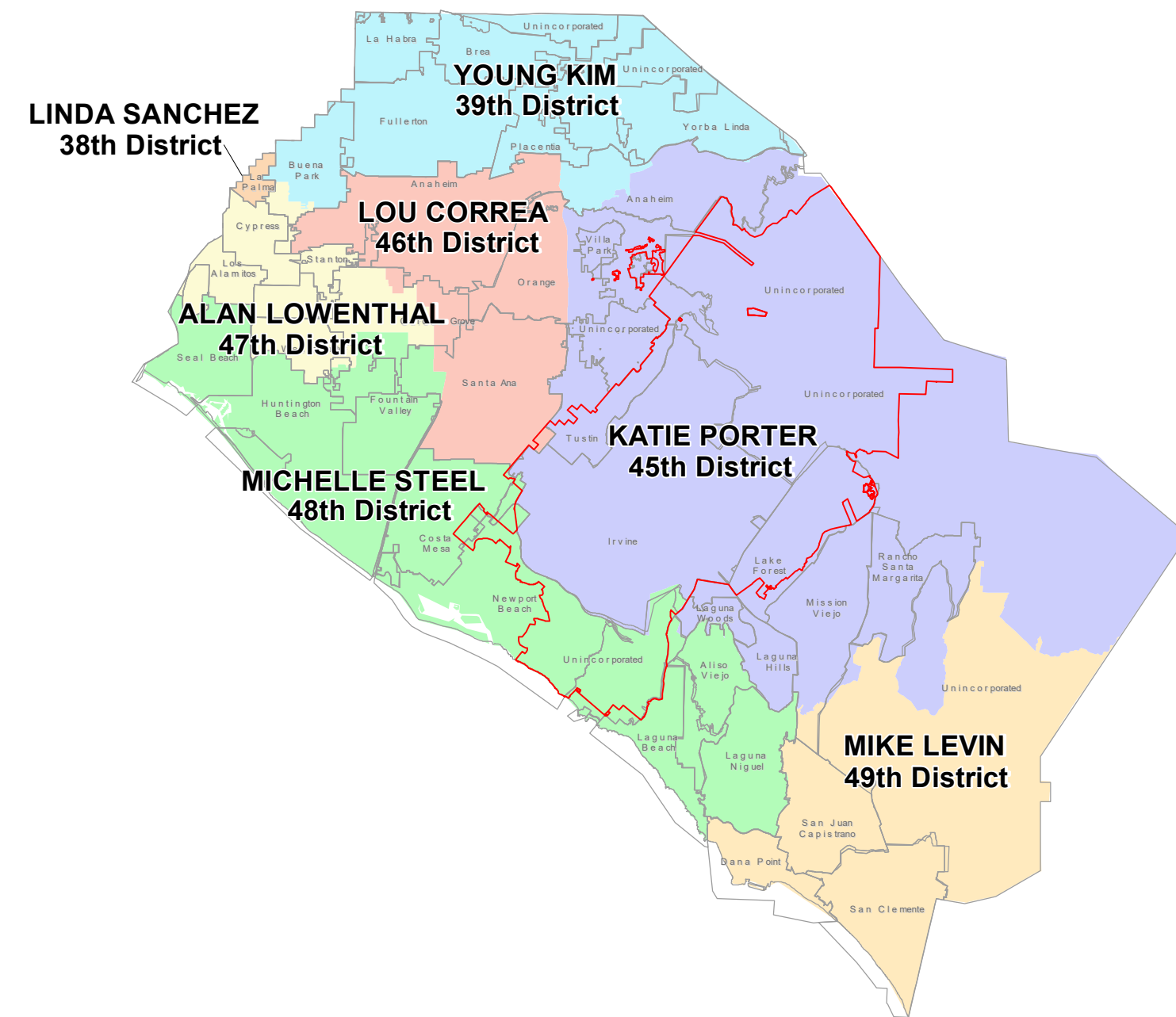
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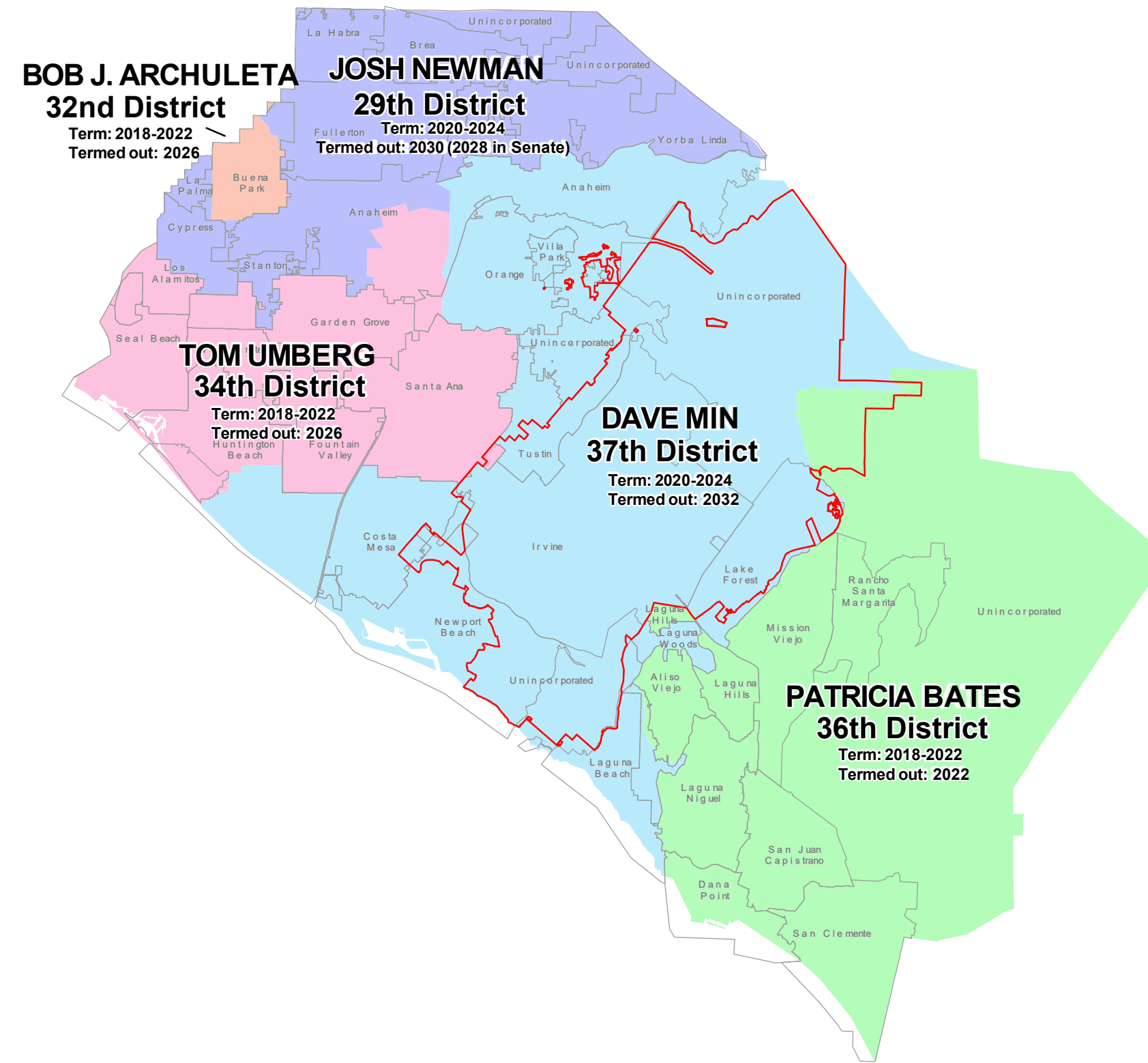
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Orange County, CA

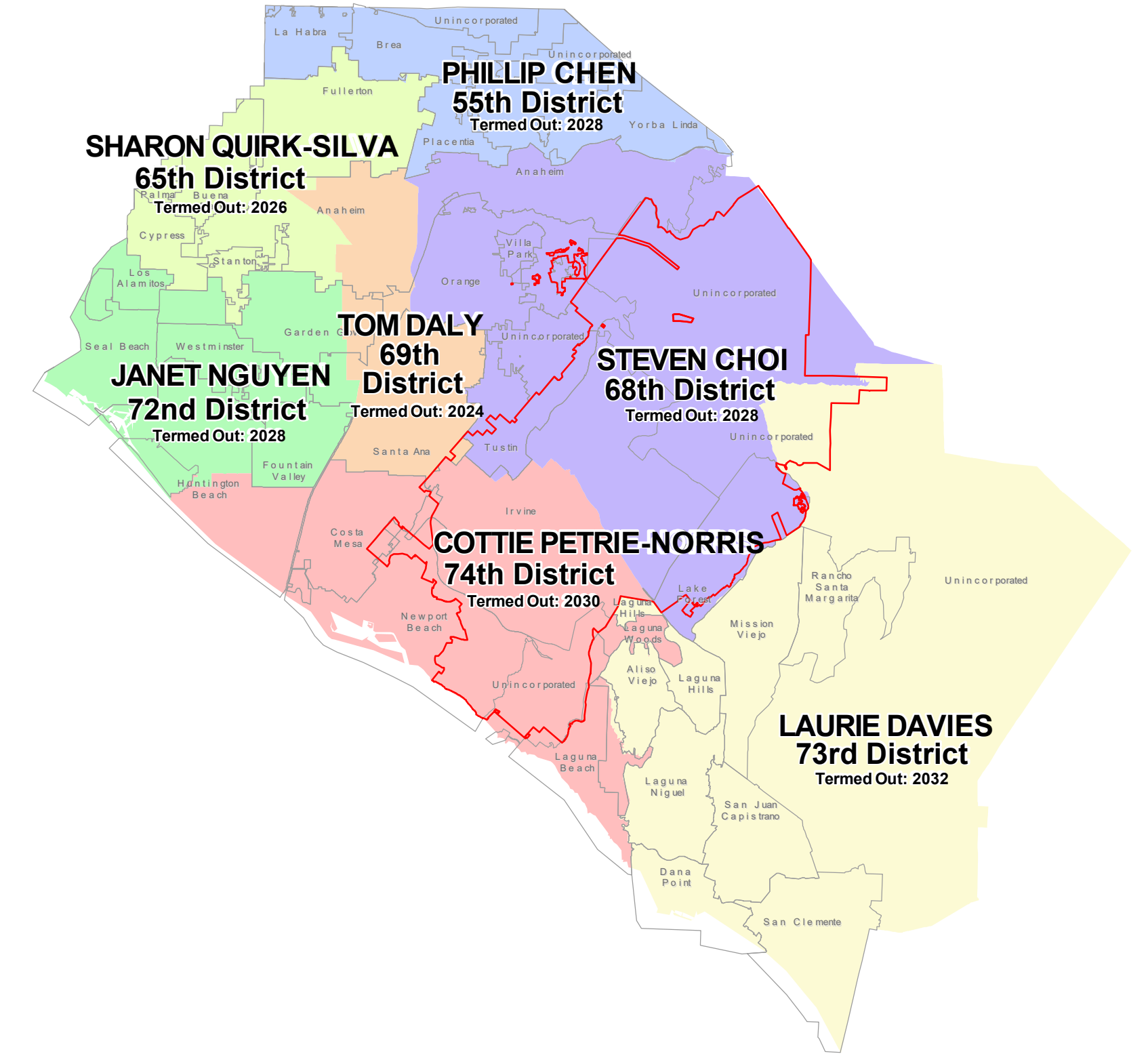
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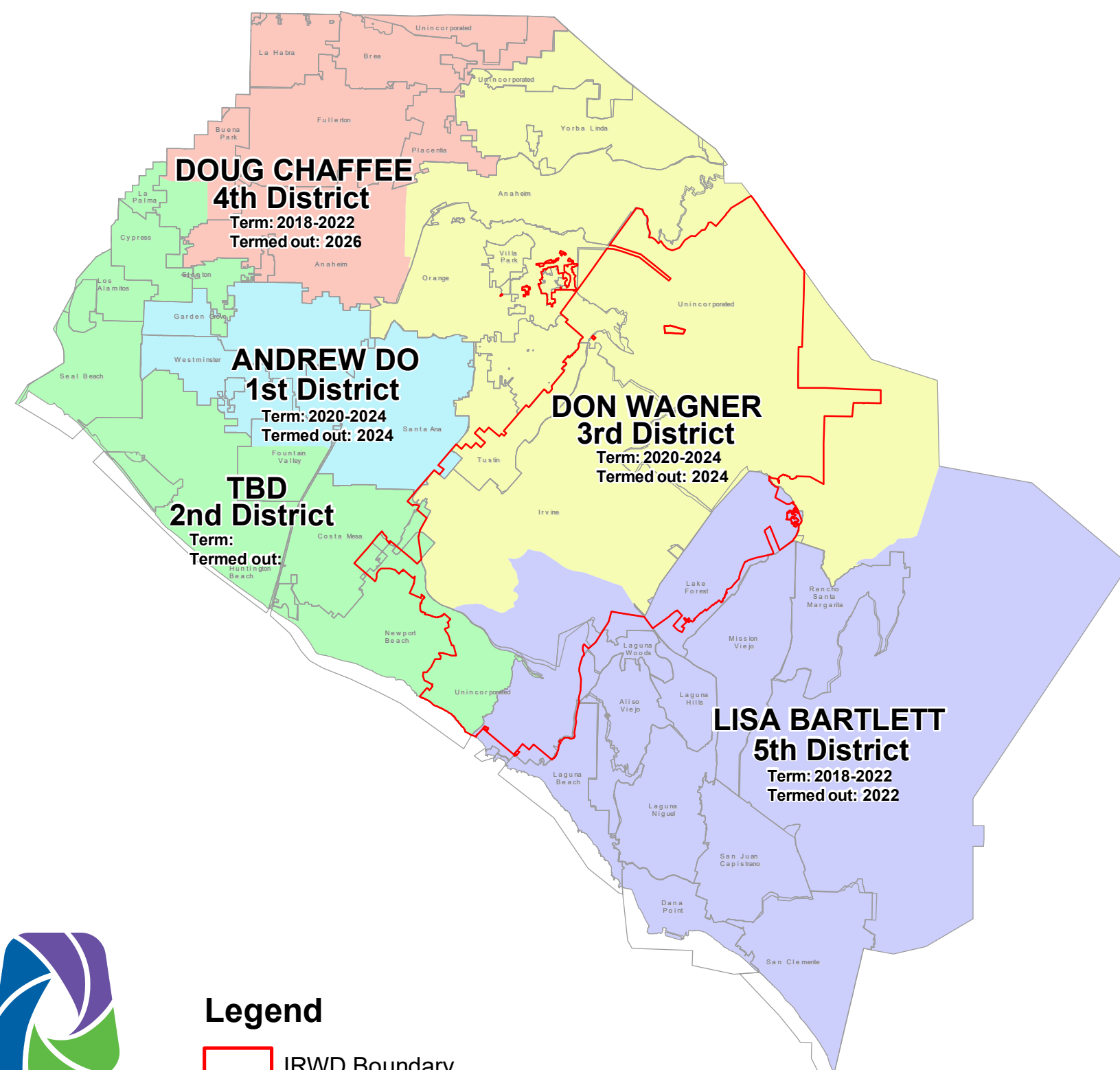
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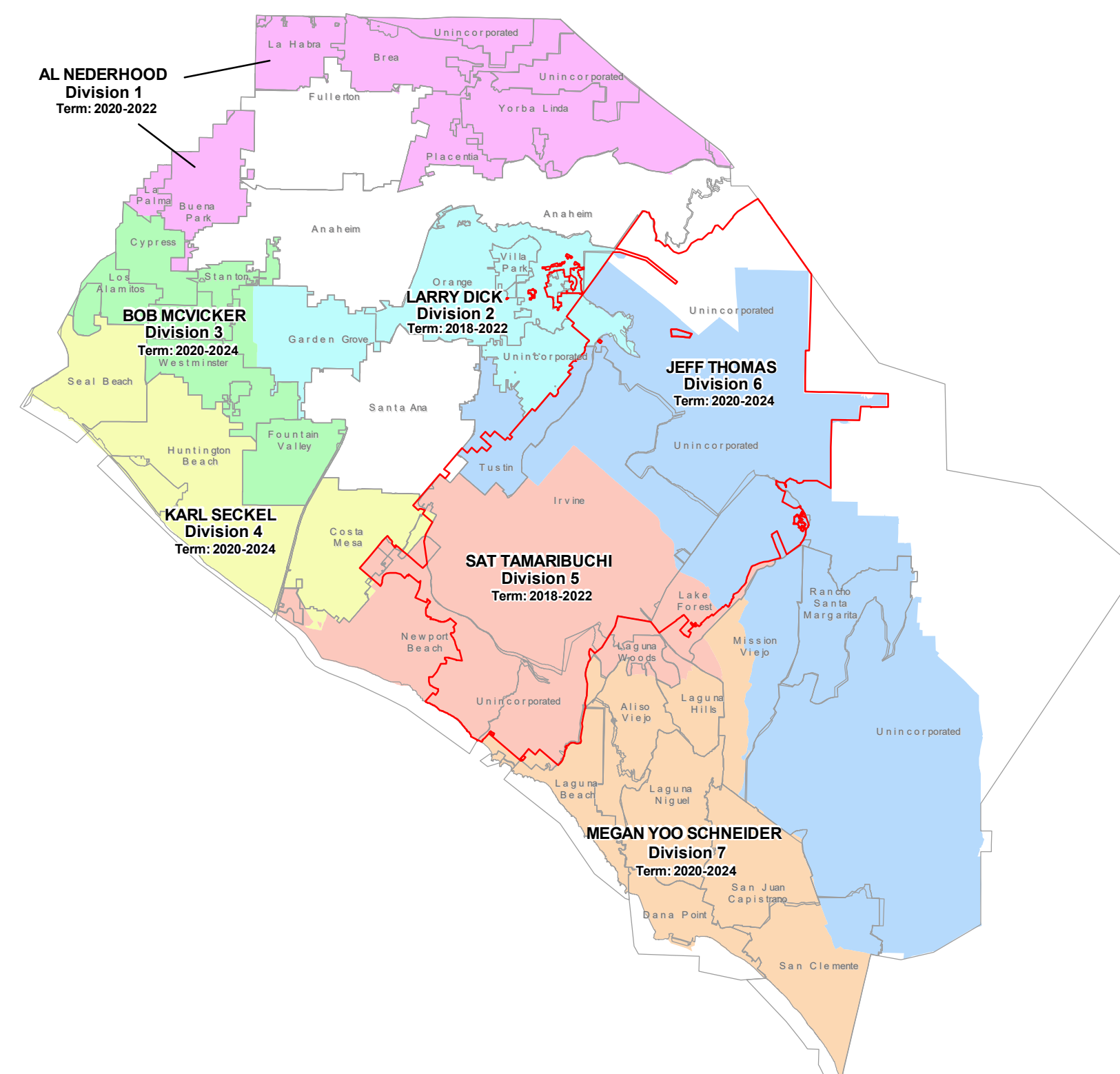
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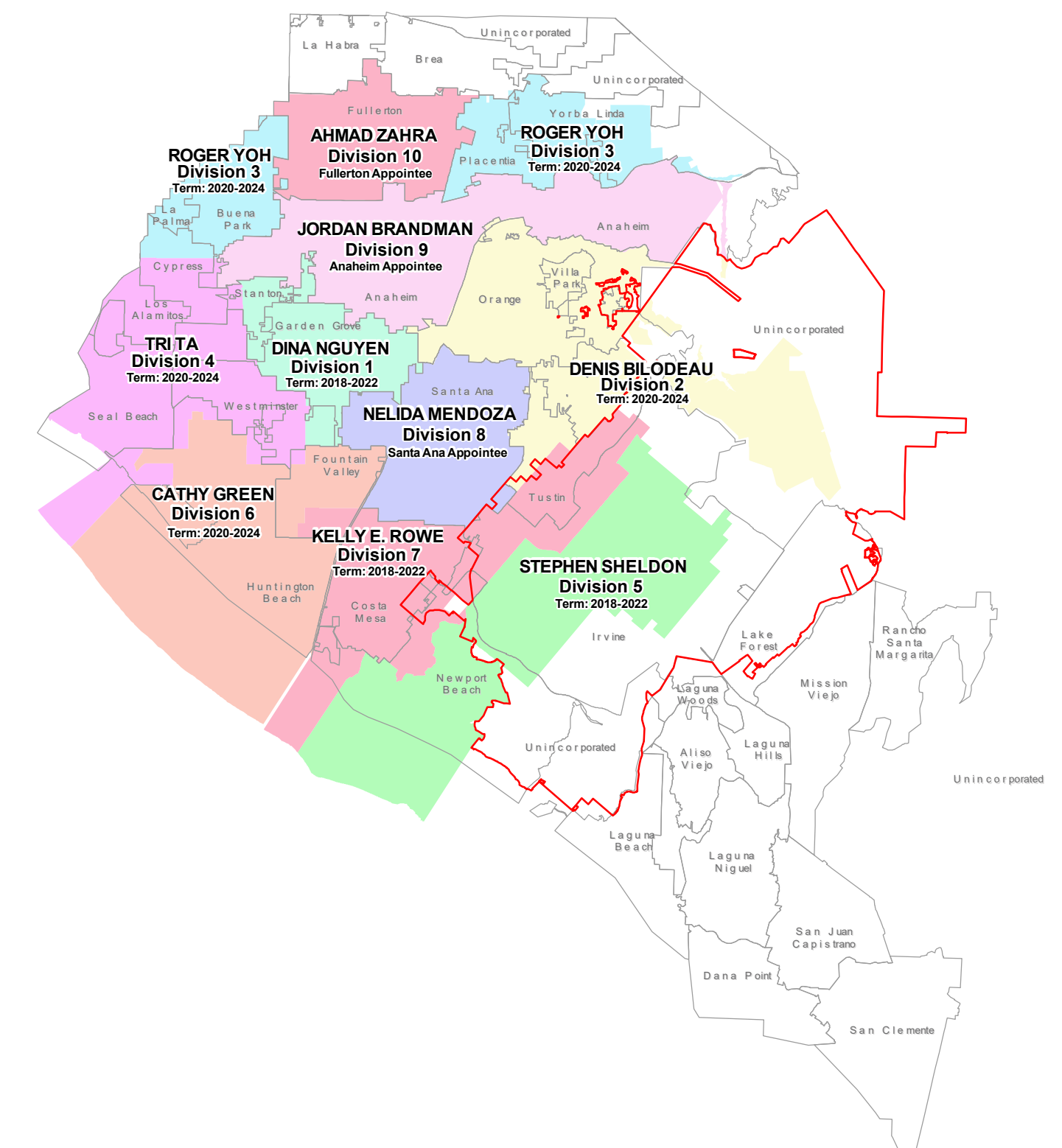
## Orange County Board of Supervisors



## Municipal Water District of Orange County



## Orange County Water District



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**ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**



**Vice Chairman Andrew Do**  
Supervisor, First District  
Website: <https://bos1.ocgov.com/>



**Supervisor Don Wagner**  
Third District  
Website: <https://bos3.ocgov.com/>



**Supervisor Doug Chaffee**  
Fourth District  
Website: <https://bos4.ocgov.com/>



**Supervisor Lisa Bartlett**  
Fifth District  
Website: <https://bos5.ocgov.com/>

**Vacant**  
Second District  
Website: <https://bos2.ocgov.com/>



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## COSTA MESA CITY COUNCIL



**Katrina Foley**  
Mayor

Website/Biography: <https://www.costamesaca.gov/city-hall/city-council/mayor-katrina-foley>



**Don Harper**

Council Member, District 1

Website/Biography:

<https://www.costamesaca.gov/city-hall/city-council/council-member-don-harper>



**Loren Gameros**

Council Member, District 2

Website/Biography:

<https://www.costamesaca.gov/city-hall/city-council/council-member-loren-gameros>



**Mayor Pro Tem Andrea Marr**

Council Member, District 3

Website/Biography:

<https://www.costamesaca.gov/city-hall/city-council/council-member-andrea-marr>



**Manuel Chavez**

Council Member, District 4

Website/Biography:

<https://www.costamesaca.gov/city-hall/city-council/council-member-manuel-chavez>



**Arlis Reynolds**

Council Member, District 5

Website/Biography:

<https://www.costamesaca.gov/city-hall/city-council/council-member-arlis-reynolds>



**Jeff Harlan**

Council Member, District 6

Website/Biography:

<https://www.costamesaca.gov/city-hall/city-council/council-member-jeff-harlan>

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## IRVINE CITY COUNCIL



**Farrah Khan**  
Mayor

Website/Biography: <https://www.cityofirvine.org/city-council/mayor-farrah-n-khan>



**Tammy Kim**  
Vice Mayor

Website/Biography:  
<https://www.cityofirvine.org/city-council/vice-mayor-tammy-kim>



**Larry Agran**  
Council Member  
Website/Biography:

<https://www.cityofirvine.org/city-council/councilmember-larry-agran>



**Mike Carroll**  
Council Member  
Website/Biography:

<https://www.cityofirvine.org/city-council/councilmember-mike-carroll>



**Anthony Kuo**  
Council Member  
Website/Biography:

<https://www.cityofirvine.org/city-council/councilmember-anthony-kuo>

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## LAKE FOREST CITY COUNCIL



**Mayor Scott Voigts**

Council Member, District 3

Website/Biography: <https://lakeforestca.gov/590/City-Council-Members>



**Doug Cirbo**

Council Member, District 1

Website/Biography:

<https://lakeforestca.gov/590/City-Council-Members>



**Neeki Moatazed**

Council Member, District 2

Website/Biography:

<https://lakeforestca.gov/590/City-Council-Members>



**Mark Tettermer**

Council Member, District 4

Website/Biography:

<https://lakeforestca.gov/590/City-Council-Members>



**Mayor Pro Tem Robert Pequeño**

Council Member, District 5 (Mayor Pro Tem)

Website/Biography:

<https://lakeforestca.gov/590/City-Council-Members>

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## NEWPORT BEACH CITY COUNCIL



**Mayor Brad Avery**  
Council Member, District 2

Website/Biography: <https://www.newportbeachca.gov/government/city-council/find-your-council-district/district-2>



**Diane Dixon**  
Council Member, District 1  
Website/Biography:

<https://www.newportbeachca.gov/government/city-council/find-your-council-district/district-1>



**Duffy Duffield**  
Council Member, District 3  
Website/Biography:

<https://www.newportbeachca.gov/government/city-council/find-your-council-district/district-3>



**Mayor Pro Tem Kevin Muldoon**  
Council Member, District 4  
Website/Biography:

<https://www.newportbeachca.gov/government/city-council/find-your-council-district/district-4>



**Noah Blom**  
Council Member, District 5  
Website/Biography:

<https://www.newportbeachca.gov/government/city-council/find-your-council-district/district-5>



**Joy Brenner**  
Council Member, District 6  
Website/Biography:

<https://www.newportbeachca.gov/government/city-council/find-your-council-district/district-6>



**Will O'Neill**  
Council Member, District 7  
Website/Biography:

<https://www.newportbeachca.gov/government/city-council/find-your-council-district/district-7>

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## ORANGE CITY COUNCIL



**Mayor Mark Murphy**  
Council Member, District 4

Website/Biography: <https://www.cityoforange.org/1278/Mayor-Mark-A-Murphy>



**Arianna Barrios**  
Council Member, District 1  
Website/Biography: *Yet to be established.*



**Jon Dumitru**  
Council Member, District 2  
Website/Biography:  
<https://www.cityoforange.org/2111/Jon-Dumitru>



**Mike Alvarez**  
Council Member, District 3  
Website/Biography:  
<https://www.cityoforange.org/1288/Mike-Alvarez-Biography>



**Ana Gutierrez**  
Council Member, District 5  
Website/Biography: *Yet to be established.*



**Mayor Pro Tem Kim Nichols**  
Council Member, At Large  
Website/Biography:  
<https://www.cityoforange.org/1302/Kim-Nichols-Biography>



**Chip Monaco**  
Council Member, At Large  
Website/Biography:  
<https://www.cityoforange.org/1843/Chip-Monaco-Biography>



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## TUSTIN CITY COUNCIL



**Mayor Letitia Clark**  
Council Member

Website/Biography: <https://www.tustinca.org/493/Mayor-Letitia-Clark>



**Austin Lumbard**  
Council Member

Website/Biography: <https://www.tustinca.org/499/Mayor-Pro-Tem-Austin-Lumbard>



**Barry Cooper**  
Council Member

Website/Biography: <https://www.tustinca.org/500/Council-Member-Barry-W-Cooper>



**Ryan Gallagher**  
Council Member

Website/Biography: <https://www.tustinca.org/1207/Council-Member-Ryan-Gallagher>



**Rebecca "Beckie" Gomez**  
Council Member

Website/Biography: <https://www.tustinca.org/1208/Council-Member-Rebecca-Beckie-Gomez>

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