

AGENDA
IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT
WATER RESOURCES POLICY AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2018

CALL TO ORDER 3:00 p.m., Committee Room, Second Floor, District Office
15600 Sand Canyon Avenue, Irvine, California

ATTENDANCE Committee Chair: Mary Aileen Matheis _____
Member: Steve LaMar _____

<u>ALSO PRESENT</u>	Paul Cook	_____	Cheryl Clary	_____
	Beth Beeman	_____	Paige Midstokke	_____
	Mark Tettemer	_____	Christine Compton	_____
	Fiona Sanchez	_____	Amy McNulty	_____
	Paul Weghorst	_____	Kellie Welch	_____
	Ray Bennett	_____	Jo Ann Corey	_____
	Wendy Chambers	_____		_____
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COMMUNICATIONS

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.

INFORMATION

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">5. <u>DISTRICT WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA METRICS – HO/FABRIS/BEEMAN/WEGHORST</u>

Recommendation: Receive and file.6. <u>2018 LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY UPDATE – COMPTON/COOK</u>

Recommendation: Receive and file. | |
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ACTION

7. ELECTION OF THE INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICTS OF ORANGE COUNTY 2019-2020 OFFICERS

Recommendation: That the Committee review the candidates for the Independent Special Districts of Orange County officers and that the Board authorize IRWD to cast its ballot in favor of Sandra Jacobs (Santa Margarita Water District) for President and Mark Monin (El Toro Water District) for First Vice President no later than the October 23, 2018, deadline.

8. REVIEW OF RESPONSES TO REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR FEDERAL ADVOCACY SERVICES – COMPTON/COOK

Recommendation: That the Committee review and discuss the responses to the District’s Request for Qualifications for Federal Advocacy Services and discuss which firms to interview.


OTHER BUSINESS

9. Directors’ Comments

10. Adjourn

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October 4, 2018
Prepared by: C. Ho / J. Fabris
Submitted by: B. Beeman/P. Weghorst
Approved by: Paul A. Cook 

WATER RESOURCES POLICY AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

DISTRICT WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA METRICS

SUMMARY:

Web and social media analytics are used to track the growth and impact of IRWD.com, RightscapeNow.com, and the District's social media programs. Provided in this report is an overview of analytic data from 2014 through 2017 that includes measurements of the growth and impact of these websites and programs. At the Committee meeting, staff will provide a presentation that showcases the successes of the past four years and describes how the analytics will shape IRWD's future digital outreach programs.

BACKGROUND:

IRWD has a fully-developed, complex, and evolving array of websites and social media platforms which can be tailored to target a variety of multi-objective community outreach goals, such as encouraging water efficiency, building enthusiasm for District events, supporting customer service objectives and building community trust. IRWD continues to broaden its social media presence, conversing with customers on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, LinkedIn, Pinterest, Instagram and the newest addition, Nextdoor. The *Pipelines* e-newsletter also remains an important tool for communicating with customers.

Social media continues to change and can tend to splinter into niche groups, requiring IRWD to remain current and active on new and diverse platforms. At a time when overall confidence in public agencies tends to be generally low, IRWD's customers continue to place a high level of trust in the District. IRWD's digital communications must focus on maintaining and growing this trust, and continuing to provide transparency to our ratepayers and other stakeholders.

Digital Outreach Program Goals:

The goal of IRWD's digital outreach programs is to move the District and customer perception of IRWD in positive directions in measureable ways, such as increasing customer attendance at District events, increasing customer conversations with District staff, providing more targeted customer service, aggregating an audience that can be reached in an emergency, and educating the public about water efficiency, the value of recycled water and other priorities.

Digital Outreach Program Results:

The Website and Social Media Results Report, provided as Exhibit "A", provides an overview of analytic data associated with the District's digital outreach programs and highlights new initiatives that IRWD has undertaken in 2018. A detailed Digital Communications Technical Report is provided as Exhibit "B". The reports include data spanning four years that showcase successes and reveal opportunities. At the Committee meeting, staff will provide an overview of the reports.

FISCAL IMPACTS:

Not applicable.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE:

Not applicable.

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and file.

LIST OF EXHIBITS:

Exhibit "A" – IRWD Website and Social Media Results Report
Exhibit "B" – Digital Communications Technical Report

Exhibit “A”

IRWD WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA RESULTS REPORT

OVERVIEW:

IRWD has four key digital platforms — IRWD.com, RightScapeNow.com, social media, and the Pipelines e-newsletter:

IRWD.com Website:

- Traffic on IRWD’s main website, IRWD.com, has been consistent most of the past four years, spiking in 2015 with drought outreach in high gear; page views declined in 2016 due to a decrease in promotion, but began ticking back up in 2017 as promotion was restored;
- IRWD.com is a transactional tool for customers:
 - Payment Options, Customer Care, and Start/Stop Service have consistently been the most-viewed pages on the site over the past four years;
 - Rebates ranked in the top three most-viewed pages in 2014 and 2015;
 - In late 2015, Rebates moved to the District’s new RightScapeNow website and has been the most-viewed page there ever since;
- Users find IRWD.com primarily via organic search (Google), and direct visit (typing IRWD.com into their browser), rather than through referral, email or social media; and
- IRWD.com ranks consistently higher than websites from comparable agencies, with one of the highest daily page views per visitor and one of the longest average daily time on site — meaning customers are finding relevant information on the IRWD website.

RightScapeNow.com Website:

- RightScapeNow.com traffic has increased every year since its 2015 launch, due to the site’s evergreen content and budget-friendly resources such as rebates;
- Residential Rebates and Events pages continue to be of high interest to customers;
- In 2016, the audience found RightscapeNow.com mostly through referral, via the main navigation bar on IRWD.com; but in 2017, direct visit became the most popular route to the microsite as users began going directly there after learning about it from an in-person source — such as a water efficiency outreach event — or in a print asset such as the Pipelines newsletter; and
- In 2017, the new Watering Guide became the second-most-viewed page on this website, driven by the “See it from your lawn’s perspective” ad campaign.

Social Media:

- IRWD’s follower count has grown each year on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter:
 - Facebook has the largest following at 3,850 while Twitter has 3,760 followers and Instagram has 602 users;

- IRWD has roughly the same Facebook following as similar-size local water districts;
- 2017 Facebook impressions (1.8 million) and clicks (10,269) more than doubled versus the prior year, driven by paid Water Use Efficiency outreach campaigns such as “See it from your lawn’s perspective” and workshop announcements;
- Top-viewed videos on Facebook were related to the “See it from your lawn’s perspective” campaign, particularly those related to the time of year (i.e. Thanksgiving) or a seasonal event (daylight saving time);
- The top Facebook videos were short snippets — about 10 seconds each;
- Top YouTube videos addressed turf removal rebates and how to fix leaks; and
- A new water quality video posted in July 2018 was the District’s second-most-viewed video on YouTube that month (behind “Fix a Leak: How to Check for Leaks”) and so far has garnered 450 views.

E-Newsletter

- Open rates for the monthly Pipelines e-newsletter ranged from 36.8% to 51.6% a month in 2017, significantly better than our vendor’s 22.93% industry average.
- Subscriber count stands at 103,468.

Changes Made:

Because social media is an increasingly important way to communicate conversationally with customers regarding coming events, water efficiency, rebates and community news, action has been taken in 2018 to grow social media impact.

- Staff has increased messaging on Nextdoor.com, a private social network for neighborhoods. This new, hyper-local network — promoted as a platform for neighbors to work together to build stronger, safer neighborhoods — allows public agencies such as IRWD to speak directly to targeted groups of customers via web, email and smartphone alerts. Thus Nextdoor has quickly become a powerful tool for IRWD outreach:
 - IRWD’s Nextdoor monthly resident count has grown from 57,103 in February to 70,044 in August;
 - Views of IRWD’s posts increased from 4,571 in February to 16,456 in August;
 - Nextdoor has quickly become the biggest driver of enrollment in customer events and workshops, producing 31% of RSVPs;
- Staff has implemented the social media analytics and scheduling tool Sprout Social, which efficiently repurposes content to Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, analyzing audience data to automatically post content when our customers are active and most engaged on those platforms;
- In recent years, social media platforms have increasingly become “pay to play,” meaning organically created posts are less likely to be seen than paid posts. Therefore, staff has invested in weekly and monthly content boosts — paid social media advertising — to

extend the reach of posts. For boosts, staff has targeted posts — such as the new water quality video — that are identified by Facebook as having wide reach when they are first posted organically;

- Because video has statistically higher engagement and reach than text or photos, staff has increased video content on social media, posting water efficiency campaign videos along with the water quality informational video; and
- This month staff launched a redesigned homepage for plant database microsite RightScapeResources.com, offering relevant content, rebates, new technology and simple navigation, with a new, aesthetically pleasing look and feel.

Future Objectives:

Social media as an industry continues to change and splinter into niche groups, and it is important for IRWD to stay up to date and active on new and diverse platforms.

But the goal is not to drive social media likes and website pageviews for their own sake. At a time when overall confidence in public agencies is low, IRWD is proud of the high level of trust customers place in us. Our digital communications must focus on maintaining and growing that trust and providing transparency to our ratepayers, as we continue to earn their support. Our media will move IRWD and customer perception of IRWD in a positive direction in measureable ways — recruiting more customers to events and conversations, humanizing our staff as key members of the community, providing customer service, aggregating an audience that we can reach in an emergency, and educating the public about water efficiency, the value of recycled water, and other priorities. With those goals in mind, staff will:

- Give IRWD a unique voice: Highlight the importance of water;
- Build trust: Convey to customers the good reputation of IRWD in the industry;
- Support key initiatives: Continue outreach on the Syphon Reservoir project, recycled water projects, and outdoor water use efficiency efforts;
- Use social media for customer service inquiries:
 - Provide a channel to openly communicate and share information;
 - Stimulate active engagement through comments and discussions;
 - Ensure a high level of personalization;
 - Facilitate the building of social networks and relationships;
- Promote water education: Highlight partnerships and activities in local schools;
- Collaborate: Identify social media leaders within IRWD departments (engineering, construction services, customer service, water efficiency, human resources, general manager's office, NTS operations, recycled water) to obtain relevant content; and
- Create automated reports via Sprout Social and web analytic tools and monitor them to measure success.

EXHIBIT "B"

DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS TECHNICAL REPORT

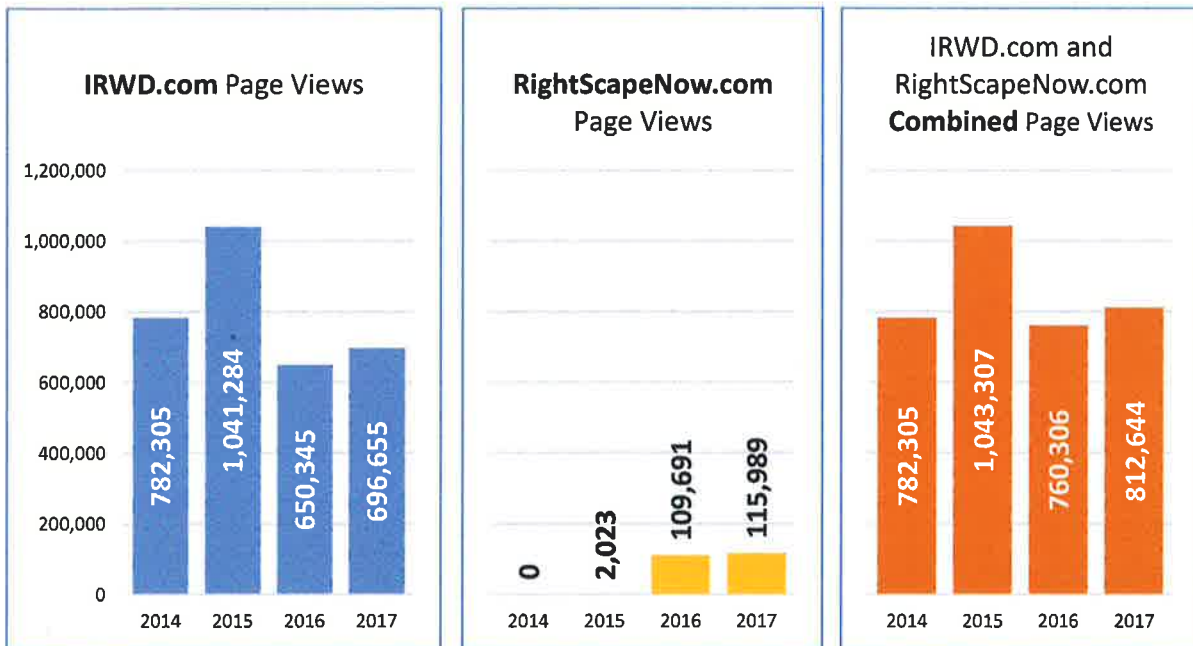
The following graphs show metrics for IRWD websites and social media, 2014-2017.

COMBINED WEBSITE METRICS:

Website Overview

Total Page Views: A page view is an instance of a page being loaded (or reloaded) in a browser. The page views metric refers to the total number of pages all visitors viewed on the website during the specified period. A higher page view number means visitors are finding more relevant information on the website and reading more content.

The bulk of the District's page views occur on IRWD.com. But since the launch of RightScapeNow.com in late 2015, a growing number of pages are being viewed on that site, where customers find a plethora of useful water-efficiency resources, such as rebates, how-to advice, outreach events and a watering guide. Collectively, page views on the websites remained consistent most of the past four years, with a spike during 2015 as drought outreach ramped up. IRWD.com web traffic fell back in 2016 due to fewer postings on social media platforms and no use of a social media scheduling tool — but began ticking back up in 2017 as social media promotion was restored.



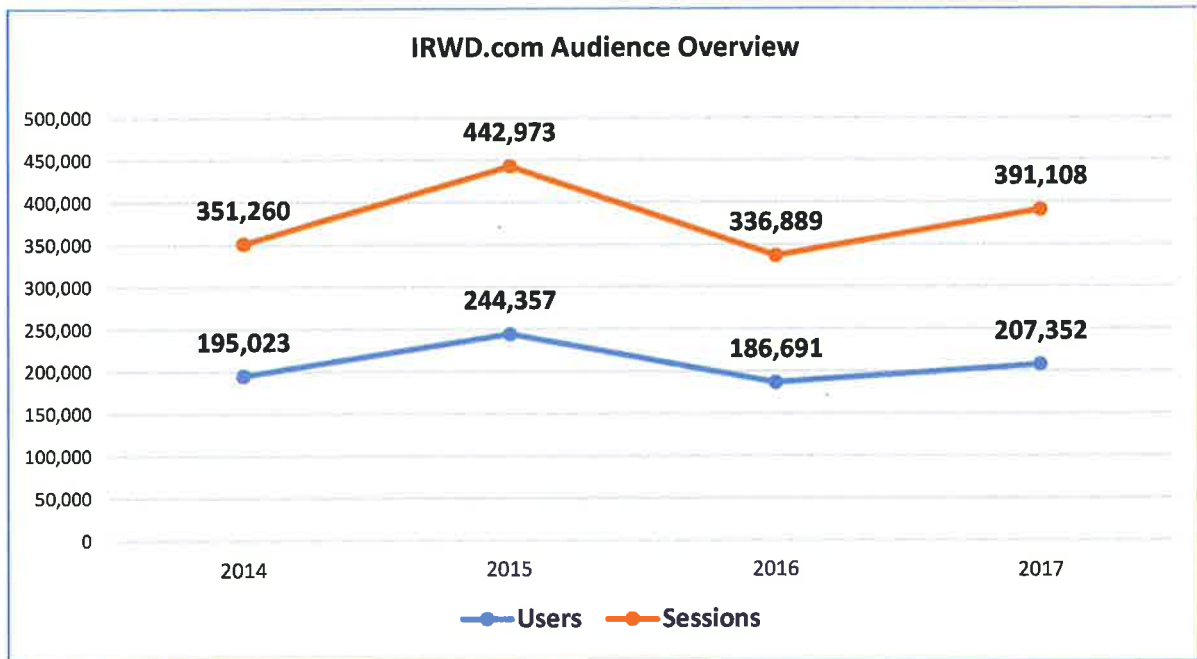
IRWD.COM WEBSITE METRICS:

Audience

Users: The number of people who have initiated at least one session during the date range.

Sessions: A session is a group of interactions one user takes on the website within a given time. Google Analytics defaults that time to 30 minutes — meaning whatever a user does on site (e.g. browses, downloads content, RSVPs for a tour) before he or she leaves equals one session.

User and session metrics for IRWD.com follow the same pattern seen in the page-view data. IRWD.com web traffic increased in 2014 and 2015 due to increased promotion of the website on social media and then decreased between 2015 and 2016 due to a decline in social media promotion. IRWD.com traffic bounced back in 2017 due to new strategies of promotion, and web traffic continues to steadily grow.



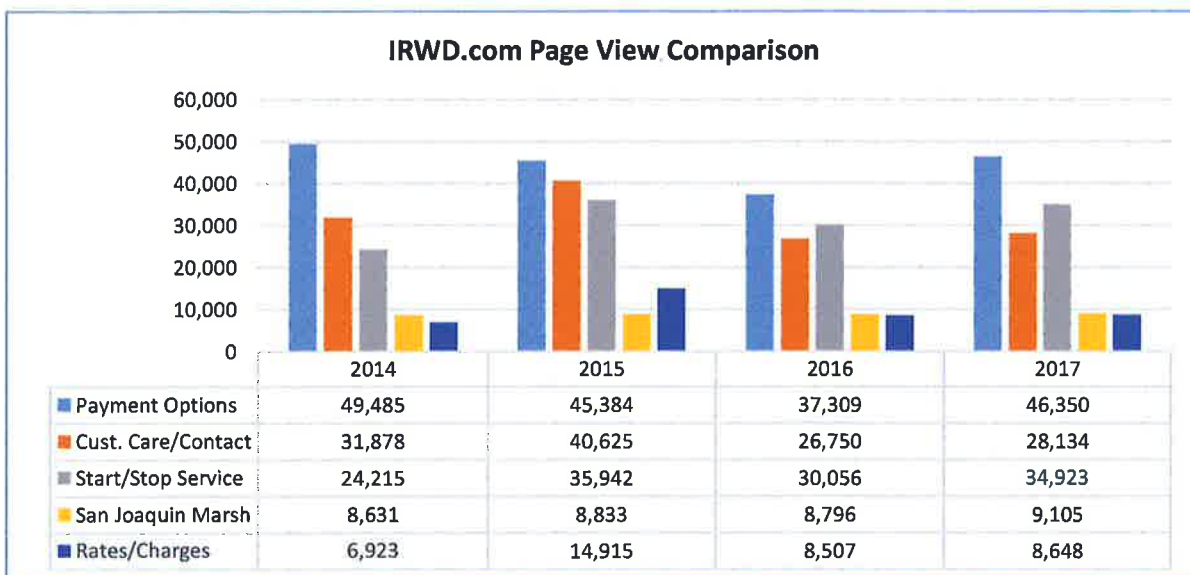
Top-Viewed Web Pages

The table below shows that customers come to IRWD.com to get things and to get things done. These past four years, Payment Options, Start/Stop Service and Customer Care/Contact have consistently been the most-viewed pages. Rebates pages ranked in the top four in 2014 and 2015. In 2015, however, Rebates moved to RightScapeNow.com, where it has been the most-viewed page. In 2016 and 2017, San Joaquin Marsh and Water Quality Report joined the top pages on IRWD.com, reflecting interest in the natural treatment system/Marsh Campus and water quality issues.

Top-Viewed Pages on IRWD.com				
	2014	2015	2016	2017
1	Payment options	Payment options	Payment options	Payment options
2	Customer care/ contact	Customer care/ contact	Start/stop service	Start/stop service
3	Start/stop service	Rebates	Customer care/ contact	Customer care/ contact
4	Rebates	Start/stop service	Doing business/ engineering	Water quality report
5	Turf removal program	Turf removal program	San Joaquin Marsh	San Joaquin Marsh
6	Drought*	Drought*	Rates/charges	Doing business/ engineering
7	San Joaquin Marsh	Rates/charges	Water quality report	Rates/charges

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Likewise, this bar graph illustrates how five topics have stayed consistently popular on IRWD.com.



How Customers Find Us

Organic: Visitors referred to a webpage by an unpaid search engine listing (such as Google).

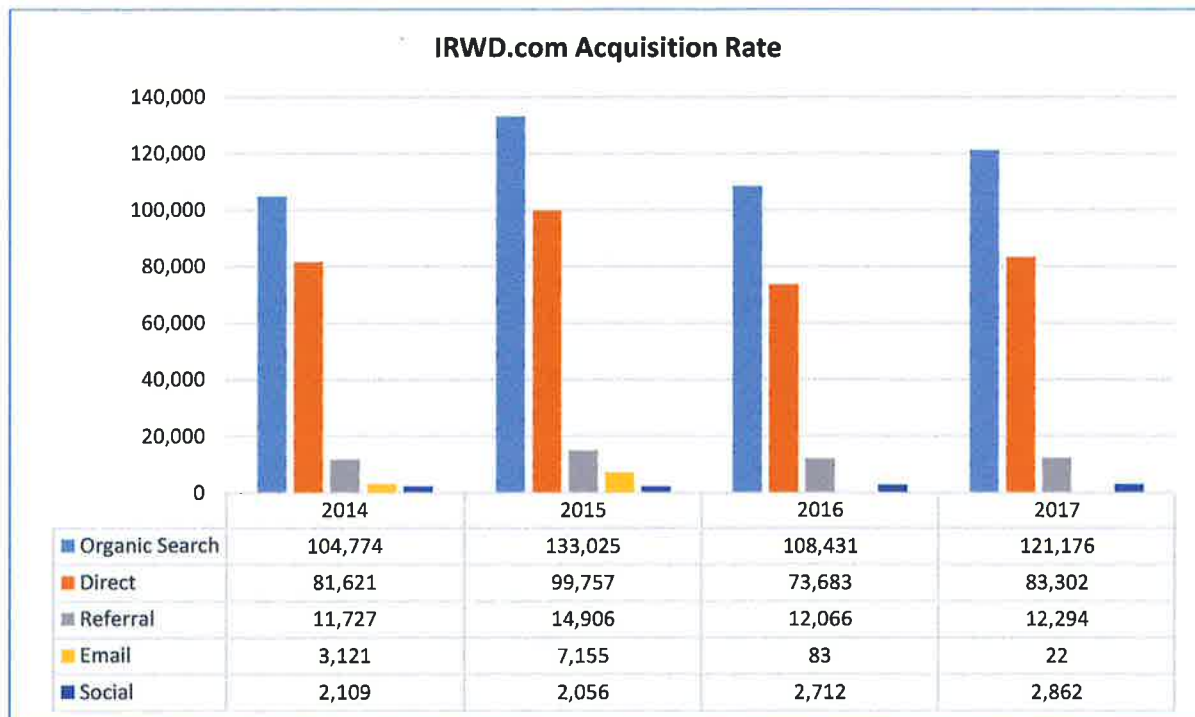
Direct: Visitors who arrived by typing the URL directly into their browser. Direct also can refer to visitors who clicked on links from their bookmarks/favorites, untagged links within emails, or links from documents that don't include tracking variables (such as PDFs or Word documents).

Referral: Visitors referred by links on other websites.

Email: Visitors referred by an email message, from the email newsletter, or from an email from a website like Nextdoor.

Social: Visitors referred by links from a social media platform such as Facebook or Twitter.

This Acquisition Rate graph shows how users found IRWD.com webpages. While social media plays a role in driving customers to IRWD.com, most users continue to find the website via search engines, which are prompted by key words on the website's posts and pages. Recent social media campaigns have focused on water use efficiency and alerting customers to upcoming workshops, which tend to direct traffic to RightScapeNow.com, not IRWD.com. These statistics illustrate the need to maximize IRWD.com's Google footprint by keeping the website refreshed with new information.



IRWD.com Rankings by Alexa Internet

Alexa Global Rank: A rough estimate of a website's worldwide popularity. The rank is calculated using a combination of average daily visitors and page views over the past three months.

Alexa U.S. Rank: A rough estimate of a website's popularity in this nation. The rank is calculated the same as global rank, except only using data from visitors in the U.S. over the past month.

The chart below illustrates how IRWD.com compares to similar agencies in the Alexa Rank, which is used to indicate a website's relative popularity in terms of user engagement. These May 1, 2018, numbers are calculated by Alexa Internet Inc.

On average, the IRWD website ranks consistently higher than websites from these comparable agencies. IRWD has one of the highest daily page views per visitor and one of the longest average time spent on the site, meaning customers are finding relevant information on IRWD.com. IRWD has a medium service area compared to the other water districts in the table but has consistently performed well in comparison to both large and small water districts. The table is ordered by best global rank.

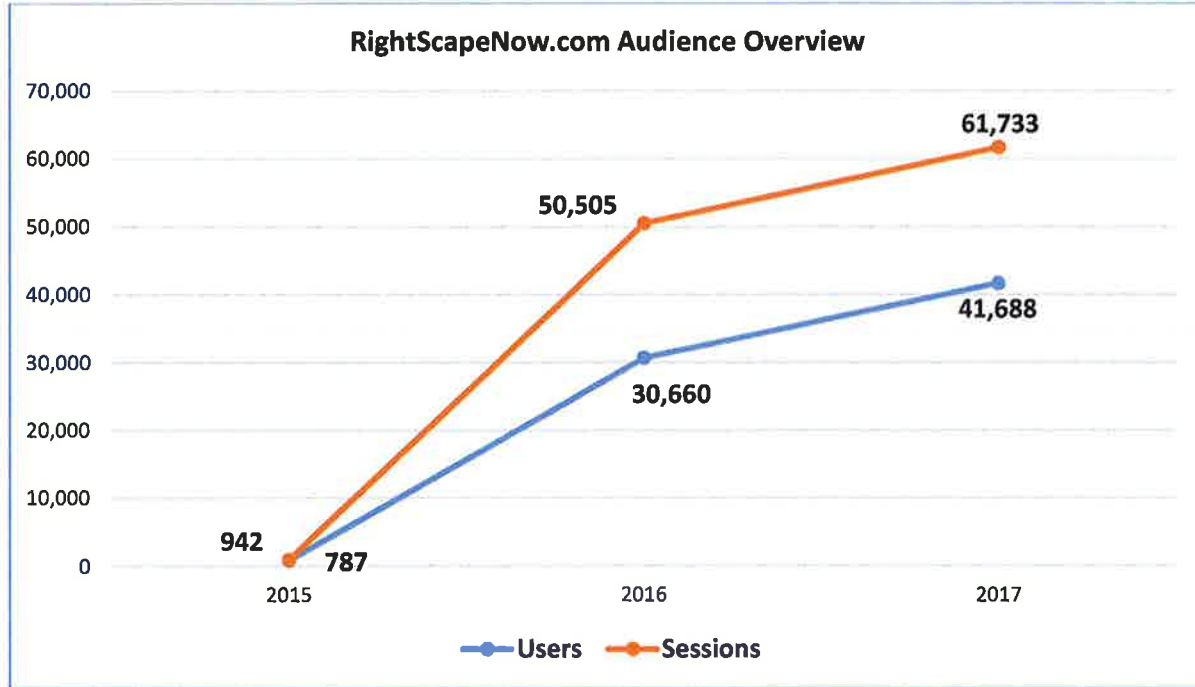
Alexa Web Site Rankings					
Agency	Global Rank	U.S. Rank	Daily Time on Site	Total Sites Linking In	Daily Page Views Per Visitor
Irvine Ranch Water District	274,645	58,115	5:56	241	3.6
Eastern Municipal Water District	409,071	82,217	1:39	131	1.7
Santa Clara Valley Water District	511,826	117,343	2:42	429	2.9
San Diego County Water Authority	841,944	224,793	1:34	283	1.5
Moulton Niguel Water District	1,036,073	140,284	5:58	89	6.5
Santa Margarita Water District	1,337,173	263,604	0:48	91	1.5
Municipal Water District of O.C.	2,148,906	610,342	1:38	136	2.3
South Coast Water District	2,816,156	n/a	2:14	81	4

RIGHTSCAPENOW.COM WEBSITE METRICS:

Audience

RightScapeNow.com was created as a companion site to the main website, IRWD.com. Water efficiency event listings and information live on this separate site along with details on rebates, watering schedules, and other efficiency-related resources. The first pages for RightScapeNow.com were published in 2015.

As the Audience Overview graphic below shows, RightScapeNow.com traffic has increased each year since its launch. The microsite attracts new users with its evergreen content and budget-friendly resources such as rebates.



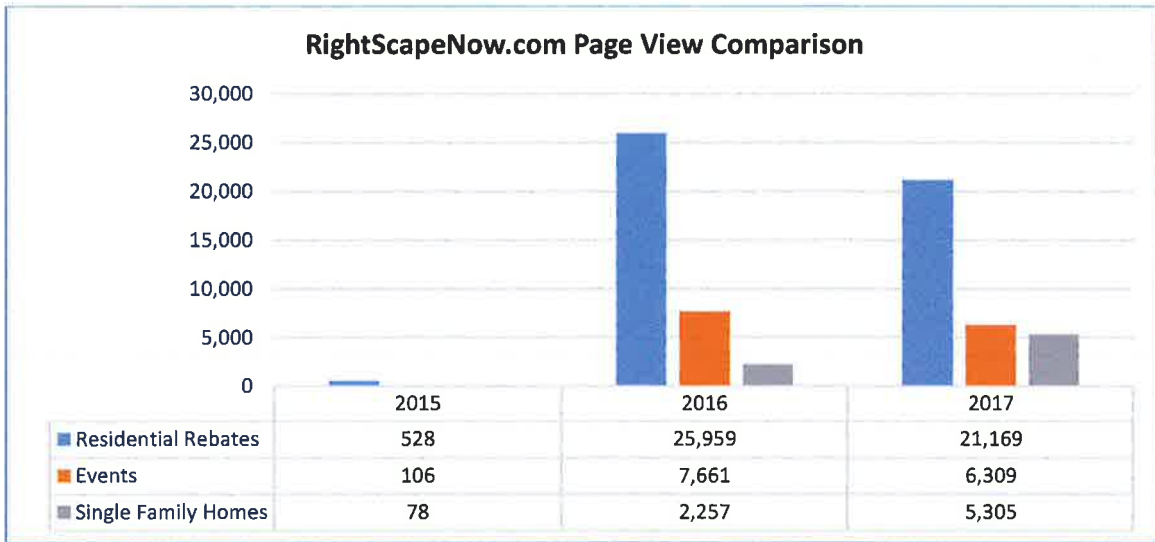
Top-Viewed Web Pages

As the table below shows, residential rebates and events continue to be of interest to IRWD customers. In the dry years 2015 and 2016, the drought webpage was of interest. That page has been decommissioned and did not make the leaderboard in 2017. The Nexus program webpage was of interest in 2017 as were webpages for the One-Stop Shop program.

Top-Viewed Pages on RightScapeNow.com			
	2015	2016	2017
1	Residential Rebates	Residential Rebates	Residential Rebates
2	How Do I Apply for a Turf Rebate	Events	Watering Guide
3	Events	Drought*	Events
4	Drought*	ET Weather Center	One-Stop Shop Registration*
5	Single Family Homes	Garden Tour*	Nexus*
6	ET Weather Center	DIY Turf Removal	One-Stop Shop Single Family*

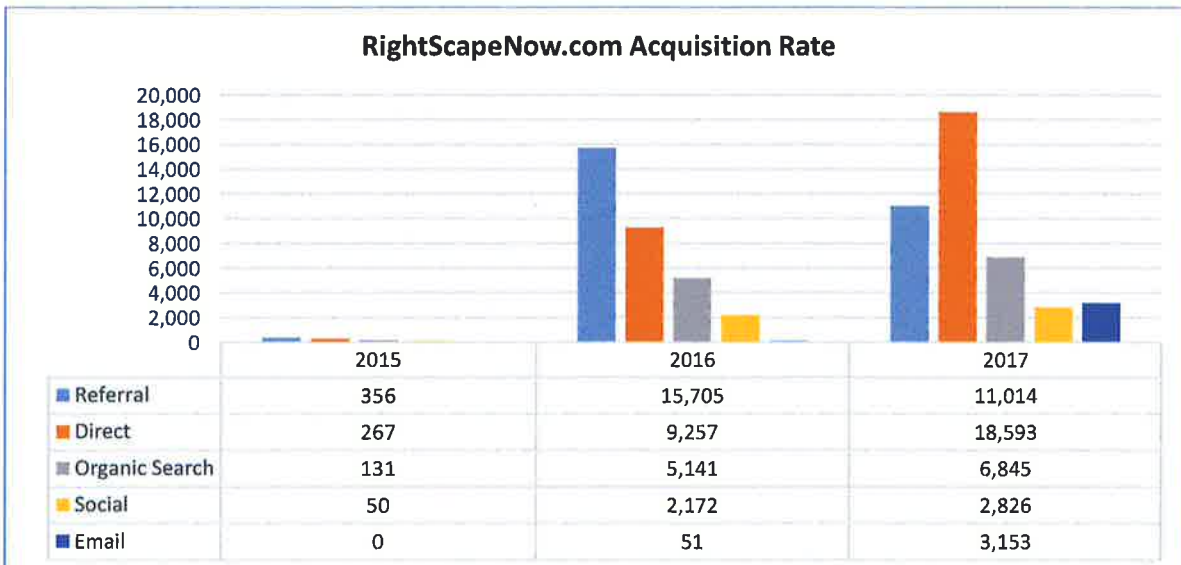
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Likewise, this bar graph illustrates how three topics have stayed popular on RightScapeNow.com.



How Customers Find Us

The graph below shows that RightScapeNow.com has quickly evolved in the way it acquires visitors. Referral was the top method of acquisition in 2015 and 2016 as many customers found the microsite through the main website, IRWD.com. The navigation bar on IRWD.com has a tab that refers to the microsite. In 2017, direct became the top referral method, demonstrating that many users were going directly to the microsite after learning about it from an in-person source, such as a water efficiency outreach event or workshop, or going to the site directly from a print asset such as the monthly *Pipelines* newsletter. As noted above, acquisition via social has edged up, due to social media promotion of water use efficiency (rebates) and upcoming workshops.

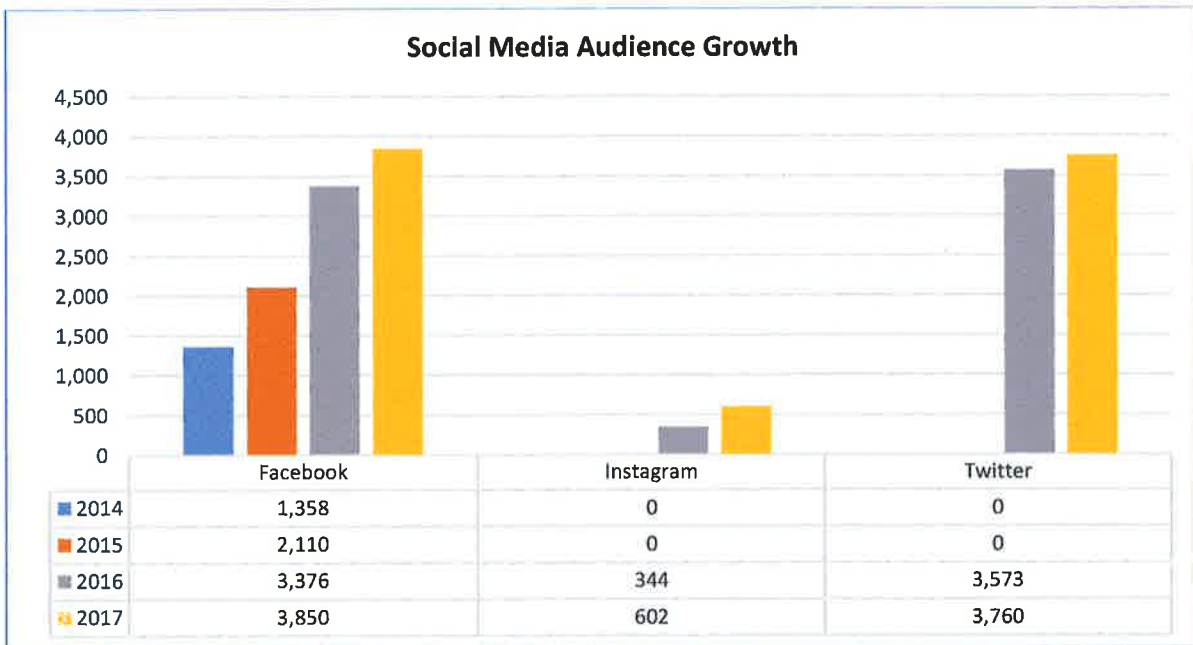


SOCIAL MEDIA METRICS:

Social Media Activity Overview

IRWD continues to amp up its social media presence, with official accounts currently on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Pinterest and Instagram. Social media is used to communicate with customers conversationally regarding coming events, rebates and community news. Below is a snapshot of activity on a few top platforms. Data for Pinterest is not available. Also, staff does not actively seek to increase the subscriber base for YouTube.

The following bar chart makes clear that the follower count has consistently grown each year on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. Facebook — the account that has been in use the longest — has the largest following at more than 3,800.



Facebook Activity Overview

Facebook gives people the power to build community and bring the world closer together. For IRWD, this platform is used primarily for publicizing events and videos. The growth in Facebook impressions and clicks can be attributed to focused outreach, some of it supported by paid boosts. Posts about gardening and upcoming workshops tended to do well. Messages that had an image or link also tended to be popular. Successful social media campaigns focused on water efficiency, indoor and outdoor. Facebook is a pay-to-play platform, so ad dollars can increase the reach of content. In 2017, “See it from your lawn’s perspective” was one campaign that incorporated paid social media.

Year	Facebook Metrics		
	Impressions	Engagements	Clicks
2014	119,928	1,554	192
2015	1,254,161	13,820	10,333
2016	865,774	8,301	5,082
2017	1,817,649	7,203	10,269

Facebook Fan Comparison

IRWD has roughly the same Facebook following as other similar-size local water districts.

Regional Comparison: Water District 'Likes'	
Agency	Total Page Likes
South Coast Water District	11.4K
San Diego County Water Authority	8.9K
Municipal Water District of O.C.	7.8K
Santa Clara Valley Water	4.3K
Irvine Ranch Water District	3.8K
Santa Margarita Water District	3.5K
Moulton Niguel Water District	2.6K
Eastern Municipal Water District	999

Instagram Activity Overview

Instagram is a photo and video-sharing social network owned by Facebook. IRWD primarily uses this platform to share beautiful photos and water efficiency tips. Posts that tended to do well were those about water efficiency. Images of gardening, plants or flowers also showed high engagement.

Year	Instagram Metrics			Total Impressions
	Total Engagements	Engagements per Media	Engagements per Follower	
2014	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
2015	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
2016	330	8	1	n/a
2017	277	11	0	17,909

Twitter Activity Overview

Twitter is a microblogging site featuring trending news. IRWD staff has primarily used Twitter for crisis communications and customer service needs. Posts that tended to do well had multiple hashtags attached (i.e. #irvine, #landscape, #oclife, #water, #tustin). Messages that were positive, friendly and enthusiastic also showed high engagement.

Twitter Metrics			
Year	Impressions	Engagements	Clicks
2014	5,943	0	238
2015	44,400,000	0	178
2016	11,724,201	120	23
2017	7,209,309	629	138

VIDEO METRICS:

Facebook

IRWD's most successful videos on Facebook were related to the "See it from your lawn's perspective" campaign. Videos from that campaign that were timely — related to either a holiday (i.e. Thanksgiving) or a seasonal activity (daylight saving time) — did particularly well. The top videos were short snippets, spanning about 10 seconds each. Top 10 all-time videos:

1. Happy Thanksgiving: 34K views, posted November 2017
2. Overwatering: 28K views, posted November 2017
3. See It From Your Lawn's Perspective (woman): 26K views, posted November 2017
4. See It From Your Lawn's Perspective (man): 9.5K views, posted October 2017
5. Daylight Saving Enough is Enough: 7.7K views, posted November 2017
6. Choose Less: 5.5K views, posted March 2018
7. How Much Water Does Your Lawn Need?: 5.1K views, posted March 2018
8. Hold Off: 4.5K views, posted April 2018
9. Hop In, Hop Out: 2.6K views, posted February 2018
10. It's HOT But Turn Down Your Sprinklers: 2.3K views, posted October 2016

YouTube

YouTube is a video-sharing site where creators can build community and share stories. The YouTube video library touches on several messages important to IRWD, including customer service and efficiency. Top 10 all-time videos:

1. Turf Removal Rebate Program: 13K views, posted August 2011
2. Fix a Leak: How to Check for Leaks: 10K views, posted December 2012
3. How to Fix a Toilet Leak in 90 Seconds: 4.8K views, posted September 2012
4. How to Check for Sprinkler Leaks: 4.7K views, posted December 2013
5. IRWD's San Joaquin Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary: 4.4K views, posted June 2012
6. Michelson Water Recycling Plant: 4.3K views, posted December 2009
7. Top Three Reasons for a High Water Bill: 2.6K views, posted December 2012

8. RightScape: How to Check for Water Leaks Outdoors: 1.8K views, posted March 2015
9. IRWD Community Room Tour: 1.7K views, posted October 2012
10. IRWD eBill Service: 1.4K views, posted May 2014

EMAIL NEWSLETTER METRICS:

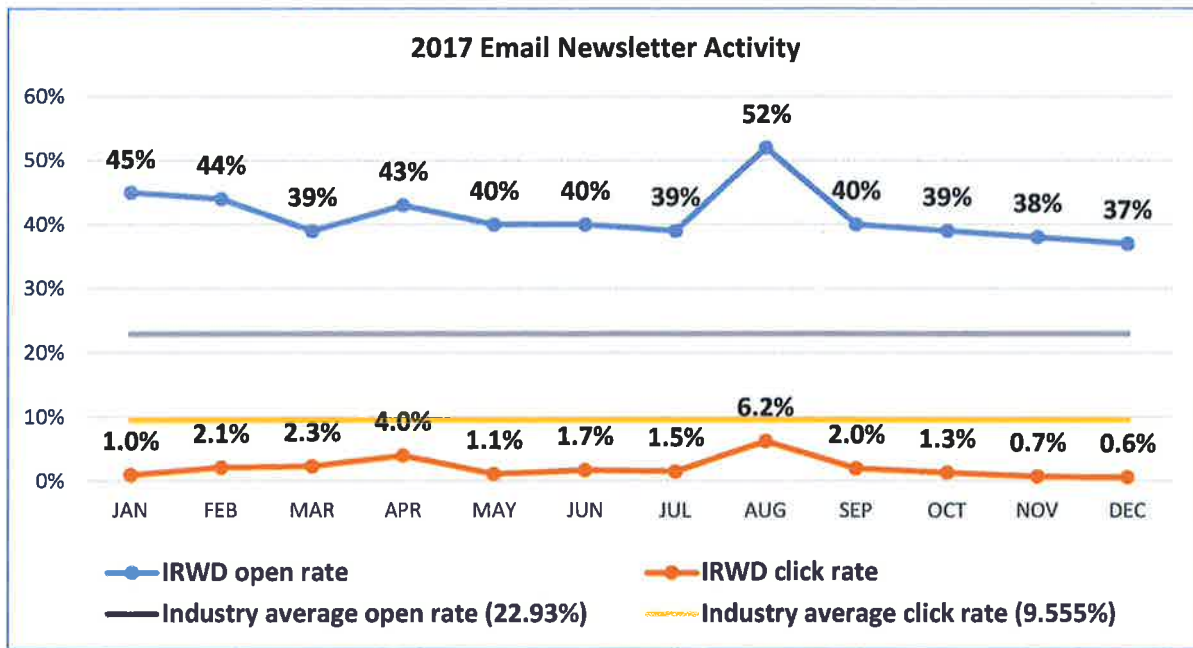
Email Newsletter Activity Overview

The *Pipelines* e-newsletter is emailed to customers monthly and includes information about IRWD programs and events. Staff continues to test various email subject lines to determine which have a successful open rate. Staff uses the Constant Contact time optimization tool to schedule the email at optimal inbox time.

Open Rate: The total open rate is calculated based on unique opens by a contact. If a contact reads the same email on his or her desktop and phone, the open is counted in both the desktop rate and the mobile rate, but is only counted once in the total open rate. It measures the percentage of emails opened compared to those sent to customers.

Click-Through Rate: The click-through rate compares the number of people who clicked on a link within an email against the total number of emails sent. Multiple clicks are not factored in. This is an important number — it shows how interested, or engaged, our email contacts are.

According to Constant Contact, IRWD’s email newsletter vendor, the industry-average open rate for a government agency or service organization is 22.93%. IRWD consistently scores above that industry average. The industry-average click-through rate is 9.555%. IRWD is slightly lower than that industry average. The low click-through rate may be attributed to a relative lack of links in the newsletter body for users to peruse.



LOOKING AHEAD:

Staff has moved forward, with new initiatives already bearing fruit in 2018.

Nextdoor

Nextdoor.com is a new private social network for neighbors and the community. Nextdoor's stated mission is to provide a trusted platform where neighbors work together to build stronger, safer neighborhoods. It has quickly become a powerful tool for IRWD outreach, as reflected in this quick growth during a two-month period this year.

IRWD Nextdoor Weekly Activity Overview					
Weekly Digest	Verified Residents	New Residents Joined	Posts Per Week	Views	Email Opens
February 21, 2018	57,103	502	1	4,571	11,178
March 1, 2018	57,488	440	1	4,641	11,159
March 7, 2018	57,781	423	1	4,128	10,961
March 14, 2018	58,051	355	2	6,295	16,960
March 21, 2018	58,385	425	1	7,938	14,651
March 28, 2018	58,796	466	1	3,426	862
April 4, 2018	59,315	631	1	13,290	20,647
April 11, 2018	59,609	335	2	1,887	79
April 18, 2018	59,891	332	2	18,464	17,594
April 25, 2018	60,196	338	1	9,512	12,500
May 2, 2018	60,512	959	1	7,523	10,791
May 9, 2018	60,771	326	0	2,776	215
June 6, 2018	61,982	447	1	5,300	8,440
June 14, 2018	62,287	371	1	10,118	8,032
June 21, 2018	62,735	532	0	1,180	63
June 28, 2018	63,061	385	1	5,362	7,700
July 5, 2018	63,258	595	1	1,039	151
July 12, 2018	63,864	402	1	4,186	1,920
July 19, 2018	64,247	419	0	685	14
July 26, 2018	64,684	476	0	389	0
August 2, 2018	65,082	404	0	255	0
August 9, 2018	65,476	445	0	219	0
August 16, 2018	65,752	376	0	204	0
August 23, 2018	66,077	377	1	7,739	8,969
September 6, 2018	66,851	399	1	6,349	8,626
September 14, 2018	67,255	464	1	12,902	11,441
September 20, 2018	67,583	367	0	2,981	0

Event Tracking


Nextdoor has become the biggest driver of enrollment for customer events and workshops, producing 31% of RSVPs. That's strong reinforcement to the outreach arsenal. Here's a look at the impact of various recruiting tools deployed this year.


Event Recruitment: Effectiveness of Traditional and Social Media Tools							
Event	TOTAL RSVPs	Next-door	Email	Postal Mail	IRWD .com	Friend, Family, Staff Referral	Facebook
Jan. 17 CFLT Workshop	49	22	6	0	3	0	4
Feb. 7 Turf Be Gone Workshop	57	14	10	6	5	1	6
Feb. 24 CFLT Workshop	59	17	11	12	4	0	1
March 7 Spring Into Gardening	70	27	11	5	2	1	0
March 22 Sprinkler Workshop	68	19	12	2	12	3	2
April 11 Plants for the Planet Workshop	38	8	8	3	4	3	4
April 25 Creating an Edible Garden	97	35	13	6	13	6	3
May 16 Soil, Water, Plant Relationships	27	5	2	7	5	0	0
June 9 UCI Water Workshop	35	6	13	3	2	3	1
Resident Tour #1	26	6	2	7	4	4	0
Resident Tour #2	30	8	2	15	1	3	0
Resident Tour #3	32	14	1	10	6	1	0
TOTALS	588	181 (31%)	91 (15%)	76 (13%)	61 (10%)	25 (4%)	21 (3%)

Sources: Website data from Google Analytics. Social media data from Sprout Social. E-newsletter data from Constant Contact.

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WATER RESOURCES POLICY AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

2018 LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY UPDATE

SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on the 2017-2018 legislative session 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 that the report be received and filed.

BACKGROUND:

During the 2017-2018 legislative session, 3,264 Assembly bills and 1,511 Senate bills were introduced. In the 2018 legislative year, 1,217 were passed and sent to the Governor. Governor Brown had until midnight on September 30, 2018, to sign or veto bills sent to him at the end of session. Overall, in 2018, the 1,016 bills were chaptered and 201 vetoed. Unless a signed bill contained an urgency measure or language delaying its effective date, the bill will take effect on January 1, 2019.

The 2019-2020 legislative session will convene on December 3, 2018. Legislators will have until February to introduce new legislation.

A copy of the 2018 Legislative Matrix is attached as Exhibit "A". Exhibit "B" is the 2018 Legislative Update Report Links to Bill Texts, which contains links to the bills discussed below, unless a separate exhibit is noted.

State Budget Update:

August Revenue Numbers:

On September 10, 2018, State Controller Betty Yee released her monthly report on the State's finances. She announced that the State took in \$9.98 billion during the month of August. This was \$1.14 billion, or 12.9 percent, more than the revenue assumptions contained in the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget. "For the first two months of the 2018-19 fiscal year, revenues are \$846.0 million, or 5.4 percent, higher than projected in the enacted budget. While corporation tax missed the mark for the month of August, personal income tax (PIT) and sales tax – the other two of the "big three" revenue sources – came in higher than assumed in the enacted budget."

2017-2018 State Legislative Update:

Staff has provided an update on the bills before the Governor at the end of the legislative session and of interest to the District. A summary and a status report on each bill are provided below:

AB 1912 (Rodriguez, D-Pomona) — Joint Powers Authority: Public Employees' Retirement Liability:

Existing law permits two or more public agencies to form a joint powers authority (JPA). A JPA is a separate entity from the public agencies that form it; however, under existing law, the debts, liabilities and obligations of the JPA become the debts, liabilities and obligations of its member agencies unless the agreement governing the JPA states otherwise. AB 1912, authored by Assemblymember Freddie Rodriguez (D-Pomona), would change this with regard to pension liabilities. Specifically, AB 1912 prohibits the agreement governing the JPA from limiting the pension and retirement obligations to the JPA.

The Governor signed AB1912 on September 29, 2018. It will take effect on January 1, 2019.

AB 2050 (Caballero, D-Salinas) — Small Water System Authority Action of 2018:

AB 2050, authored by Assemblymember Anna Caballero (D-Salinas), would have created a new category of water agency — a Small System Water Authority — with unique powers to absorb, improve and competently operate currently non-compliant public water systems with either contiguous or non-contiguous boundaries. Small System Water Authorities would consolidate failing small water systems that are voluntarily donated to the Authority to provide technical, managerial and financial capabilities to ensure the provision of safe, clean, affordable, and accessible water and local governance.

The Governor vetoed AB 2050 on September 28, 2018. In his veto message, he stated that while he appreciated the author's intent, the "bill creates an expensive, bureaucratic process and does not address the most significant problem with providing safe drinking water - a stable funding source to pay for ongoing operations and maintenance costs."

Additionally, his veto message commented on funding safe drinking water stating:

"My administration remains committed to a comprehensive solution to address safe drinking water issues based on shared responsibilities between water users and water providers that will not result in ongoing costs to the General Fund. I urge the Legislature and stakeholders to work towards a stable funding solution in 2019."

AB 2447 (Reyes, D- San Bernardino) — California Environmental Quality Act: Environmental Justice:

AB 2447, authored by the Assemblymember Eloise Reyes (D-San Bernardino), would have expanded the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for certain projects and provide for an additional process for certain projects located near or in disadvantaged communities. Specifically, the bill would have required that a lead agency that is preparing an Environmental Impact Report to provide individual notice to owners and occupants of property located within a disadvantaged community when the CEQA review involves industrial or equivalent land uses. As amended, the bill would not have applied to "A project undertaken by a public water supplier or public agency for the conveyance, production, storage,

impoundment, or treatment of safe and reliable water, such as recycled water, wastewater, and stormwater, to serve a disadvantaged community.”

The Governor vetoed AB 2447 on September 30, 2018. In his veto message, he stated that:

“I believe that the notice and meeting requirements, as outlined in the bill, are too prescriptive. Disadvantaged communities are entitled to clear and adequate notice, but zones of notice and the definition of projects subject to the requirements should be flexibly defined to reflect the vast diversity of our state.”

AB 2501(Chu, D-Milpitas) — Drinking Water: Consolidation and Extension of Service:

AB 2501, authored by Assemblymember Kaasen Chu (D-Milpitas), amends the consolidation authorities granted to the State Board in SB 88 (2015). SB 88 authorized the State Board to order a water system to take over and consolidate with a public water system or a state small water system that consistently fails to provide an adequate supply of safe drinking water within a disadvantaged community in order to ensure that those communities would no longer receive unsafe drinking water. In addition to the authority granted in SB 88, AB 2501 extends the State Board’s consolidation authority. Among other things, it allows the State Board to order a water system to take over, consolidate or provide service where the disadvantaged community is served a domestic well that consistently fails to provide an adequate supply of safe drinking water or where a school is served with unsafe or inadequate water supply.

AB 2501 was signed by the Governor on September 28, 2018. It will take effect on January 1, 2019.

SB 998 (Dodd, D-Napa) — Discontinuation of Residential Water Service:

SB 998, authored by Senate Bill Dodd (D-Napa), establishes new statutory provisions governing when a public water system may discontinue water service at a residential property. Among its many provisions, the bill would prohibit a public water system from discontinuing residential water service for nonpayment until a customer has been delinquent for at least 60 days and has been provided adequate notice about their options to avoid discontinuation of their water service. The bill also prohibits, if certain situations exist, the discontinuation of water service. The bills would prohibit the discontinuation of residential water service where all of the following conditions are met:

- The customer, or a tenant of the customer, submits to the water provider certification from a licensed medical professional that that discontinuation of residential service will be life-threatening to, or pose a serious threat to the health and safety of, a resident of the premises where the service is being provided;
- The customer demonstrates that he or she is financially unable to pay their bill within the normal payment period; if any member of the customer’s household is a recipient of CalWORKS, CalFresh, general assistance, Medi-Cal, Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payment Program, or California Special Supplemental

Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children; or he or she declares that the household's annual income is within 200 percent of the federal poverty level; and

- The customer is willing to enter into an amortization agreement, alternative payment schedule or plan for deferred or reduce payment with respect to the delinquent charges.

Additionally, the bill limits a water provider's ability to discontinue service if the customer is delinquent on a payment required under an amortization agreement, alternative payment schedule or plan for deferred or reduced payment plan. The bill would require that service could not be discontinued until the customer was 60 days delinquent on those charges. SB 998 also limits reconnection fees and interest charges on past due bills.

SB 998 was signed by the Governor on September 28, 2018. It will take effect on January 1, 2019.

SB 1215 (Hertzberg, D-Van Nuys) — Provision of Sewer Service: Disadvantaged Communities:

SB 1215, authored by Senator Hertzberg (D-Van Nuys), expands the Regional Water Quality Control Boards' (regional boards) authority. Specifically, SB 1215 authorizes the regional boards to order a sewer service provider to extend service to a disadvantaged community or where the residents of a disadvantaged community are served by an onsite sewage treatment system (i.e. septic systems) that does not provide adequate sewage service.

SB 1215 was signed by the Governor on September 30, 2018. It will take effect on January 1, 2019.

2019 Legislative Planning

Request for Qualifications for State Legislative Advocates:

Given the retirement of the District's current state advocate, staff plans on releasing a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) this week to solicit qualifications from full-service lobbying firms to represent the District on state legislative issues in Sacramento.

FISCAL IMPACTS:

Not applicable.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE:

Not applicable.

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and file.

LIST OF EXHIBITS:

Exhibit “A” – IRWD Legislative Matrix

Exhibit “B” – 2018 Legislative Update Report Links to Bill Texts

EXHIBIT "A"
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Bill No. Author	Title	IRWD Position	Summary/Effects	Status
AB 18 Garcia E (D)	Healing Arts: Licensed Physicians and Dentists		Relates to the Licensed Physicians and Dentists from Mexico Pilot Program. Removes the requirement that the orientation program for physicians be 6 months in length. Requires the Medical Board of California and the Dental Board of California to convene interested parties meetings in order for the boards to determine and establish the appropriate duration of the orientation programs under their respective oversights.	08/16/2018 - In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: To Suspense File.;08/16/2018 - In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
AB 161 Levine (D)	Public Employees' Retirement: Pension Fund Management		Requires specified staff of the Public Employees' Retirement System to work with appropriate state agencies to produce an annual list, that may be provided to each Board, of priority infrastructure projects most suitable for funding, as provided.	08/07/2018 - Withdrawn from SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.;08/07/2018 - Re-referred to SENATE Committee on RULES.
AB 196 Bigelow (R)	Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: Water Supply		Amends the Global Warming Solutions Act, which creates the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund and authorizes specified investments, including water use and supply. Authorizes the use of the moneys in the fund for electric pump efficiency, water and wastewater systems, pump and pump motor efficiency improvements, and drinking water transmission and distribution systems' water loss if the investment furthers the regulatory purposes of the act and is consistent with law.	09/01/2017 - In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
AB 732 Frazier (D)	Levee Maintenance		Extends indefinitely the operation of the authorization to advance funds to reimburse local agencies under a program for the maintenance or improvement of project or nonproject levees. Postpones the operation of certain related provisions.	09/01/2017 - In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
AB 869 Rubio (D)	Sustainable Water Use: Recycled Water		Requires long-term standards for urban water conservation and water use to include a credit for recycled water. Prohibits an urban retailer water supplier from being required to reduce the amount of recycled water it produces, sells, or distributes for beneficial potable or nonpotable uses during a period when water conservation measures are in effect.	08/24/2017 - From SENATE Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER with author's amendments.;08/24/2017 - In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on

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AB 987 Kamlager-Dove (D)	CEQA: Sports and Entertainment Project		Amends existing law relating to the Environmental Quality Act. Authorizes the Governor to certify a specified sports and entertainment project located in the City of Inglewood for streamlining if the project meets certain requirements. Applies certain rules of court establishing procedures requiring actions or proceedings seeking judicial review under CEQA or the granting of project approvals, including any appeals. Requires concurrent preparation of the proceedings record with the environmental review.	NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER. 09/30/2018 - Signed by GOVERNOR.
AB 1000 Friedman (D)	Water Conveyance: Unused Facility Capacity	Watch	Prohibits a transferor of water from using a water conveyance facility that has unused capacity to transfer water from a groundwater basin underlying desert lands that is in the vicinity of specified federal lands or state lands to outside of the groundwater basin unless the State Lands Commission, in consultation with the Department of Fish and Wildlife, finds that the transfer of the water will not adversely affect the natural or cultural resources of those federal and state lands.	09/01/2017 - In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
AB 1017 Santiago (D)	Collective Bargaining Agreements: Arbitration		Amends the existing law, with regard to disputes concerning collective bargaining agreements for private employees. Provides for such provision apply to public employment. Limits liability for attorney's fees under such provisions to a labor organization or employer.	09/15/2017 - In ASSEMBLY. Ordered returned to SENATE. *****To SENATE.
AB 1270 Gallagher (R)	Dams and Reservoirs: Inspections and Reporting		Amends existing law that requires the Department of Water Resources to inspect dams, reservoirs, and appurtenant structures once per fiscal year. Requires the owner of a dam to operate critical outlet and spillway control features on an annual basis and to demonstrate their full operability in the presence of the Department. Provides certain inspection reports may be withheld	02/26/2018 - Signed by GOVERNOR.;02/26/2018 - Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 2018-3

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			from public release. Requires the Department to provides specified information on its website.	
AB 1273 Gallagher (R)	Environmental Quality Act: Exemption: Levee Repairs		Amends the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Exempts from the requirements of the CEQA, repairs of critical levees of the State Plan of Flood Control within an existing levee footprint to meet standards of public health and safety. Requires the lead agency to take certain actions regarding the repairs.	07/11/2017 - In SENATE Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER: Failed passage.
AB 1323 Weber (D)	Sustainable Water Use and Demand Reduction		Requires the Department of Water Resources to convene a stakeholder workgroup. Requires the workgroup to develop, evaluate, and recommend proposals for establishing new water use targets for urban water suppliers and report to the Governor and the Legislature. Requires all expenses to be the responsibility of the nonstate agency stakeholders.	08/21/2017 - In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: To Suspend File.
AB 1420 Aguiar-Curry (D)	Water Rights: Small Irrigation Use		Requires State Water Resources Control Board to give priority to adopting general conditions that permit a registrant to store water for small irrigation use during times of high streamflow in exchange for the registrant reducing diversions during periods of low streamflow. Exempts an entity from the requirement to enter into a lake or streambed alteration agreement with the department under specified circumstances.	09/01/2017 - In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
AB 1654 Rubio (D)	Labor Code Private Attorneys General Act: Construction	Sponsor & Support	Excepts from the Act an employee in the construction industry, as defined, with respect to work performed under a valid collective bargaining agreement in effect any time before a specified date, that contains certain provisions, including a grievance and binding arbitration procedure to redress violations that authorizes the arbitrator to award otherwise available remedies.	09/19/2018 - Signed by GOVERNOR.;09/19/2018 - Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 2018-529
AB 1667 Friedman (D)	Water Management Planning	Oppose	Requires the State Water Resources Control Board to adopt long-term standards for urban water conservation and water use on or before the specified date. Requires the board to adopt performance	07/11/2017 - In SENATE Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES AND

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			measures for commercial, industrial, and institutional water use on or before that date. Require an urban water supplier to calculate a water use target beginning the calendar year after the board adopts long-term standards for urban water conservation and water use. Relates to submission of specified information.	WATER: Heard, remains in Committee.
<u>AB 1668</u> Friedman (D)	Water Management Planning	Support	Requires the State Water Resources Control Board to adopt long term standards for the efficient use of water and performance measures for certain water uses. Requires the Department to conduct necessary studies and investigations and authorizes them to recommend to the Legislature a standard for indoor residential water use. Imposes civil liability for a violation of an order or regulation issued pursuant to these provisions, as specified.	05/31/2018 - Signed by GOVERNOR.;05/31/2018 - Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 2018-15
<u>AB 1740</u> Daly (D)	Budget Deficit Savings Account		Establishes the Budget Deficit Savings Account in the State Treasury, provides that funds in the reserve shall be available only for specified purposes, for appropriation by the Legislature in fiscal years in which there is a state budget deficit.	04/30/2018 - In ASSEMBLY. Joint Rule 62(a) suspended.
<u>AB 1745</u> Ting (D)	Vehicles: Clean Cars 2040 Act		Requires all new passenger vehicles to be zero emissions vehicles after a specified date. States that zero emissions vehicles cannot produce exhaust emissions of any criteria pollutant or greenhouse gas under any operational mode or condition. Exempts large commercial vehicles (larger than a specified number of pounds) and does not apply to vehicles owned by people moving into California from other states.	01/16/2018 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on TRANSPORTATION.
<u>AB 1748</u> Steinorth (R)	Property Taxation: Base Year Value Transfer		Amends existing law relating to the base year value of property that is eligible for the homeowner's exemption. Deems a replacement dwelling to be of equal or lesser value if the amount of the full cash value of that replacement dwelling does not exceed specified amounts based on the date of the sale of the original property relative to the purchase or new construction of the replacement dwelling.	05/14/2018 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on REVENUE AND TAXATION: Failed passage.

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<u>AB 1770</u> Steinorth (R)	Local Government: Investments		Revises the maximum remaining maturity requirement regarding investment in securities by a local agency. Eliminates the requirement that the securities issuer be rated A or its equivalent, or better, for the issuer's debts as provided by an NRSRO.	09/06/2018 - Signed by GOVERNOR.;09/06/2018 - Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 2018-271
<u>AB 1912</u> Rodriguez (D)	Public Employees' Retirement: Joint Powers Agreements		Specifies that the parties to a joint powers agreement may not specify otherwise with respect to retirement liabilities of the agency, if the agency contracts with a public retirement system. Eliminates an authorization for a party to a joint powers agreement to separately contract or assume responsibilities for specific debts, liabilities, or obligations of the agency. Requires member agencies to mutually agree to the apportionment of the agency's retirement obligations among themselves.	09/29/2018 - Signed by GOVERNOR.
<u>AB 1945</u> Garcia E (D)	Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: Investment Plan		Requires state agencies administering competitive grant programs that allocate moneys from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund to give specified communities preferential points during grant application scoring for programs intended to improve air quality. Includes a specified application timeline. Allows applicants from the Counties of Imperial and San Diego to include daytime population numbers in applications. Requires monies used to achieve specified goals.	09/27/2018 - Vetoed by GOVERNOR.
<u>AB 1989</u> Mathis (R)	Water and Wastewater Loan and Grant Program		Appropriates a specified amount to the State Water Resources Control Board. Provides funding to eligible applicants for specified purposes relating to drinking water and wastewater treatment.	05/25/2018 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
<u>AB 1991</u> Mathis (R)	Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund		Requires the State Water Resources Control Board to post information on its internet web site regarding implementation of the Safe Drinking Water Revolving Fund Law and expenditures from the Fund.	03/15/2018 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY AND TOXIC MATERIALS.;03/15/2018 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY AND

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				TOXIC MATERIALS with author's amendments.;03/15/2018 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred
<u>AB 2003</u> Daly (D)	Public Contracts: Sanitation Districts	Support	Relates to existing law which requires a sanitation district, when an expenditure for work exceeds a specified amount, to contract with the lowest responsible bidder after notice. Requires the notice to be published in a manner that the district board determines to be reasonable, which may include, but is not limited to, newspapers, Internet Web sites, radio, television, or other means of mass communication.	02/12/2018 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT.
<u>AB 2017</u> Chiu (D)	Public Employers: Employee Organizations		Expands the definition of public employer to include those employers of excluded supervisory employees and judicial council employees. Includes in the definition of public employee those employees of a public transit agency with specified labor relation provisions. Prohibits a public employer from deterring or discouraging prospective public employees from becoming or remaining members of an employee organization.	06/25/2018 - From SENATE Committee on PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT AND RETIREMENT: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
<u>AB 2038</u> Gallagher (R)	Countywide Drought and Water Shortage Contingency Plans		Requires the Department of Water Resources, in consultation with the State Water Resources Control Board and other relevant state and local agencies and stakeholders, to use available data to identify small water suppliers and rural communities that may be at risk of drought and water shortage vulnerability and requires the department to notify counties and groundwater sustainability agencies of those suppliers or communities.	02/16/2018 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE.
<u>AB 2042</u> Steinorth (R)	Personal Income Tax Credits: Graywater Reuse Systems		Allows as a credit against the net personal income tax equal to a certain percent of the cost of installing a residential graywater reuse system in the taxpayer's residence located in the state. Limits the cumulative amount of the credit. Requires the Franchise Tax Board to receive and evaluate applications that are submitted by taxpayers	05/25/2018 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.

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			to receive a residential graywater reuse system credit and to certify to the taxpayer the amount of the credit that is authorized.	
<u>AB 2050</u> Caballero (D)	Small System Water Authority Act	Support	Creates the Small System Water Authority Act to authorize the creation of small system water authorities to have powers to absorb, improve, and competently operate noncompliant public water systems. Requires the State Water Resources Control Board to provide certain notices to systems that are not compliant with drinking water standards. Provides for remedies of violations of drinking water standards. Provides for draft conceptual formation plans.	09/28/2018 - Vetoed by GOVERNOR.
<u>AB 2060</u> Garcia E (D)	Water: Grants: Advanced Payments		Requires the State Water Resources Control Board, within a specified number of days of awarding a grant from the grant fund, to provide a project proponent that requests an advanced payment and satisfies certain criteria with a specified advanced payment or percentage of the grant award, whichever is less, for projects in which the proponent is a nonprofit organization or a disadvantaged community, or the project benefits a disadvantaged community. Authorizes the Board to impose penalties.	09/28/2018 - Vetoed by GOVERNOR.
<u>AB 2064</u> Gloria (D)	Integrated Regional Water Management Plans: Grants		Requires the Department of Water Resources to provide a project proponent that requests advanced payment and satisfies certain criteria with advanced payment for those projects of a specified amount or percentage of the grant award. Eliminates the requirement that the grant award for the project be less than a certain amount to obtain advanced payment. Requires the Department to provide advance payment of the remaining award for a project that received half of an advance payment.	09/28/2018 - Vetoed by GOVERNOR.
<u>AB 2065</u> Ting (D)	Local Agencies: Surplus Land		Expands the definition of local agency to include sewer, water, utility, local and regional park districts, joint powers authorities, successor agencies to former redevelopment agencies, housing authorities, and other political subdivisions of this state that is	05/25/2018 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.

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			empowered to acquire and hold real property, thereby requiring these entities to comply with the requirements for the disposal of surplus land. Defines surplus land, dispose of, and priority for purposes of these provisions.	
<u>AB 2071</u> Bloom (D)	Accessory Dwelling Units: Owner Occupancy		Amends the Planning and Zoning Law. Requires, when a local agency or ordinance requires owner occupancy, as provided, that the lot that contains the accessory dwelling unit, or the single family residence in which the junior accessory dwelling unit is located, be deemed to be owner occupied if the lot or single family residence is owned by a trust in which at least one beneficiary of the trust is a person with a disability and that person occupies the primary residence or the accessory dwelling unit.	08/27/2018 - In SENATE. From third reading. To Inactive File.
<u>AB 2072</u> Quirk (D)	State Water Resources Control Board: Contaminants		Requires the State Water Resources Control Board to establish and maintain a dedicated program to research the potential effects of constituents of emerging concern in water sources on human and ecosystem health.	05/25/2018 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
<u>AB 2077</u> Limon (D)	Electricity: Local Government Renewable Energy Program		Requires an electrical corporation to negotiate in good faith with the County of Santa Barbara to construct and operate eligible renewable generating facilities sufficient to meet the local government's 100% renewables commitment. Requires that any mutually agreed upon rates and terms be submitted to the commission and would require the commission to approve the rates and terms if the commission determines them to be just and reasonable.	05/25/2018 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
<u>AB 2123</u> Cervantes (D)	District Based Elections		Permits a political subdivision and a prospective plaintiff bringing an action under the state Voting Rights Act to enter into a written agreement to extend the time period during which a prospective plaintiff is prohibited from commencing an action in order to provide additional time to conduct public outreach, encourage public participation, and receive public input. Requires a schedule	09/06/2018 - Signed by GOVERNOR.;09/06/2018 - Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 2018-277

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			of the public outreach events to be published on the subdivision's web site.	
<u>AB 2154</u> Bonta (D)	Public Employment: Labor Relations: Release Time		Prescribes requirements relating to release time that would apply to all of the public employers and employees subject to specified public employee acts and would generally repeal the provisions relating to release time in those acts. Prohibits the Public Employment Relations Board from enforcing these provisions with regard to public transit workers that are not otherwise subject to the board's jurisdiction.	04/02/2018 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on PUBLIC EMPLOYEES, RETIREMENT AND SOCIAL SECURITY with author's amendments.;04/02/2018 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on PUBLIC EMPLOYEES, RETIREMENT AND SOCIAL SECURITY.
<u>AB 2179</u> Gipson (D)	Municipal Corporations: Public Utility Service		Authorizes a municipal corporation to utilize the alternative procedures to lease, sell, or transfer that portion of a municipal utility used for furnishing sewer service outside the boundaries of the municipal corporation.	09/28/2018 - Signed by GOVERNOR.;09/28/2018 - Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 2018-863
<u>AB 2241</u> Rubio (D)	The Open and Transparent Water Data Act		Amends the Open and Transparent Water Data Act. Requires the Department of Water Resources to work to improve the open and transparent access to data by reducing the fractured or duplicative reporting of the same data to multiple governmental agencies and departments, and by reducing the reporting burden on entities providing data to governmental agencies.	05/25/2018 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
<u>AB 2242</u> Rubio (D)	Urban Water Management Planning		Amends the Urban Water Management Planning Act. Requires an urban water supplier, to include in its urban water management plan, an assessment of the reliability of its water service to its customers during normal, dry, and multiple dry years, including a repeat of consecutively historic driest years the urban water supplier has experienced.	06/04/2018 - In ASSEMBLY. To Inactive File.

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AB 2249 Cooley (D)	Public Contracts: Local Agencies: Alternative Procedure		Authorizes public projects of a specified amount or less to be performed by the employees of a public agency. Authorizes public projects of a specified amount or less to be let to contract by informal procedures. Requires public projects of more than a specified amount to be let to contract by formal bidding procedures. Creates the Uniform Construction Cost Accounting Commission.	08/20/2018 - Signed by GOVERNOR.;08/20/2018 - Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 2018-169
AB 2266 Bigelow (R)	Urban Water Management Plans: Adoption		Requires urban water suppliers to prepare and adopt urban water management plans within a specified number of years after becoming urban water suppliers.	03/15/2018 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE.;03/15/2018 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE with author's amendments.;03/15/2018 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on WATER, PARKS
AB 2277 Mathis (R)	Solid Waste Facilities: Pharmaceutical Waste		Vests the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery with the primary responsibility for the disposal of home-generated pharmaceutical waste and would require the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, in collaboration with the State Department of Public Health, the Department of Toxic Substances control, and the California State Board of Pharmacy, to adopt regulations authorizing the incineration of home-generated pharmaceutical waste by solid waste facilities.	03/01/2018 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY AND TOXIC MATERIALS.
AB 2278 Berman (D)	Local Government Renewable Energy Self Generation		Amends the Local Government Renewable Energy Self Generation Program. Revises how the bill credit is calculated. Requires the electrical corporation to use the time of use periods and certain seasonal definitions. Requires a tariff approved by the commission as part of the program to remain in effect for the operating life of the associated eligible renewable generating facility. Repeals the requirement that when the last billing cycle of a 12-month period is reached, any remaining credit is reset to zero.	05/25/2018 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.

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<u>AB 2283</u> Holden (D)	Income Taxes: Exclusion: Turf Removal Program	Support	Extends the operation of existing law which provides an exclusion from gross income for any amount received as a rebate, voucher, or other financial incentive issued by a local water agency or supplier for participation in a turf removal water conservation program.	05/25/2018 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
<u>AB 2341</u> Mathis (R)	Environmental Quality Act: Aesthetic Impacts		Specifies that, except as provided, the aesthetic effects of projects meeting certain requirements are not significant effects on the environment for purposes of the Environmental Quality Act and that the lead agency is not required to evaluate the aesthetic of those projects.	09/07/2018 - Signed by GOVERNOR.;09/07/2018 - Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 2018-298
<u>AB 2370</u> Holden (D)	Lead Exposure: Child Daycare Facilities		Requires, as a condition of licensure, the health and safety training to include instruction in the prevention of lead exposure as a part of the preventive health practices course or courses component. Requires the child day care facility, upon enrolling or reenrolling any child, to provide the parent or guardian with written information on the risks and effects of lead exposure, blood lead testing recommendations and requirements, and options for obtaining blood lead testing.	09/22/2018 - Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 2018-676
<u>AB 2371</u> Carrillo (D)	Water Use Efficiency: Landscape Irrigation		Authorizes a home inspection report on a dwelling unit, on a parcel containing an inground landscape irrigation system, to include certain information regarding the operation and observation of that system. Requires the Department of Water Resources to compile an estimate of the number of properties for which an irrigation system inspection report has been prepared. Requires a working group to complete tasks relating to water use associated with landscape plants.	09/28/2018 - Signed by GOVERNOR.;09/28/2018 - Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 2018-867
<u>AB 2379</u> Bloom (D)	Waste Management: Plastic Microfiber		Relates to toxic chemical enforcement. Requires that new clothing with a certain material composition bear a conspicuous label that is visible to the consumer in the form of a sticker, or any other label type, with a statement that the garment sheds plastic microfibers	06/04/2018 - In ASSEMBLY. To Inactive File.

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			when washed. Requires additional information, including that same statement, on the care label of such garments. Prohibits sales of such new clothing without those labels.	
<u>AB 2432</u> Oberholte (R)	California Voting Rights Act		Prohibits the courts under the California Voting Rights Act, from imposing district-based elections unless the plaintiff has established that district-based elections would remedy the dilution of abridgment of voting rights and that alternatives to district-based elections would not achieve greater voting rights and other benefits.	04/25/2018 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on ELECTIONS AND REDISTRICTING: Not heard.
<u>AB 2434</u> Bloom (D)	Strategic Growth Council: Health in All Policies		Establishes the Health in All Policies Program, to be administered by the Strategic Growth Council, for the purposes of incorporating health, equity, and sustainability considerations into decision making across sectors and policy areas. Requires the council, by October 1, 2019, to develop a report of recommendations for programs, policies, and practices that state agencies can undertake to advance health, equity, and specified goals of the HiAP Program.	08/16/2018 - In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
<u>AB 2441</u> Frazier (D)	Sac San Joaquin Delta: Abandoned Commercial Vessels		Amends existing law authorizing the State Lands Commission to take immediate action, without notice, to remove from areas in its jurisdiction a vessel that is left unattended and is moored, docked, beached, or made fast to land creating a hazard. Requires the Commission, upon receipt of funds appropriated by the Legislature and any federal or private funds for this purpose, to develop a plan for the removal of abandoned commercial vessels, as prescribed, by a specified date.	09/19/2018 - Signed by GOVERNOR.;09/19/2018 - Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 2018-540
<u>AB 2447</u> Reyes (D)	Environmental Quality Act: Land Use: Justice		Requires a lead agency that is preparing an environmental impact report, or a negative declaration, to provide certain notices as required to owners and occupants of property located within a specified distance of any parcel or parcels, and to any schools located within a certain distance of any parcel or parcels, on which	09/30/2018 - Vetoed by GOVERNOR.

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			is located a project involving an industrial land use within a disadvantaged community. Requires the lead agency to provide certain notices and meetings.	
<u>AB 2464</u> Harper (R)	California Coastal Act: Port of Newport Beach		Relates to a port master plan for the port of Hueneme, Long Beach, Los Angeles, or San Diego Unified Port District located within the coastal zone. Applies this port master plan provision to the Port of Newport Beach located within the coastal zone, except as provided.	03/05/2018 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES.
<u>AB 2470</u> Grayson (D)	Invasive Species Council of California		Establishes the Invasive Species Council of California to help coordinate a comprehensive effort to prevent the introduction of invasive species in the state and to advise state agencies how to facilitate coordinated, complementary, and cost effective control or eradication of invasive species that have entered or are already established in the state. Establishes the Invasive Species Account.	09/28/2018 - Signed by GOVERNOR.;09/28/2018 - Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 2018-870
<u>AB 2475</u> Ting (D)	State Owned Property: Sustainable Landscaping		Requires the Department of General Services to review, at least every 5 years, any existing regulations and practices for sustainability, energy efficiency, and water efficiency requirements for landscapes on state-owned real property to ensure those regulations and practices reflect the most current sustainability and efficiency standards available.	05/24/2018 - To SENATE Committee on GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION.
<u>AB 2501</u> Chu (D)	Drinking Water State Administrators: Service Extension		Authorizes the State Water Resources Control Board to order consolidation with a receiving water system if a water system serving a disadvantaged community fails to provide an adequate supply of water. Authorizes the Board to contract with an administrator to provide managerial services to a public water system.	09/28/2018 - Signed by GOVERNOR.;09/28/2018 - Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 2018-871
<u>AB 2516</u> Eggman (D)	Dams: Reservoir Restrictions		Requires the Department of Water Resources to post, and update annually on its website, a report containing the name of each reservoir subject to a restriction and the reservoir's associated downstream hazard potential classification, the effective date of the	09/19/2018 - Signed by GOVERNOR.;09/19/2018 - Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 2018-543

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			reservoir restriction, the reason for the restriction, and any actions, planned or completed, that the dam owner reports to address the restriction.	
AB 2528 Bloom (D)	Climate Adaptation		Adds new sectors to the state's climate adaptation strategy which are the land use and community development sector, the climate justice sector, and the parks, recreation, and state culture sector. Specifies that the biodiversity and habitat sector includes habitat resilience areas.	09/18/2018 - Vetoed by GOVERNOR.
AB 2541 Salas (D)	Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund		Amends existing law that grants funding, and principal forgiveness and financing on loans, from the Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund to a project for a water system with a service area that qualifies as a severely disadvantaged community. Authorizes the State Water Resources Control Board to provide complete grant funding, and principal forgiveness and financing on loans, from the Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund.	08/27/2018 - Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 2018-217
AB 2551 Wood (D)	Forestry and Fire Prevention: Prescribed Burning		Amends existing law relating to various fire prevention programs. Authorizes the Natural Resources Agency and the state Environmental Protection Agency to jointly develop a specified plan for forest and watershed restoration investments in the drainages that supply the Oroville, Shasta, and Trinity Reservoirs. Establishes the Headwaters Restoration Account. Authorizes the deposit of funds for use of those forest and watershed restoration purposes.	09/21/2018 - Signed by GOVERNOR.;09/21/2018 - Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 2018-638
AB 2571 Gonzalez (D)	Public Employee Retirement Systems: Investments		Requires a public investment fund to require an alternative investment vehicle to report at least annually certain information concerning specified hospitality employers relating to race and gender pay equity and sexual harassment. Requires such fund to disclose race and gender pay equity and sexual harassment information provided to it in a report presented at a meeting open to the public.	04/18/2018 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on PUBLIC EMPLOYEES, RETIREMENT AND SOCIAL SECURITY: Not heard.

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AB 2649 Bloom (D)	State Water Project: Water Supply Contracts		Requires the Department of Water Resources to provide a notice to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee, and others, a minimum number of days before holding public sessions to negotiate any potential amendment of a long term water supply contract that is of projectwide significance with substantially similar terms intended to be offered to all contractors, or that would permanently transfer a contractual water amount between contractors.	08/28/2018 - In SENATE. Senate Rule 29.3(b) suspended.;08/28/2018 - From SENATE Committee on RULES with author's amendments.;08/28/2018 - In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on RULES.
AB 2697 Gallagher (R)	Nesting Bird Habitat Incentive Program: Idled Lands		Requires the Department of Fish and Wildlife to establish the Nesting Bird Habitat Incentive Program, which may include direct payments or other incentives, to encourage landowners to voluntarily cultivate or retain upland cover crops or other upland vegetation on idled lands to provide waterfowl, upland game bird, and other wildlife habitat cover for purposes, including, but not limited to, encouraging the use of idle agricultural lands for wildlife habitat.	09/20/2018 - Signed by GOVERNOR.;09/20/2018 - Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 2018-588
AB 2711 Chen (R)	Property Tax Revenue Allocations: County Of Orange	Watch	Requires the auditor of the County of Orange to increase the total amount of ad valorem property tax revenue that is otherwise required to be allocated to the county by the county equity amount and to commensurately decrease the amount of ad valorem property tax revenue that is otherwise required to be allocated to the county Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund and, if necessary, the amount of those revenue otherwise required to be allocated to school districts.	05/25/2018 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
AB 2728 Chen (R)	Replacement Of Corroded Or Lead-containing Plumbing		Authorizes the State Water Resources Control Board to establish a grant program to provide funding to a county or qualified nonprofit organization, as specified, to provide low-interest loans to defined property owners for the replacement of corroded or lead-containing plumbing and service lines that adversely impact drinking water standards for the installation of a point-of-use or point-of-entry water treatment system, as specified.	05/25/2018 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.

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<u>AB 2812</u> Limon (D)	Data Storage and Protection Standards: Local Agencies		Creates the Office of Local Cloud Migration and Digital Innovation in the Department of Technology. Requires the Office to promote the use of technologies including cloud based computing and data storage that will assist local agencies in their efforts to further transparency, efficiency, disaster preparedness and response, and general accessibility to the public. Requires the Office to partner with private industry and the nonprofit community to maximize the assistance provided to local agencies.	05/25/2018 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
<u>AB 2815</u> Gray (D)	Water Rights: Appropriations of Water		Makes nonsubstantive changes in provisions of the State Water Resources Control Board water rights program.	02/16/2018 - INTRODUCED.
<u>AB 2828</u> Friedman (D)	Waste Discharge Requirements: Oil and Gas Operations		Amends the Porter Cologne Water Quality Control Act. Authorizes a regional board to approve a waste discharge requirement for the use or reuse of produced water from an oil and gas operation for agriculture purposes or for groundwater recharge only if, after a public hearing, it finds that the Council on Science and Technology has reviewed the best available independent scientific evidence and has found the use will not pose a significant risk to the public from any contaminants.	04/17/2018 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY AND TOXIC MATERIALS with author's amendments.;04/17/2018 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY AND TOXIC MATERIALS.
<u>AB 2890</u> Ting (D)	Land Use: Accessory Dwelling Units	Seek Amendments	Authorizes a local agency to provide by ordinance for the creation of accessory dwelling units in single-family and multifamily residential zones. Prohibits the imposition of lot coverage standards or requirements on minimum lot size, lot coverage, or floor area ratio. Prohibits an ordinance from establishing size requirements for accessory dwelling units that do not permit a certain minimum square foot unit of at least 16 feet in height to be constructed.	08/16/2018 - Withdrawn from SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.;08/16/2018 - Re-referred to SENATE Committee on RULES.
<u>AB 2898</u> Gloria (D)	Emergency Services: Local Emergencies		Requires a review of a local emergencies by the governing body of a city or county to occur at specified time intervals under the Emergency Services Act.	09/14/2018 - Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 2018-395

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<u>AB 2957</u> Gallagher (R)	Water: Institute for Water Innovation and Technology		Requests the Regents of the University of California to establish the California Institute for Water Innovation and Technology in order to achieve specified goals, including developing the state's next generation of water professionals and technicians and growing the state's economy by creating new opportunities for jobs in water research, management, and technology. Provides for the location of the Institute.	05/25/2018 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
<u>AB 2966</u> Aguiar-Curry (D)	Disaster Relief		Provides that the state share for the removal of dead and dying trees in connection with the Governor's proclamation of a state of emergency issued on a specified date is no more than 90 percent of total state eligible costs.	05/25/2018 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
<u>AB 2970</u> Cooper (D)	Public Employees: New Employee Orientations		Requires that the date, time, and place of a new employee orientation by a state or local public employer be confidential and not be shared with anyone other than employees, the exclusive representative, or a vendor that is contracted to provide a service for purposes of the orientation.	06/11/2018 - From SENATE Committee on PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT AND RETIREMENT: Do pass to Committee on JUDICIARY.
<u>AB 2975</u> Friedman (D)	Wild and Scenic Rivers		Requires the removal or delisting of any river or segment of a river in the state that is included in the national wild and scenic rivers system and not in the state's system. Requires the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency, after holding a public hearing on the issue, to determine whether the provision of state protection for the river or segment of the river that has been removed, delisted, or exempted from the federal system is in the best interest of the state.	08/27/2018 - Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 2018-221
<u>AB 3027</u> Chavez (R)	California Environmental Quality Act: Attorney's Fees		Limits the awarding of attorney's fees to certain persons or entities for a prevailing party that is a plaintiff or petitioner in an action or proceeding under the California Environmental Quality Act.	04/23/2018 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES: Failed passage.;04/23/2018 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES: Reconsideration granted.

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<u>AB 3031</u> Quirk (D)	Safety in Employment: Power Tools: Training		Requires an employer whose employees are involved in using power tools or other equipment for the cutting, grinding, coring, or drilling of concrete or masonry materials to provide specified training to those employees to reduce health hazards associated with the inhalation or ingestion of dust arising from those operations.	03/12/2018 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT.
<u>AB 3037</u> Chiu (D)	Community Redevelopment Law		Amends the Community Redevelopment Law. Authorizes a city or county to propose the formation of a redevelopment housing and infrastructure agency by adoption of a resolution of intention that meets specified requirements, including a passthrough provision and an override passthrough provision. Requires the city or county to submit that resolution to each affected taxing entity. Requires the Strategic Growth Council to provide technical assistance to a city or county desiring to form an agency.	05/25/2018 - In ASSEMBLY. Joint Rule 62(a) suspended.;05/25/2018 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
<u>AB 3045</u> Gallagher (R)	Natural Resources Agency: State Water Project		Establishes within the Natural Resources Agency the State Water Project Commission, consisting of 9 members appointed by the Governor and subject to confirmation by the Senate, including one member nominated by the Butte County Board of Supervisors. Imposes a new duty on the Butte County Board of Supervisors, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.	05/25/2018 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
<u>AB 3155</u> Cooper (D)	Public Works: Definition		Expands the meaning of the term public works for purposes of requirements regarding the payment of prevailing wages, to include warranty work, and would include warranty work within the definition of construction as it is used to define "public works".	03/12/2018 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT.
<u>AB 3170</u> Friedman (D)	Sales and Use Taxes: Exemptions: Water Efficiency	Support	Exempts from sales and use taxes the gross receipts from the sale of, and the storage, use, or other consumption of, qualified water efficiency products sold or purchased during a certain period of time, or for which a layaway agreement is entered into, a raincheck is issued, or other specified orders are placed, during this period until a specified date.	05/25/2018 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.

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<u>AB 3187</u> Grayson (D)	Biomethane: Gas Corporations: Rates		Requires the Public Utilities Commission to open a proceeding to consider options to promote the in state production and distribution of biomethane, including consideration of recovery in rates of the costs of investments for specified purposes.	09/20/2018 - Signed by GOVERNOR.;09/20/2018 - Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 2018-598
<u>AB 3206</u> Friedman (D)	Water Conservation: Water Meters: Accuracy		Requires the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission, to the extent that funding is available, to adopt regulations setting standards for the accuracy of water meters that are installed by a water purveyor or manufactured and sold or offered for sale in the state. Includes an exception for a water meter that, as of the effective date of the regulations, a water purveyor possesses, or has entered into a contract to purchase, and has not yet installed.	08/16/2018 - In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
<u>AB 3222</u> O'Donnell (D)	Public Works: Prevailing Wages		Expands the definition of public works, for the purposes of provisions relating to the prevailing rate of per diem wages, to also include any construction, alteration, demolition, installation, or repair work done under private contract on a project for a charter school, as defined, when the project is paid for, in whole or in part, with the proceeds of conduit revenue bonds, as defined, that were issued on or after a specified date.	06/27/2018 - From SENATE Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
<u>AB 3253</u> Banking and Finance Cmt	Local Government: Financial Affairs		Increases the percentage of a local agency's funds that can be invested of the agency's surplus funds in deposits at specified types of financial institutions that use a private sector entity to assist in the placement of deposits and in certificates of deposit at specified types of financial institutions.	04/10/2018 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT with author's amendments.;04/10/2018 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT.
<u>AB 3254</u> Local Government Cmt	Local Government Organization: Omnibus		Revises the definitions of affected territory and inhabited territory under the Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 to include territory that is to receive extended services from a local agency,	07/09/2018 - Signed by GOVERNOR.;07/09/2018 - Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 2018-86

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			and additionally defines the term uninhabited territory for purposes of the Act.	
ACA 24 Waldron (R)	Property Taxation: Transfer of Base Year Value		Requires the Legislature to provide for the transfer of base year value of property that is substantially damaged or destroyed by a disaster, as declared by the Governor, occurring on or after a specified date through a specified date, to comparable property located within the same or a different county that is acquired or newly constructed as a replacement for the substantially damaged or destroyed property.	06/28/2018 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on REVENUE AND TAXATION.
ACA 28 Mathis (R)	Water: Projects: Funding		Provides that, from specified state revenues, there shall be set apart, in unspecified percentages, moneys to be applied by the state for the payment of principal and interest on bonds authorized pursuant to the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 and, of the amount remaining, for specified water projects of the Department of Water Resources and the State Water Resources Control Board.	02/26/2018 - INTRODUCED.
AJR 38 Mathis (R)	Dams and Reservoirs: Federal Jurisdiction: Safety		Urges Congress to implement revised dam safety and inspection requirements, with specified components, for all federally operated and regulated dams and reservoirs for the purpose of ensuring public safety.	05/24/2018 - Chaptered by Secretary of State.;05/24/2018 - Resolution Chapter No. 2018-76
SB 24 Portantino (D)	Political Reform Act of 1974: Economic Interest		Amends the Political Reform Act which requires certain disclosures to include a statement indicating the fair market value of investments or interests in real property and the aggregate value of income received from each reportable source. Revises the dollar amounts associated with these ranges.	08/31/2017 - In ASSEMBLY. To Inactive File.
SB 49 de Leon (D)	Environmental and Workers' Defense Act		Relates to the California Environmental, Public Health, and Workers Defense Act of 2017. Relates to clean air, drinking water, discharge of pollutants into the atmosphere and waters, and endangered species. Requires specified agencies to take prescribed	09/12/2017 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on RULES with author's amendments.;09/12/2017 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and

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			actions to maintain and enforce standards pertaining to air, water, and protected species. Prohibits a state agency from amending rules to be less stringent in protection of workers' rights and workers' safety than established by federal law.	amended. Re-referred to Committee on RULES.
SB 80 Wieckowski (D)	California Environmental Quality Act: Notices		Amends the California Environmental Quality Act. Requires a lead agency to post certain notices on the agency's Internet Web site and to offer to provide those notices by e-mail. Requires a county clerk to post notices regarding an environmental impact report or a negative declaration on the county's Internet Web site. Requires the filing of a notice in certain cases.	10/15/2017 - Vetoed by GOVERNOR.
SB 120 Roth (D)	Water Conveyance: Use Of Facility With Unused Capacity	Watch	Prohibits a transferor of water from using a water conveyance facility that has unused capacity to transfer water from a groundwater basin underlying desert lands, as defined, that is in the vicinity of specified federal lands or state lands to outside of the groundwater basin unless the State Lands Commission, in consultation with the Department of Fish and Wildlife, finds that the transfer of the water will not adversely affect the natural or cultural resources of those federal and state lands.	08/31/2018 - Withdrawn from SENATE Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER.;08/31/2018 - Re-referred to SENATE Committee on RULES.;08/31/2018 - Re-referred to SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.;08/31/2018 - In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held i
SB 210 Leyva (D)	Heavy Duty Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program		Authorizes the State Air Resources Board to develop and implement a Heavy-Duty Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program for nongasoline heavy-duty on road motor vehicles. Authorizes the state board to assess a fee and penalty as part of the program. Creates the Truck Emission Check Fund with all the moneys deposited in the fund to be available upon appropriation.	06/19/2018 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on TRANSPORTATION with author's amendments.;06/19/2018 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION.
SB 224 Jackson (D)	Personal Rights: Civil Liability and Enforcement		Amends existing law which establishes liability for sexual harassment when the plaintiff proves specified elements and existing law which states that a relationship may exist between a plaintiff and certain persons. Includes within the elements in a cause of action for sexual harassment when the plaintiff proves,	09/30/2018 - Signed by GOVERNOR.

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			among other things, that the defendant holds himself or herself out as being able to help the plaintiff establish a business, service, or professional relationship.	
SB 473 Hertzberg (D)	California Endangered Species Act		Amends the California Endangered Species Act which prohibits the taking of an endangered or threatened species. Applies the take prohibitions to public agencies. Requires the Department of Fish and Wildlife to post each new incidental take permit issued on their web site within a specified time from the effective date of the permit.	09/10/2018 - Signed by GOVERNOR.;09/10/2018 - Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 2018-329
SB 606 Hertzberg (D)	Water Management Planning	Support	Requires an urban retail water supplier to calculate an urban water use objective and its actual urban water use by specified dates and requires a report. Authorizes the Department of Water Resources to waive these requirements for a maximum number of years. Imposes a civil liability for a violation of an order or regulation. Amends the Urban Water Management Planning Act. Provides certain requirements imposed on urban water suppliers.	05/31/2018 - Signed by GOVERNOR.;05/31/2018 - Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 2018-14
SB 623 Monning (D)	Water Quality: Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund	Oppose	Establishes the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund in the State Treasury and would provide that moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the state board. requires the state board to expend moneys in the fund for grants, loans, contracts, or services to assist eligible applicants with projects relating to safe and affordable drinking water.	09/01/2017 - Re-referred to ASSEMBLY Committee on RULES.
SB 771 de Leon (D)	California Environmental Quality Act		Relates to The California Environmental Quality Act. Establishes a continuing education requirement for employees of public agencies who have primary responsibility to administer the act.	09/13/2017 - In ASSEMBLY. To Inactive File.
SB 778 Hertzberg (D)	Safe Drinking Water Fund		Requires the State Water Resources Control Board to track and publish on its Internet Web site an analysis of all voluntary and ordered consolidations of water systems that have occurred on or after a certain date. Requires the published information to include	09/01/2017 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.

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			the resulting outcomes of the consolidations and whether the consolidations have succeeded or failed in providing an adequate supply of safe drinking water to the communities served by the consolidated water systems.	
<u>SB 831</u> Wieckowski (D)	Land Use: Accessory Dwelling Units	Seek Amendments	Requires the local agency ordinance for the creation of accessory dwelling units to designate areas where accessory dwelling units may be excluded for health and safety purposes. Revises the standards for the local ordinance to delete the authority to include lot coverage standards. Prohibits certain considerations by local agencies when deciding whether or not to approve an application.	06/27/2018 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Heard, remains in Committee.
<u>SB 844</u> Monning (D)	Water Quality: Agricultural Safe Drinking Water Fees		Requires a licensed manufacturer or distributor of fertilizing materials to pay a fertilizer safe drinking water fee per dollar of sale for all sales of fertilizing materials intended for noncommercial use and for all sales of packaged fertilizing materials, thereto. Reduces these fees, beginning a specified calendar year. Requires a transfer of a specified amount from the Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Fund to the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund.	08/24/2018 - In ASSEMBLY. Suspend Assembly Rule 96.;08/24/2018 - Re-referred to ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
<u>SB 845</u> Monning (D)	Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund	Oppose	Establishes the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund to secure access to safe drinking water for all residents of the state, and to ensure the long term sustainability of drinking water service and infrastructure. Requires a community water system with a certain number of connections to provide an opportunity for each customer to provide a voluntary remittance either as part of the customer's regular water bill or by using a specified notification procedure.	08/24/2018 - In ASSEMBLY. Suspend Assembly Rule 96.;08/24/2018 - Re-referred to ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
<u>SB 919</u> Dodd (D)	Water Resources: Stream Gages		Requires the Department of Water Resources and the board, to develop a plan to deploy a network of stream gages that includes a determination of funding needs and opportunities for modernizing and reactivating existing and deploying new gages. Requires the department and the board, to develop the plan to address significant	08/16/2018 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.

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			gaps in information necessary for water management and the conservation of freshwater species.	
SB 952 Anderson (R)	Water Conservation: Local Water Supplies		States the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would require the State Water Resources Control Board to recognize local water agency investment in water supply and ensure that local agencies receive sufficient credit for these investments in meeting any water conservation or efficiency mandates.	02/08/2018 - To SENATE Committee on RULES.
SB 963 Allen (D)	Water Replenishment Districts		Repeals a reserve fund authorization for a water replenishment district. Requires financial statements to be submitted to the appropriate policy committees of the Legislature instead of the Legislature generally.	09/11/2018 - Signed by GOVERNOR.;09/11/2018 - Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 2018-351
SB 966 Wiener (D)	Onsite Treated Nonpotable Water Systems		Requires the State Water Resources Control Board, in consultation with the State Building Standards Commission and the Department of Housing and Community Development, to adopt regulations for risk based water quality standards for the onsite treatment and reuse of nonpotable water. Requires the Department, in consultation with the State Board, to develop and propose for adoption any necessary corresponding building standards to support the risk based water quality standards, as established.	09/28/2018 - Signed by GOVERNOR.;09/28/2018 - Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 2018-890
SB 998 Dodd (D)	Discontinuation of Residential Water Service	Oppose	Amends the Safe Drinking Water Act. Prohibits residential water service from being disconnected under specified circumstances. Requires an urban and community water system that furnishes individually submetered residential service to inform the residential occupants by written notice that service will be terminated and that the residential occupants have the right to become customers. Requires compliance on or after a specified date.	09/28/2018 - Signed by GOVERNOR.;09/28/2018 - Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 2018-891
SB 1032 Moorlach (R)	California Public Employees' Retirement System		Authorizes a contracting agency to terminate its contract with the Board of Administration of the Public Employees' Retirement System the agency's will and would not require the contracting	04/23/2018 - In SENATE Committee on PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT AND RETIREMENT: Failed

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			agency to fully fund the board's pension liability upon termination of the contract. Authorizes the board to reduce the member's benefits in the terminated agency pool by the percentage of liability unfunded.	passage.;04/23/2018 - In SENATE Committee on PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT AND RETIREMENT: Reconsideration granted.
SB 1033 Moorlach (R)	Public Employees Retirement: Reciprocal Benefits		Requires an agency participating in the Public Employees' Retirement System, that increases the compensation of a member who was previously employed by a different agency, to bear all actuarial liability for the action, if it results in an increased actuarial liability beyond what would have been reasonably expected for the member. Requires the increased liability be in addition to reasonable compensation growth that is anticipated for a member who works for employer or employers over an extended time.	04/23/2018 - In SENATE Committee on PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT AND RETIREMENT: Heard, remains in Committee.
SB 1147 Hertzberg (D)	Offshore Oil and Gas Wells		Requires the State Oil and Gas Supervisor to evaluate and estimate the costs associated with the decommissioning of offshore oil and gas wells under its jurisdiction and, if necessary, to develop a schedule to increase the bond amounts or other financial surety provided by an operator of an offshore oil or gas well to ensure sufficient moneys are available to the state to decommission the well if no other entity is responsible for those decommissioning costs.	09/20/2018 - Signed by GOVERNOR.;09/20/2018 - Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 2018-607
SB 1167 Anderson (R)	Eminent Domain: Final Offer of Compensation		Provides that if a court finds, on motion of a defendant that a plaintiff's offer was lower than a specified percentage of the compensation awarded in the proceeding, then the court would be required to include the defendant's litigation costs in the costs allowed.	05/08/2018 - In SENATE Committee on JUDICIARY: Failed passage.
SB 1215 Hertzberg (D)	Provision of Sewer Service: Disadvantaged Communities		Authorizes the regional Water Resources Control Board to order the provision of sewer service by a special district, city, or county to a disadvantaged community, under specified circumstances. Authorizes the regional Board to take certain actions before ordering the provision of sewer service similar to those required for	09/30/2018 - Signed by GOVERNOR.

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			the consolidation or extension of water. Authorizes the regional Board to develop a process by which members of disadvantaged communities may petition for sewer service.	
<u>SB 1226</u> Bates (R)	Building Standards: Building Permits		Amends the State Building Standards Law. Requires the Department to propose the adoption of a building standard to the State Building Standards Commission pursuant to existing law that would authorize, when a record of the issuance of a building permit for the construction of an existing residential unit does not exist, enforcement officials to determine when the residential unit was constructed and issue a retroactive permit.	09/30/2018 - Signed by GOVERNOR.
<u>SB 1284</u> Jackson (D)	Employers: Annual Report: Pay Data		Requires that, on or before a certain date annually, a private employer that has a certain number of employees is to submit a pay data report to the Department of Fair Employment and Housing. Imposes specified civil penalties on any employer not in compliance. Authorizes the Department to seek an order requiring an employer, who does not send the report, to comply.	08/16/2018 - In ASSEMBLY. Joint Rule 62(a) suspended.;08/16/2018 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
<u>SB 1301</u> Beall (D)	State Permitting: Environment: Processing Procedures		Requires the Office of Planning and Research to develop a joint multiagency preapplication for supplemental consultation and a model fee for service agreement, in consultation with a state agency with the power to issue a permit that would authorize a dam safety project or a flood risk reduction project, and any interested potential project applicants. Authorizes multiagency preapplication submissions. Authorizes the establishment and collection of fees to cover certain costs.	09/28/2018 - Vetoed by GOVERNOR.
<u>SB 1364</u> Vidak (R)	Safe, Clean, Reliable Water Supply Act		Makes a nonsubstantive change in findings and declarations of the Safe, Clean, Reliable Water Supply Act.	03/08/2018 - To SENATE Committee on RULES.
<u>SB 1422</u> Portantino (D)	Safe Drinking Water Act: Microplastics		Requires the State Water Resources Control Board to adopt a definition of microplastics in drinking water, and on or before July 1, 2021, to adopt a standard methodology to be used in the testing	09/28/2018 - Signed by GOVERNOR.;09/28/2018 - Chaptered

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			of drinking water for microplastics and requirements for 4 years of testing and reporting of microplastics in drinking water, including public disclosure of those results.	by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 2018-902
SB 1433 Moorlach (R)	County Deferred Retirement Option Program		Prohibits a county or district from allowing a member to participate in a Deferred Retirement Option Program who was not participating in the program on or before a specified date. Prohibits a county or district from establishing a new or additional Deferred Retirement Option Program.	04/23/2018 - In SENATE Committee on PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT AND RETIREMENT: Failed passage.;04/23/2018 - In SENATE Committee on PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT AND RETIREMENT: Reconsideration granted.
SB 1469 Skinner (D)	Land Use: Accessory Dwelling Units		Revises and recast the above-described provisions regarding accessory dwelling units to authorize the ordinance adopted for the creation of accessory dwelling units to designate areas where accessory dwelling units are excluded for health and safety purposes based on clear findings supported by substantial evidence. Limits the types of standards that a local agency may impose on accessory dwelling units, including parking, height, size, and setback requirements, and would revise certain standards.	05/25/2018 - In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
SB 1496 Governance and Finance Cmt	Validations	Seek Amendments	Enacts the Second Validating Act. Validates the organization, boundaries, acts, proceedings, and bonds of the state and counties, cities, and specified districts, agencies, and entities.	06/01/2018 - Signed by GOVERNOR.;06/01/2018 - Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 2018-23
SB 1497 Governance and Finance Cmt	Validations		Enacts the First Validating Act. Validates the organization, boundaries, acts, proceedings, and bonds of the state and counties, cities, and specified districts, agencies, and entities.	06/01/2018 - Signed by GOVERNOR.;06/01/2018 - Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 2018-24
SB 1498 Governance and Finance Cmt	Local Government Omnibus Act		Amends existing law requiring the Controller to report financial information about selected special districts. Eliminates the requirement that the report contain specified breakdowns of each special district's fund balance, retained earnings, fixed assets, and cash investments. Specifies the time frame for the filing of a test claim based on the date of incurring increased costs. Authorizes the	09/17/2018 - Signed by GOVERNOR.;09/17/2018 - Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 2018-467

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Bill No. Author	Title	IRWD Position	Summary/Effects	Status
			display of a report to the Commission by providing a link to the Treasurer website relating to bond info.	
<u>SB 1499</u> Governance and Finance Cmt	Validations		Enacts the Third Validating Act.. Validates the organization, boundaries, acts, proceedings, and bonds of the state and counties, cities, and specified districts, agencies, and entities.	06/01/2018 - Signed by GOVERNOR.;06/01/2018 - Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 2018-25
<u>SB 1502</u> Environmental Quality Cmt	Nonvehicular Air Pollution		Authorizes air districts to send electronically, instead of by mail, any required public notice and other certain notices. Requires air districts to send a public notice by mail to any person who has requested the notices to be sent by mail. Requires an air district governing board, if the air district opts to send public notices electronically, to adopt procedures for a person to request public notices to be sent by mail and to update an electronic mail address.	06/28/2018 - Signed by GOVERNOR.;06/28/2018 - Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 2018-59
<u>SCA 4</u> Hertzberg (D)	Water Conservation		Declares the intent of the Legislature to amend the California Constitution to provide a program that would ensure that affordable water is available to all Californians and to ensure that water conservation is given a permanent role in California's future.	02/16/2017 - To SENATE Committee on RULES.
<u>SCA 18</u> Allen (D)	Elections: Recalls		Increases the vote required to recall a state officer.	08/16/2018 - In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.
<u>HR 23</u> Valadao (R)	Gaining Responsibility on Water Act		Amends the Gaining Responsibility on Water Act of 2017, provides drought relief in the State of California.	07/18/2017 - In SENATE. Read second time.;07/18/2017 - To SENATE Committee on ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES.


Exhibit "B"


2018 Legislative Update Report:
Links to Bill & Regulatory Texts
(as of October 1, 2018)

Bill Number/Version Date	Link to Bill Text
AB 1912 (Rodriguez), as amended	http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB1912
AB 2050 (Caballero), as amended	http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB2050
AB 2447 (Reyes), as amended	http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB2447
AB 2501 (Chu), as amended	http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB2501
SB 998 (Dodd), as amended	http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180SB998
SB 1215 (Hertzberg), as amended	http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180SB1215

October 4, 2018

Prepared and

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Approved by: Paul A. Cook 

WATER RESOURCES POLICY AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

ELECTION OF THE INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICTS OF ORANGE COUNTY 2019-2020 OFFICERS

SUMMARY:

Last month, the Independent Special Districts of Orange County (ISDOC) sought candidates to serve as the association's officers and on its Executive Committee for the 2019-2020 term. The deadline for candidate nominations was September 18, 2018. ISDOC received only one nomination for the offices of Second Vice President, Third Vice President and Treasurer, and no nominations for the office of Secretary. Pursuant to the ISDOC bylaws, the one candidate nominated for those offices will serve in those offices for the 2019-2020 term, and a decision on how to fill the office of Secretary will take place within the first 60 days of the 2019-2020 term. For the offices of President and First Vice President, ISDOC received multiple nominations and, as a result, has called an election for those offices. Each ISDOC Member District is entitled to participate in the election and ballots are due to ISDOC by October 23, 2018.

Staff recommends that the Water Resources Policy and Communications Committee review the candidates for the ISDOC offices and that that the Board authorize IRWD to cast its ballot in favor of Sandra Jacobs (Santa Margarita Water District) for President and Mark Monin (El Toro Water District) for First Vice President no later than the October 23, 2018, deadline.

BACKGROUND:

ISDOC is a membership association of Orange County's 25 independent special districts. Its purpose is to advance the interests of Orange County special districts through advocacy of sound public policy, educational opportunities to enhance special district governance and services, and collaboration with others to elevate awareness of the role of special districts. ISDOC does not have any responsibility for the Orange County Special Districts Selection Committee, which is a separate and unrelated entity.

ISDOC has sought nomination of candidates interested in serving as ISDOC officers and on its Executive Committee for the 2019-2020 term. The ISDOC Executive Committee determines the direction and focus of ISDOC. The Executive Committee is comprised of the ISDOC President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Third Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and the Immediate Past President. The responsibilities of each office are as follows:

- *President:* The President is the chief executive officer of ISDOC. He or she presides at all meetings of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee; appoints all committees; and represents ISDOC as its official spokesperson;

- First Vice President: The First Vice President chairs the Program Committee, and in the absence of the President, serves as the President;
- Second Vice President: The Second Vice President chairs the Membership Committee, and in the absence of the President and First Vice President, serves as the President;
- Third Vice President: The Third Vice President chairs the Legislative Committee, and in the absence of the President, First Vice President, and Second Vice President, serves as the President;
- Secretary: The Secretary is responsible for all correspondence and the dissemination of information to members. The Secretary prepares and distributes agendas and minutes for the Executive Committee meeting and edits and publishes the quarterly newsletter; and
- Treasurer: The Treasurer maintains ISDOC financial records and bank accounts; collects dues and other receipts; and pays all bills duly approved by the Executive Committee.

Candidates for 2019-2020 Terms of Office:

ISDOC received the following nominations for each office:

- *President:* Sandra Jacobs (Santa Margarita Water District)
Michael Posey (Orange County Mosquito & Vector Control District)
- *1st Vice President:* Lucille Kring (Orange County Mosquito & Vector Control District)
Mark Monin (El Toro Water District)
- *2nd Vice President:* Arlene Schafer (Costa Mesa Sanitary District)
- *3rd Vice President:* Mary Aileen Matheis (Irvine Ranch Water District)
- *Treasurer:* Joan Finnegan (Municipal Water District of Orange County)
- *Secretary:* None

ISDOC Election Process:

In accordance with the ISDOC bylaws, ISDOC holds an election every two years to elect its officers and Executive Committee members. If at the end of the nominating period only one candidate is nominated for an office, that candidate shall be deemed selected to serve in that

office and on the Executive Committee for the next two-year term. This year, only one nomination was received for the Second Vice President, Third Vice President and Treasurer positions; therefore they are not on the ballot. Pursuant to the ISDOC bylaws, Arlene Schafer from Costa Mesa Sanitary District, Mary Aileen Matheis from Irvine Ranch Water District and Joan Finnegan from Municipal Water District of Orange County will serve in the offices of Second Vice President, Third Vice President and Treasurer, respectively. With regard to the Secretary position, since there were no nominations, the ISDOC Executive Committee will either fill the vacancy by appointment or call for a special election within the first 60 days of the 2019-2020 term.

Since there were multiple nominations for the offices of President and First Vice President, ISDOC has called for election for those office and has mailed ballots. The ballot and candidate information mailed by ISDOC is attached as Exhibit "A". Additional correspondences received from the candidates is attached as Exhibit "B".

Ballots must be received by ISDOC no later than October 23, 2018, to be counted. Staff recommends that the Committee review the candidates for the ISDOC offices and that the Board authorize IRWD to cast its ballot in favor of Saundra Jacobs (Santa Margarita Water District) for President and Mark Monin (El Toro Water District) for First Vice President, and authorize the District to submit its ballot to ISDOC no later than the October 23, 2018, deadline.

FISCAL IMPACTS:

Not applicable.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE:

Not applicable.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Committee review the candidates for the Independent Special Districts of Orange County officers and that the Board authorize IRWD to cast its ballot in favor of Saundra Jacobs (Santa Margarita Water District) for President and Mark Monin (El Toro Water District) for First Vice President no later than the October 23, 2018, deadline.

LIST OF EXHIBITS:

Exhibit "A" – ISDOC Ballot and Candidate Information
Exhibit "B" – Additional Candidate Correspondences

EXHIBIT "A"



Mailing Address

P.O. Box 20895
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Executive Committee

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Hon. James Fisler
Mesa Water District

1st Vice President

Hon. Sandra Jacobs
Santa Margarita Water District

2nd Vice President

Hon. Mark Monin
El Toro Water District

3rd Vice President

Hon. Mary Aileen Matheis
Irvine Ranch Water District

Secretary

Hon. Doug Davert
East Orange County Water District

Treasurer

Hon. Joan C. Finnegan
*Municipal Water District of
Orange County*

Immediate Past President

Hon. Mike Scheafer
Costa Mesa Sanitary District

Staff Administration

Heather Baez

*Municipal Water District of Orange
County*

Sylvia Prado

*East Orange County Water
District*

September 21, 2018

RE: Election of Independent Special Districts of Orange County (ISDOC) Officers

Dear Member Districts,

The nomination period for Executive Committee officer positions closed on September 18th, 2018. At this time, ISDOC is conducting a vote of Regular Special District Members for the election of officers. This letter serves as official notice of the election.

The names of nominated candidates are printed on the ballot. Please vote for one candidate per seat.

The Executive Committee meets at 7:30 am on the first Tuesday of the month. Meetings are open to the public. Duties of Executive Committee members are contained in the ISDOC bylaws, which may be found at the ISDOC website - <http://www.mwdoc.com/ISDOC>.

Each Regular Member District in good standing shall be entitled to one vote. In accordance with current bylaws, the vote must be cast (signed) by the district's presiding officer or an alternate selected by the district board.

You may submit your ballot via mail or email to Heather Baez: P.O. Box 20895, Fountain Valley, CA 92728 (mail) or hbaez@mwdoc.com (email). **Ballots must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 23, 2018 in order to be counted. Even if positions are uncontested, it is important to submit a ballot since a quorum of voting members is required for the election of officers.**

The names of officers elected will be announced at the October 25th quarterly meeting.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss the election process further, please contact Heather Baez (MWDOC) at hbaez@mwdoc.com or (714) 593-5012.

Sincerely,

James R. Fisler, President
Independent Special Districts of Orange County

Enclosed: Ballot for ISDOC Election of Officers
Candidates' Statements

INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICTS OF ORANGE COUNTY ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The ISDOC Executive Committee consists of the President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Third Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Immediate Past President. Officers are elected in October of even numbered years for two year terms. Please vote for one candidate per seat.

The ISDOC bylaws indicate, "At the end of the nominating period if only one candidate is nominated for a vacant seat, that candidate shall be deemed selected." This is the case for the Second Vice President, Third Vice President and Treasurer positions, therefore they are not on the ballot. Arlene Schafer from Costa Mesa Sanitary District, Mary Aileen Matheis from Irvine Ranch Water District and Joan Finnegan from Municipal Water District of Orange County, respectfully, have been selected to these seats. As there were no nominations for the Secretary position, the ISDOC Executive Committee will either fill the vacancy by appointment or call for a special election within the first sixty days of 2019.

Cast your Vote: Please cast your vote for the remaining seats by placing an "X" on the line next to the individual for which you wish to vote in each position. If you are writing in a candidate, please include their district affiliation and position. **THE SIGNATURE PAGE IS ON THE REVERSE SIDE OF THE BALLOT. IT MUST BE SIGNED BY YOUR VOTING REPRESENTATIVE IN ORDER TO BE COUNTED.**

President

_____ Sandra Jacobs, Vice President
Santa Margarita Water District

_____ Michael Posey, Trustee
Orange County Mosquito & Vector Control District

First Vice President (Programs)

_____ Lucille Kring, President
Orange County Mosquito & Vector Control District

_____ Mark Monin, Director
El Toro Water District

DISTRICT NAME

SIGNATURE OF VOTING REPRESENTATIVE

Ballots must be received no later than 5 p.m. October 23, 2018.
You may return your ballot by mail or email to:

Heather Baez
P.O. Box 20895
Fountain Valley, CA 92728
Attention: ISDOC Executive Committee Election
OR Email: hbacz@mwdoc.com

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
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GENERAL MANAGER



Santa Margarita Water District

August 28, 2018

Dear Colleagues:

I am delighted to announce my candidacy for President of the Independent Special Districts of Orange County ("ISDOC"). I am writing today to ask for your districts' support.

I have a deep and abiding commitment to the twenty-six Special Districts that competently and ably provide critical public services in our county. It has been my privilege to serve in ISDOC leadership during my 12 consecutive years on the ISDOC Board. I am currently the First Vice President and serve on the Executive Committee.

My passion for public service and the work of special districts comes from my 22 years on the Santa Margarita Water District ("SMWD") Board of Directors. While I have extensive experience in the water sector I also have a keen interest and awareness of the needs and requirements for success of all special districts—from library and vector control to water, sewer, and other community services. I hope that I have adequately demonstrated my willingness to provide leadership in organization, advocacy, and communication to benefit and nurture special districts of every stripe.

ISDOC is an important association of agencies providing important services associated with LAFCO and CSDA. We need the continued leadership of all individuals who have a demonstrated commitment to serving the public, a strong sense of responsibility for the protection of the value that special districts provide, and a vision to plan for the future of the organization here in Orange County. It would be my honor to serve you and our organization as President and I humbly ask for your vote and support. If you or your colleagues have questions about my candidacy I hope you will contact me at 949/702-1145 or at saundraj@smwd.com.

Sincerely,


Sandra F. Jacobs
SMWD Board Member
First VP, ISDOC

Michael Posey

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Date: September 17, 2018

Independent Special Districts of Orange County
18700 Ward St.
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

Dear Selection Committee

I am writing to you today to express my keen interest in serving as President of ISDOC. I was nominated to apply and voted unanimously by my peers at Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control where I serve on the Board of Trustees as well serve as the Chair for the Budget and Finance Committee.

Until year-end, I also serve as Mayor for the City of Huntington Beach voted in unanimously by my City Council colleagues in December 2017 for a one-year term. First elected to the City Council in 2014 I am finishing my first term and running for re-election for a second term. Prior to my election to City Council, I served as a Planning Commissioner.

Other County-wide service includes Commissioner for Orange County Parks. I was nominated to serve by Orange County Supervisor, Michelle Steel with my nomination confirmed unanimously by the entire Board. I also serve as Chair of the West Orange County Water District and an alternate on Sanitation District.

Committees served at the City of Huntington Beach include Chair of Economic Development Committee, Chair of Intergovernmental Relations, Personnel Committee, Special events and many others.

Non-Governmental service with the Association of California Cities include, Co-Chair of the Jobs and Economic Development Committee and member of the Legislative Affairs Committee. I also serve on the Governmental Affairs Committee for the Huntington Beach Chamber of Commerce.

Lastly, I am on the Board of SCAG, OCCOG and serve as the alternate voting member of the RHNA Committee for SCAG.

I respectfully ask that nomination be considered: I have the demonstrated leadership, organizational and relationship building skills to well serve ISDOC and its members.

Sincerely,

Michael Posey

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LILLY SIMMERING

September 17, 2018

My name is Lucille Kring, council woman in Anaheim for 14 years.

I am running for 1st Vice President of ISDOC. This organization is needed to serve the community of Orange County. It does a great job and needs to be protected.

I have served on the Orange County Sanitation District board for over 4 years.

I served on the Transportation Corridor Agencies board for over 8 years.

I am currently the president of the Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control board and have served for over 11 years, twice as President.

I believe my background on these boards and council has prepared me to be a part of ISDOC.

Thank you for your consideration,

Lucille Kring

"An Independent Special District Serving Orange County Since 1947"

The mission of the Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District is to provide the citizens of Orange County with the highest level of protection from vectors and vector-borne diseases.



El Toro Water District

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Serving the Public - Respecting the Environment

September 4, 2018

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MWDOC
Attention: Brett Barber
18700 Ward Street
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

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Board of Directors
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Re: Mark Monin for ISDOC 1st Vice President

Dear Mr. Barber,

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My qualifications for this position include:

- > EXPERIENCED LEADER
- > COMMITTED TO SPECIAL DISTRICTS
- > FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE
- > DEDICATED

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I am very active in Orange County and my community. Please see the accompanying resume outlining my experience and education. I would love to hear your thoughts on how we can make ISDOC even better and please contact me with your input, ideas or questions on my experience or platform. I can be reached at (949) 939-6612 or markmonin@msn.com.

Sincerely,

EL TORO WATER DISTRICT

Mark Monin, Director

EXHIBIT "B"

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Santa Margarita Water District

August 22, 2018

Board of Directors
Irvine Ranch Water District
15600 Sand Canyon Avenue
Irvine, CA 92618

Re: Santa Margarita Water District Resolution in Support of Director Saundra F. Jacobs Nomination for President of the Independent Special Districts of Orange County

Dear President and Members of the Board:

Doug

I am delighted to announce my candidacy for President of the Independent Special Districts of Orange County ("ISDOC"). I am writing today to ask for your districts' support.

I have a deep and abiding commitment to the twenty-six Special Districts that competently and ably provide critical public services in our county. It has been my privilege to serve in ISDOC leadership during my 12 consecutive years on the ISDOC Board. I am currently the First Vice President and serve on the Executive Committee.

My passion for public service and the work of special districts comes from my 22 years on the Santa Margarita Water District ("SMWD") Board of Directors. While I have extensive experience in the water sector I also have a keen interest and awareness of the needs and requirements for success of all special districts—from library and vector control to water, sewer, and other community services. I hope that I have adequately demonstrated my willingness to provide leadership in organization, advocacy, and communication to benefit and nurture special districts of every stripe.

ISDOC is an important association of agencies providing important services associated with LAFCO and CSDA. We need the continued leadership of all individuals who have a demonstrated commitment to serving the public, a strong sense of responsibility for the protection of the value that special districts provide, and a vision to plan for the future of the organization here in Orange County. It would be my honor to serve you and our organization as President and I humbly ask for your vote and support. If you or your colleagues have questions about my candidacy I hope you will contact me at 949/702-1145 or at saundraj@smwd.com.

Sincerely,

Saundra

Saundra F. Jacobs
SMWD Board Member
First VP, ISDOC



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EL TORO WATER DISTRICT

Mark Monin, Director

October 4, 2018
Prepared and
submitted by: C. Compton *CC*
Approved by: Paul A. Cook *PA Cook*

WATER RESOURCES POLICY AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

REVIEW OF RESPONSES TO REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR
FEDERAL ADVOCACY SERVICES

SUMMARY:

For many years, IRWD has received federal advocacy services from a qualified firm hired on a sole-source basis. Given the restructuring of the District's current federal advocate firm, the District issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to solicit qualifications from full-service lobbying firms to represent the District on federal legislative and regulatory issues in Washington, D.C. The RFQ for federal advocacy services was released on September 4, 2018, with responses due by October 1, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. (Pacific Daylight Saving Times).

Through the RFQ process and review of the submitted Statements of Qualifications (SOQs), IRWD seeks to retain the firm best suited to meet its federal advocacy needs. The SOQs will be initially screened by the District and an invitation to interview with the District will be extended to selected firms. Selected firms may be invited to participate in one or more interviews, which may include an opportunity for the firm to make a brief presentation to the District. The District currently anticipates that the initial interviews of selected firms will take place in Washington, D.C. at the firms' offices between October 15-16, 2018.

Staff will discuss with the Committee the SOQs received by the October 1 deadline, and recommend firms for initial interviews.

FISCAL IMPACTS:

Expenses for federal advocacy services have been included in the FY 2018-2019 Operating Budget.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE:

Not applicable.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Committee review and discuss the responses to the District's Request for Qualifications for Federal Advocacy Services and discuss which firms to interview.

LIST OF EXHIBITS:

None.