

AGENDA
IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT
WATER RESOURCES POLICY AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2021

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CALL TO ORDER 3:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE Committee Chair: Steven LaMar _____
Member: Karen McLaughlin _____

<u>ALSO PRESENT</u>	Paul Cook	_____	Paul Weghorst	_____
	Wendy Chambers	_____	Cheryl Clary	_____
	Fiona Sanchez	_____	Jim Colston	_____
	Christine Compton	_____	Kellie Welch	_____
	Mark Tettermer	_____	Amy McNulty	_____
	Jo Ann Corey	_____	John Fabris	_____
	Ray Bennett	_____	_____	_____
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ALL VOTES SHALL BE TAKEN BY A ROLL CALL VOTE.

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.

ACTION

5. 2021 LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY UPDATE – COMPTON / COOK

Recommendation: That the Board adopt a “concerns” position on SB 222 (Dodd), an “oppose unless amended” position on SB 223 (Dodd), a “support” position on ACWA’s water rate validations proposal, a “support” position on CASA’s flushable products state and federal legislation and a “support” position on the \$85 million budget proposal for the Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Program.

6. VIRTUAL COMMUNITY TOURS AND WORKSHOPS – RIVENBURG / FABRIS / WEGHORST

Recommendation: That the Committee provide input on the proposed IRWD virtual community events and videos.

OTHER BUSINESS

- 7. Directors' Comments

- 8. Adjourn

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February 4, 2021
Prepared and
submitted by: C. Compton
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WATER RESOURCES POLICY AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

2021 LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY UPDATE

SUMMARY:

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

Staff recommends the Board consider the following actions/positions:

- *SB 222 (Dodd) – Water Affordability Assistance: “CONCERNS”;*
- *SB 223 (Dodd) – Discontinuation of Residential Water Service: “OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED”;*
- *ACWA’s Water Rate Validations Proposal: “SUPPORT”;*
- *CASA’s Flushable Products State and Federal Legislation: “SUPPORT”; and*
- *\$85 Million Budget Proposal for Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Program Funding: “SUPPORT”.*

BACKGROUND:

January 22 was the last day for bills to be submitted to the Office of the Legislative Counsel. The bill introduction deadline this year is February 19, although resolutions and constitutional amendments can be introduced after that date. The first policy committee deadlines are in late April and early May. A copy of the 2021 Legislative Matrix is provided as Exhibit “A”. Links to the bills discussed below are included within each discussion unless a separate exhibit is noted.

2021 State Legislative Update:

Eviction Moratorium Extension and State Rental Assistance Program:

On January 25, 2021, in advance of the January 31, 2021, expiration of the eviction moratorium that was enacted into law by [AB 3088 \(Chiu, D-San Francisco\)](#), Governor Gavin Newsom, Senate President pro Tempore Toni Atkins (D-San Diego), and Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon (D-Lakewood) issued a joint statement announcing an agreement to extend the moratorium through June 30, 2021.

On the day the deal was struck, legislation was introduced to codify the deal - [SB 91 \(Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review\)](#). The measure, which was signed by the Governor on January 29, extends the various provisions of the eviction moratorium through June 30, 2021, and

appropriates \$1.5 billion of federal COVID-19 relief funds for a new state program for providing rental assistance. The \$1.5 billion in federal funding can be used for rental assistance which is defined as including:

- Rental arrears;
- Prospective rent payments;
- Utilities, including arrears and prospective payments for utilities; and
- Other expenses related to housing.

The legislation provides that rental arrears are to be given priority for the funding.

Through the program, the State will fund up to 80 percent of an eligible household's unpaid rental debt accumulated from April 1, 2020, to March 31, 2021. To be eligible to receive these funds, a landlord is required to forgive 20 percent of the unpaid rental debt accumulated between April 1, 2020, and March 31, 2021, and accept 80 percent of unpaid rental debt as payment in full of rental debt owed by an eligible tenant.

If a landlord does not accept 80 percent of unpaid rental debt as payment in full of rental debt owed, then a member of an eligible household may apply for rental arrears assistance of 25 percent of the eligible household's unpaid rental debt accumulated from April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021. The significance of 25 percent of the eligible household's unpaid rental debt is that the eviction moratorium prevents landlords from evicting a tenant for non-payment of rent as long as the tenant pays at least 25 percent of the rent owed.

This program will only fund rental assistance for households with income below 80 percent of the area median income. Priority for rental assistance will be given to households with income below 50 percent of the area median income and communities disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. The legislation requires that priority be given to rental arrears to prevent evictions; it also allows remaining funds to be used for prospective rental payments and payments for utility bills.

It should be noted that the \$1.5 billion is money the State received from the latest federal COVID-19 relief legislation for rental assistance. Cities and counties with a population of at least 200,000 also received \$1.1 billion from the last federal COVID-19 relief package. SB 91 allows, but does not require, cities and counties to use their funds for rental assistance through the State program.

Groups representing landlords and tenants were involved in the negotiations on extending the eviction moratorium. The California Apartment Association is reported as being satisfied that the deal includes the payment of back rent owed to landlords. Other reports have indicated that Assemblymember David Chiu (D-San Francisco), who was the author of the bill that enacted the original moratorium, along tenant groups, are dissatisfied with the new legislation and the fact that landlords being given the option to decline federal rental relief.

Staff will discuss SB 91 with the Committee and additional legislative proposals that have been introduced on rent relief.

COVID-19 Financial Relief for Water Agencies:

The rental assistance program created by SB 91 provides that the utility bills are an eligible expense for which the federal funding can be used to pay; however, it is unclear how much, if any, of the funding will go toward the payment of outstanding water bills related to the COVID-19 shutoff moratorium. While it is unclear how much of the \$1.5 billion will go towards water debt, the last federal COVID-19 relief package included \$638 million for low-income water and sewer customer assistance. This funding is being provided to states and tribes who are then to provide the funding to public water systems to reduce low-income household arrearages and rates. The District has been working with others in the water community to seek appropriation of California's portion of this federal funding. Staff will provide an update on the status of these efforts.

Low-Income Rate Assistance Program (LIRA) & SB 222 (Dodd):

AB 401 (Dodd, 2015) required the State Water Resources Control Board to develop and provide the Legislature a plan for a statewide Low-Income Rate Assistance Program (LIRA) by February 1, 2018. As a result, the State Board held a series of public meetings in 2017 seeking input on various scenarios, which would provide low-income rate assistance to up to 34 percent of Californians, and over two years would meet with a smaller group of stakeholders to discuss options for the plan. The State Board's effort is based on the following philosophy:

“Californians have a right to safe water. State policy through AB 685 (2012) aims to ensure universal access to water by declaring that “every human being has the right to safe, clean, affordable, and accessible water adequate for human consumption, cooking, and sanitary purposes.” However, water is becoming more expensive. California's growing economy and population create continued demand for water. Meanwhile, drought and water leaks tighten available supplies. In addition, pipes and aging infrastructure result in expensive repairs or replacements. These conditions contribute to higher costs. The result is that more low-income households have unaffordable drinking water.”

[\(http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/conservation_portal/assistance/\)](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/conservation_portal/assistance/)

In early 2019, State Board staff released a draft plan for implementing LIRA. After accepting public comments on the draft plan, in February 2020, the State Board finalized the report titled “Recommendations for Implementation of a Statewide Low-Income Water Rate Assistance Program.”

Following up on the report's release last year, Senator Bill Dodd (D-Napa) introduced SB 222 on January 14, 2021, which seeks to establish a statewide Water Affordability Assistance Program (WAAF). The WAAF, if funded, would help provide water affordability assistance, for both drinking water and wastewater services, to low-income ratepayers and ratepayers experiencing economic hardship in California, and would be run by the State Board.

The State Board would be required to adopt an annual fund expenditure plan for the WAAF Program. The annual fund expenditure plan would need to include, among other things, criteria and metrics for the WAAF Program and an estimate of the number of households eligible for assistance.

While SB 222 proposes a structure for a statewide low-income rate assistance program, it does not propose a funding source for such a program. Despite this, as currently outlined in SB 222, the WAAF Program, could be used to provide:

- Direct water bill assistance;
- Water bill credits to renters and individuals or households that pay other amounts, fees, or charges related to residential water or wastewater service;
- Water crisis assistance;
- Affordability assistance to low-income households served by domestic wells;
- Water efficiency measures for low-income households; and
- Short-term assistance to public water systems to administer program components, including initial startup costs.

In addition to establishing the structure for a statewide LIRA program, SB 222 would provide the State Board the authority to:

- Collect and ensure the accuracy of water rate data and water system boundary data from each public water system;
- Coordinate with the Public Utilities Commission regarding existing rate assistance programs for investor-owned water utilities;
- For a public water system that is not regulated by the Public Utilities Commission, provide oversight of the public water system's implementation of the program to ensure effectiveness and prevent fraud, waste, and abuse;
- Develop and publish performance metrics for the program, including, but not limited to, enrollment levels, total water shutoffs for inability to pay, and on-time payment levels;
- Coordinate with other state agencies and resolve disputes as necessary; and
- Identify alternative entities to distribute and track benefits if a public water system is unwilling to do so or if the State Board has determined a public water system is incapable of administering the program.

SB 222 has created a tremendous amount of discussion within the water community. Staff has engaged with industry associations and stakeholders in evaluating the bill. The Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) and the California Municipal Utilities Association (CMUA) are having initial conversations with the author and sponsors regarding the water industry's concerns. Staff will update the Committee on these discussions. At this time, staff recommends the Board adopt a "concerns" position on SB 222.

SB 223 (Dodd) – Discontinuation of Residential Water Service:

In 2018, [SB 998](#), authored by Senator Dodd, established new statutory provisions governing when a public water system may discontinue water service at a residential property. Among its many provisions, the bill prohibited 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 prohibited, if certain situations exist, the discontinuation of water service. SB 998 prohibited 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 less than 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 limited 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 required that service could not be discontinued until the customer was 60 days delinquent on those charges. SB 998 limited reconnection fees and interest charges on past due bills. SB 998 was heavily negotiated between Senator Dodd and the water community. SB 998 took effect February 1, 2020, for urban water suppliers.

On January 14, 2021, Senator Dodd introduced SB 223 which seeks to substantially amend the provisions enacted by SB 998 and specifically seeks to modify a number of the provisions negotiated with the water community. Of note, SB 223 would prohibit a water supplier from discontinuing residential water service for nonpayment until a payment by a customer has been delinquent for at least 120 days, rather than 60 days, and until the total amount of delinquency, exclusive of late charges and interest, is at least \$400. The bill would also ban any discontinuation of water service for nonpayment at master-metered multi-family residences. SB 223 would also require water suppliers to:

- Implement an arrearage management plan which requires that the water supplier forgive at least 1/12 of the delinquent balance owed by a customer with each consecutive on-time payment of the monthly water service charge made by a customer;

- Offer free water audits to low-income residential customers with water usage that is above the “annual average volume usage of their customer class;” and
- Provide the customers with a payment arrangement, including an arrangement management plan that includes forgiveness of the arrearages, that best assists the customer in avoiding discontinuation of water service over the long term.

Additionally, SB 223 prohibited discontinuation of water service during any “state or local emergency,” and if a customer meets all of the following:

- The customer self-certifies, orally or in writing, that a resident of the premises is older than 65 years of age, younger than 18 years of age, or if a customer certifies that discontinuation of water service would be life threatening or pose a serious threat to health and safety of a resident at the premises;
- The customer demonstrates they are financially unable to pay within the normal billing cycle of the water provider; and
- The customer enters into an amortization agreement, alternative payment schedule, arrearage management plan, or plan for deferred or reduced payment.

The bill provided that customers with any member of the household currently enrolled in the California Alternative Rates for Energy (CARE), 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 if the customer declares that the household’s annual income is less than 200 percent of the federal poverty level and are financially unable to pay.

Additionally, SB 223 prohibits a water supplier from charging these customers late fees, interest, penalties, or a disconnection or reconnection fee. SB 223 would also extend all of these provisions to small water suppliers.

Given that SB 998 was negotiated with the water community and had been in effect for only one month prior to the statewide COVID-19 shutoff moratorium being put into place, it is unclear if further changes to California’s discontinuation of service rules are needed at this time. Furthermore, as currently drafted, SB 223 present challenges with Proposition 218 and other constitutional provisions. Given these factors, along with the impact the bill would have on the District, staff recommends the Board adopt an “oppose unless amended” position on SB 223.

Water Rate Validations:

As previously discussed with the Board, ACWA is sponsoring legislation to permit validation actions for water, wastewater and sewer rates and charges. The proposal, which will be authored by Senator Anna Caballero (D- Salinas), would provide that:

“Any judicial action or proceeding to attack, review, set aside, void, or annul an ordinance, resolution, or motion adopting a fee or charge for water or sewer service, or modifying or amending an existing fee or charge for water or sewer service, shall be

commenced within 120 days of the effective date of the ordinance, resolution, or motion.”

If enacted, this proposal would create a 120-day statute of limitations for lawsuits challenging water and sewer rates. The full text of the bill, which will be introduced shortly, is provided in Exhibit “B”. Staff recommends the Board take a “support” position on the proposal.

Flushable Products Legislation:

In recent years, wipes labeled as flushable have gained popularity, which encourages residents to dispose of wipes products generally in their toilets instead of in the trashcans. This can result in the wipes being caught in pipes and can cause problems for wastewater infrastructure and treatment facilities. These products often combine with fats, oils, and grease and become larger obstructions within sewer systems, which can result in costly sewer overflows. Last year, the California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA) sponsored [AB 1672 \(Bloom, D-Santa Monica\)](#), which is a proposal that would require non-flushable wipes to be labeled clearly and conspicuously to communicate that they should not be flushed. IRWD supported the bill, but the bill was not enacted. CASA, along with the wipes industry, are co-sponsoring the proposal again this year. While the bill has yet to be introduced, it will be similar to AB 1672 and the deal struck between CASA and the industry last year. Staff recommends that the District readopt a “support” position on the legislation again this year.

CASA is also going to seek introduction of this legislation at the federal level. Staff recommends the Board authorize the District to take a “support” position on that legislation once it is introduced if it is similar to AB 1672.

Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Program Funding:

The County of Orange Area Safety Task Force (COAST) is a collaboration between nearly three dozen public agencies, municipalities, landowners, land managers, and other organizations that have an interest in wildland fire in Orange County. The group was convened several years ago by the Orange County Fire Authority to collaborate to reduce the frequency, spread, and impact of wildfires in Orange County.

At the January 28, 2021, meeting of COAST, a presentation was made to inform the group of a funding item in Governor Newsom’s proposed Fiscal Year 2021-22 state budget that presents an opportunity for COAST to receive state funding. COAST has to this point operated without funding for dedicated staff capacity and support, and it has a keen interest in potential opportunities for state and/or federal funding.

The Governor’s proposed state budget includes \$85 million over the current budget year and the next budget year for the Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Program. This program is presently funding groups in San Diego County, the Inland Empire, and the Santa Monica Mountains that are similar to COAST. COAST has been communicating with the Program’s staff, and it appears that COAST may be eligible for funding through the Program. COAST receiving such

funding would benefit Orange County and IRWD. Staff recommends the Board adopt a “support” position on the \$85 million included in the Governor’s proposed budget. Such a position would allow staff to communicate the District’s support for the funding with the Legislature and the Administration.

Other State Legislation of Interest to IRWD:

Staff will also discuss the following bills/topics with the Committee:

- Legislation related to Connection Fees & Development Impact Fees;
- Climate resilience bond proposals;
- [SB 230 \(Portantino, D-Glendale\) – Constituents of Emerging Concern Program](#);
- Legislation Proposal for the Small System Water Authority Act;
- State funding for atmospheric river research;
- Legislation related to recycled water; and
- Other newly introduced legislation.

2021 State Regulatory Update:

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

The pending regulations and reports actively being tracked include the:

- Board of Forestry and Fire Protection’s proposal for “Fire Safe Regulations;”
- California Air Resources Board’s [proposed “Advanced Clean Trucks Regulation;”](#)
- California Air Resources Board’s Heavy-Duty Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program;
- California Plumbing Code Update;
- California Water Commission Workshops on Water Conveyance;
- Department of Water Resources (DWR) and the State Board’s implementation of the [“Making Water Conservation a California Way of Life”](#) legislation;
- Implementation of Executive Order [EO-N-82-2020](#) requiring 30 percent of the state’s land and coastal waters to be conserved by 2030;
- Implementation of the Governor’s Water Resiliency Portfolio;
- State Board’s development of a “Cross Connection Policy Handbook;”

- State Board’s Electronic Annual Report;
- State Board’s [Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience \(SAFER\) Drinking Water Program](#); and
- State Board’s [Water Loss Performance Standards Regulations](#).

2021 Federal Legislative Update:

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

FISCAL IMPACTS:

Not applicable.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE:

Not applicable.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board adopt a “concerns” position on SB 222 (Dodd), an “oppose unless amended” position on SB 223 (Dodd), a “support” position on ACWA’s water rate validations proposal, a “support” position on CASA’s flushable products state and federal legislation and a “support” position on the \$85 million budget proposal for the Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Program.

LIST OF EXHIBITS:

- Exhibit “A” – IRWD Legislative Matrix
- Exhibit “B” – Text of ACWA’s Water Rate Validations Proposal

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EXHIBIT “A”
IRWD 2021 LEGISLATIVE MATRIX
Updated 02/01/2021

Bill No. Author	Title	IRWD Position	Summary/Effects	Status
<u>AB 1</u> Garcia (D)	Hazardous Waste		Creates the Board of Environmental Safety in the California Environmental Protection Agency. Provides requirements for the membership of the board and requires the board to conduct no less than 6 public meetings per year. Provides for the duties of the bo	01/11/2021 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY AND TOXIC MATERIALS.
<u>AB 2</u> Fong (R)	Regulations: Legislative Review: Regulatory Reform		Requires the Office of Administrative Law to submit to each house of the Legislature for review a copy of each major regulation that it submits to the Secretary of State. Requires each state agency to review that agency's regulations, identify any regulat	01/11/2021 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on ACCOUNTABILITY AND ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW.
<u>AB 5</u> Fong (R)	Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: High Speed Rail		Suspends the appropriation to the High-Speed Rail Authority for the 2021-22 and 2022-23 fiscal years and requires the transfer of those amounts from moneys collected by the State Air Resources Board to the General Fund. Specifies that the transferred amou	01/11/2021 - To ASSEMBLY Committees on TRANSPORTATION and NATURAL RESOURCES.
<u>AB 6</u> Levine (D)	Health Facilities: Pandemics and Emergencies: Practices		Requires the State Department of Public Health and the State Department of Social Services to collaborate to create health and safety guidelines and a description of best practices for use by skilled nursing facilities, intermediate care facilities, and c	01/11/2021 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on HEALTH.
<u>AB 9</u> Wood (D)	Wildfires		States the intent of the Legislature to enact subsequent legislation that would increase California's capacity to prevent and reduce the impact of wildfires.	12/07/2020 - INTRODUCED.
<u>AB 11</u> Ward (D)	Climate Change: Regional Climate Change Authorities		Requires the Strategic Growth Council to establish regional climate change authorities to coordinate climate adaptation and mitigation activities in their regions and coordinate with other regional climate adaptation authorities, state agencies, and other	01/21/2021 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES with author's amendments.;01/21/2021 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES.

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Bill No. Author	Title	IRWD Position	Summary/Effects	Status
<u>AB 15</u> Chiu (D)	COVID-19 Relief: Tenancy Stabilization Act of 2021		Extends the definition of "COVID-19 rental debt" as unpaid rent or any other unpaid financial obligation of a tenant that came due between March 1, 2020, and December 31, 2021. Extends the repeal date of the COVID-19 Tenant Relief Act of 2020 to January 1	01/11/2021 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.
<u>AB 16</u> Chiu (D)	Tenancies: Tenant, Small Landlord, and Housing Act		Establishes the Tenant, Small Landlord, and Affordable Housing Provider Stabilization Program. Authorizes the Director of Housing and Community Development to direct an existing office or program within the Department of Housing and Community Development	01/12/2021 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT with author's amendments.;01/12/2021 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.
<u>AB 20</u> Lee (D)	Political Reform Act of 1974: Clean Money Act of 2021		Enacts the Clean Money Act of 2021, would prohibit a candidate for elective office from receiving a contribution from a business entity, and a business entity from making a contribution to a candidate for elective office, and would make related findings a	01/11/2021 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on ELECTIONS.
<u>AB 25</u> Kiley (R)	Worker Classification: Employees and Contractors		Generally repeals provisions relating to the "ABC" test to determine if workers are employees or independent contractors. The bill would instead require the determination of whether a person is an employee or an independent contractor to be based on the s	01/11/2021 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT.
<u>AB 29</u> Cooper (D)	State Bodies: Meetings		Requires that the notice of a meeting of a state body include all writings or materials provided for the noticed meeting to a member of the state body by the staff of a state agency, board, or commission, or another member of the state body that are in co	01/11/2021 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION.
<u>AB 33</u> Ting (D)	Natural Gas		Prohibits the Department of General Services from approving or providing funding from the construction on new school buildings that have natural gas connections. Prohibits new public buildings for which construction begins on or after January 1, 2022, to	01/11/2021 - To ASSEMBLY Committees on UTILITIES AND ENERGY and NATURAL RESOURCES.

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Bill No. Author	Title	IRWD Position	Summary/Effects	Status
<u>AB 49</u> Petrie-Norris (D)	California Debt Limit Allocation Committee		States the intent of the Legislature to enact future legislation that would eliminate the California Debt Limit Allocation Committee and that would transfer the duties and authority of that committee to the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee.	12/07/2020 - INTRODUCED.
<u>AB 50</u> Boerner Horvath (D)	Climate Adaptation Center and Regional Support Network		Establishes the Climate Adaptation Center and Regional Support Network in the Ocean Protection Council to provide local governments facing sea level rise challenges with information and scientific expertise necessary to proceed with sea level rise mitigat	01/11/2021 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES.
<u>AB 51</u> Quirk (D)	Regional Climate Adaptation Planning Groups		Requires the Strategic Growth Council, by July 1, 2022, to establish guidelines for the formation of regional climate adaptation planning groups. Requires the council, by July 1, 2023, and in consultation with certain state entities, to develop criteria f	01/11/2021 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES.
<u>AB 52</u> Frazier (D)	California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006		Requires the State Air Resources Board, in each scoping plan update prepared by the state board after January 1, 2022, to include, consistent with the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, recommendations for achieving the maximum technologically feasible	01/11/2021 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES.
<u>AB 53</u> Low (D)	Election Day Holiday		Adds the day on which a statewide general election is held, which is the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of any even-numbered year, to the list of holidays. Requires community colleges and public schools to close on any day on which a sta	01/11/2021 - To ASSEMBLY Committees on ELECTIONS and GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION.
<u>AB 55</u> Boerner Horvath (D)	Employment: Telecommuting		Declares the intent of the Legislature to enact future legislation to ensure certain rights and benefits for telecommuting employees.	12/07/2020 - INTRODUCED.

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<u>AB 59</u> Gabriel (D)	Mitigation Fee Act: Fees: Notice and Timeliness	OPPOSE	Relates to the Mitigation Fee Act. Increases, for fees and service charges and for fees for specified public facilities, the time for mailing the notice of the time and place of the meeting to at least 45 days before the meeting. Requires the local agency	01/11/2021 - To ASSEMBLY Committees on LOCAL GOVERNMENT and HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.
<u>AB 63</u> Petrie-Norris (D)	Marine Resources: Marine Managed Areas Improvement Act		Relates to the Marine Managed Areas Improvement Act, restoration activities. Authorizes the designating entity or managing agency to also permit restoration activities.	01/11/2021 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE.
<u>AB 64</u> Quirk (D)	Electricity: Renewable Energy and Zero-Carbon		Requires the PUC, Energy Commission, and State Air Resources Board, in consultation with all balancing authorities, to additionally develop a strategy, by an unspecified date, on how to achieve a specified state policy in a cost-effective and environment	01/11/2021 - To ASSEMBLY Committees on UTILITIES AND ENERGY and NATURAL RESOURCES.
<u>AB 67</u> Petrie-Norris (D)	Sea Level Rise: Working Group: Economic Analysis		Requires a state agency to take into account the current and future impacts of sea level rise when planning, designing, building, operating, maintaining, and investing in infrastructure located in the coastal zone or otherwise vulnerable to flooding from	01/11/2021 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES.
<u>AB 68</u> Salas (D)	Affordable Housing: California State Auditor's Report		States the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would implement recommendations made in the California State Auditor's Report 2020-108, issued on November 17, 2020, relating to affordable housing.	12/07/2020 - INTRODUCED.
<u>AB 69</u> Kiley (R)	State of Emergency: Termination After 60 Days		Requires a state of emergency to terminate 60 days after the Governor's proclamation of the state of emergency unless the Legislature extends it by a concurrent resolution. Prohibits a concurrent resolution from extending a state of emergency by more than	01/11/2021 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT.

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<u>AB 72</u> Petrie-Norris (D)	Environmental Protection: Coastal Adaptation Projects		Enacts the Coastal Adaptation Permitting Act of 2021. Requires the Natural Resources Agency to explore, and authorize it to implement, options within the agency's jurisdiction to establish a more coordinated and efficient regulatory review and permitting	01/11/2021 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES.
<u>AB 79</u> Ting (D)	Budget Act of 2021		Amends the Budget Act of 2020 by adding items of appropriation and making other changes. Declares that it is to take effect immediately as a Budget Bill.	01/27/2021 - In SENATE. Read second time. To third reading.
<u>AB 80</u> Budget Cmt	COVID-19 Relief: Tenancy: Federal Rental Assistance		Extends the imposition of additional damages, if a tenant has provided a declaration of COVID-19 financial distress, on a landlord who violates the prohibition from interrupting or terminating utility service furnished to a tenant with the intent to termi	01/27/2021 - In SENATE. Read second time. To third reading.
<u>AB 93</u> Garcia E (D)	Pandemics: Priority for Medical Treatment: Food Supply		States the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to prioritize workers in the food supply industry, including, but not limited to, field workers and grocery workers, for rapid testing and vaccination programs in response to pandemics, including C	12/07/2020 - INTRODUCED.
<u>AB 95</u> Low (D)	Employees: Bereavement Leave		Enacts the Bereavement Leave Act of 2021. Requires an employer with 25 or more employees to grant an employee up to 10 business days of unpaid bereavement leave upon the death of a spouse, child, parent, sibling, grandparent, grandchild, or domestic partn	01/11/2021 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT.
<u>AB 96</u> O'Donnell (D)	Clean Truck, Bus, and Off-Road Vehicle and Technology		Extends the requirement that 20% of funding be made available to support early commercial deployment of existing zero- and near-zero-emission heavy-duty truck technology until December 31, 2026. The bill would further require at least 20% of that funding	01/11/2021 - To ASSEMBLY Committees on TRANSPORTATION and NATURAL RESOURCES.

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<u>AB 100</u> Holden (D)	Drinking Water: Pipes and Fittings: Lead Content		Defines "lead free" under the California Safe Drinking Water Act, with respect to end point devices, to mean that the devices do not leach more than one microgram of lead under certain tests and meeting a specified certification.	01/11/2021 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY AND TOXIC MATERIALS.
<u>AB 108</u> Cunningham (R)	Governor's Emergency Orders and Regulations: Approval		Permits an order or regulation, or an amendment or rescission thereof, issued pursuant to specified California Emergency Services Act (CESA) provisions 60 or more days after the proclamation, to take effect only if approved by a concurrent resolution of t	01/11/2021 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT.
<u>AB 115</u> Bloom (D)	Planning and Zoning: Housing Development		Requires that a housing development be an authorized use on a site designated in any local agency's zoning code or maps for commercial uses if certain conditions apply. Provides that among these conditions, the bill would require that the housing developm	01/11/2021 - To ASSEMBLY Committees on HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT and LOCAL GOVERNMENT.
<u>AB 119</u> Salas (D)	County Assessors: Direct Levies		Requires the county auditor, or other county officer designated by the county, to make publicly available on their internet website information about direct levies as defined, including the range of combined direct levies assessed on real property. Requir	01/26/2021 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT with author's amendments.;01/26/2021 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT.
<u>AB 123</u> Gonzalez (D)	Paid Family Leave: Weekly Benefit Amount		Revises the formula for determining benefits available pursuant to the family temporary disability insurance program, for periods of disability commencing after January 1, 2022, by redefining the weekly benefit amount to be equal to 90% of the wages paid	01/11/2021 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on INSURANCE.
<u>AB 125</u> Rivas R (D)	Food and Agriculture: Climate Crisis: COVID-19 Recovery		States the intent of the Legislature to enact subsequent legislation to issue a bond to support solutions to the climate crisis and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic that would create a more equitable and resilient food and farming system.	12/18/2020 - INTRODUCED.

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<u>AB 215</u> Chiu (D)	Housing Element		Adds the Housing Crisis Act of 2019 to specified provisions of the Planning and Zoning Law.	01/28/2021 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.
<u>AB 221</u> Santiago (D)	Emergency Food Assistance		Requires the Department of Social Services to provide a food assistance benefit statewide to low-income California residents, regardless of their immigration status, upon the appropriation of funds by the Legislature for this purpose or a determination by	01/28/2021 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on HUMAN SERVICES.
<u>AB 230</u> Voepel (R)	Employment: Flexible Work Schedules		Enacts the Workplace Flexibility Act of 2021. Permits an individual nonexempt employee to request an employee-selected flexible work schedule providing for workdays up to a certain number of hours per day within a 40-hour workweek, and would allow an empl	01/28/2021 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT.
<u>AB 236</u> Berman (D)	Campaign Contributions: Limited Liability Companies		Requires a committee to include within a campaign statement the name of each individual who owns or controls, or controls the contributions or expenditures of, a limited liability company or foreign limited liability company from which the committee recei	01/28/2021 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on ELECTIONS.
<u>AB 237</u> Gray (D)	Public Employment: Unfair Practices: Health Protection		Makes it an unfair practice for a covered employer, as defined, to fail or refuse to maintain or pay for continued health care or other medical coverage for an enrolled employee or their enrolled dependents, for the duration of the enrolled employee's par	01/28/2021 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT AND RETIREMENT.
<u>AB 241</u> Bonta (D)	Referendum Measures		Requires initiative and referendum measures to appear in the order in which they qualify for the ballot.	01/28/2021 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on ELECTIONS.
<u>AB 244</u> Rubio (D)	Affordable Housing Cost Study: Housing Plan Addendum		Requires the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee, the Department of Housing and Community Development, the California Housing Finance Agency, and the California Debt Limit Allocation Committee to conduct an affordable housing cost study that measur	01/28/2021 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

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<u>AB 252</u> Rivas R (D)	Department of Conservation: Incentive Program		Requires the Department of Conservation to establish and administer a program named the Multibenefit Land Repurposing Incentive Program for purposes of providing grants to groundwater sustainability agencies or counties, or other specified entities design	01/28/2021 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE.
<u>AB 255</u> Muratsuchi (D)	Tenancy: Commercial Leases: COVID-19 Rent Relief		States the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would provide commercial rent relief protections for small businesses affected by the COVID-19 pandemic to help them weather this public health and economic crisis without losing their busines	01/14/2021 - INTRODUCED.
<u>AB 267</u> Valladares (R)	California Environmental Quality Act: Exemption		Extends the exemption from CEQA prescribed fire, thinning, or fuel reduction projects undertaken on federal lands to reduce the risk of high-severity wildfire that have been reviewed under the federal National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the requ	01/28/2021 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES.
<u>AB 271</u> Rivas R (D)	Santa Clara Valley Water District: Contracts: Value		Authorizes the Santa Clara Valley Water District, upon approval by the board of directors of the district, to award contracts on a best value basis for any work of the Anderson Dam project, defined to include prescribed activities and works of constructio	01/28/2021 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT.
<u>AB 280</u> Rivas R (D)	Electrical Corporations: Wildfire Mitigation Plans		Requires each electrical corporation to submit its annual wildfire mitigation plan to the appropriate policy committees of the Legislature.	01/28/2021 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on UTILITIES AND ENERGY.
<u>AB 284</u> Rivas R (D)	Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: Climate Goal		Requires the State Air Resources Board, when updating the scoping plan and in collaboration with the Natural Resources Agency and other relevant state agencies and departments, to take specified actions by a certain date, including, among others, identify	01/28/2021 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES.
<u>AB 297</u> Gallagher (R)	Fire Prevention		Appropriates certain amounts to the Department of Forestry and Fire Prevention and the California Conservation Corps,	01/25/2021 - INTRODUCED.

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			respectively, for fire prevention activities. Exempts from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) projects o	
<u>AB 304</u> Quirk (D)	Contaminated Sites: Waste Releases		Authorizes a person to request the local officer to oversee the remedial action only if the release of waste is not being overseen by the State Water Resources Control Board or a regional water quality control board.	01/25/2021 - INTRODUCED.
<u>AB 315</u> Stone (D)	Voluntary Stream Restoration Landowner Liability		Requires the state to indemnify and hold harmless a landowner who voluntarily allows land to be used for such a project to restore fish and wildlife habitat from civil liability for property damage or personal injury resulting from the project if the proj	01/25/2021 - INTRODUCED.
<u>AB 318</u> Levine (D)	Hazardous Waste: Classification: Exclusion: Green Waste		Excludes from classification as a hazardous waste green waste, as defined, that has not been contaminated by a chemical that the Department of Toxic Substances Control determines is hazardous or toxic during the production, harvest, or processing stage. R	01/26/2021 - INTRODUCED.
<u>AB 319</u> Valladares (R)	Political Reform Act of 1974: Contributions		Makes make the contribution limits under the Political Reform Act of 1974 applicable to specified legal defense accounts. Prohibits a foreign government or principal, as defined, from making a contribution or expenditure in connection with an election of	01/26/2021 - INTRODUCED.
<u>AB 322</u> Salas (D)	Energy: Electric Program Investment Charge Program		Requires the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission to allocate not less than 20% of the funds appropriated for the Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC) program to bioenergy projects for biomass conversion, as defined.	01/26/2021 - INTRODUCED.
<u>AB 327</u> Kiley (R)	California Cybersecurity Integration Center		Add the California Privacy Protection Agency as one of the organizations whose representatives comprise the California	01/26/2021 - INTRODUCED.

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			Cybersecurity Integration Center. Declare that its provisions further the purposes and intent of the California Privacy Rights Act of 20	
<u>AB 336</u> Villapudua (D)	Enhanced Infrastructure Financing: Public Authority		Specifies that any member of the legislative body of a participating affected taxing entity who serves as a member of the public financing authority of an enhanced infrastructure financing district, as described, may also serve as a member of the governin	01/27/2021 - INTRODUCED.
<u>AB 339</u> Lee (D)	State and Local Government: Open Meetings		Requires all meetings of the Legislature, including gatherings using teleconference technology, to include an opportunity for all persons to attend via a call-in option or an internet-based service option that provides closed captioning services and requi	01/28/2021 - INTRODUCED.
<u>AB 343</u> Fong (R)	California Public Records Act Ombudsperson		Establishes, within the California State Auditor's Office, the California Public Records Act Ombudsperson. Requires the California State Auditor to appoint the Ombudsperson subject to certain requirements. Requires the Ombudsperson to receive and investig	01/28/2021 - INTRODUCED.
<u>AB 345</u> Quirk-Silva (D)	Accessory Dwelling Units: Separate Conveyance		Requires each local agency to, by ordinance, allow an accessory dwelling unit to be sold or conveyed separately from the primary residence to a qualified buyer if certain conditions are met. The bill would remove the requirements that the property be held	01/28/2021 - INTRODUCED.
<u>AB 346</u> Seyarto (R)	Privacy: Breach		Relates to the Information Practices Act which requires an agency, which includes a local agency, that owns or licenses computerized data that includes personal information to disclose expeditiously and without unreasonable delay a breach in the security	01/28/2021 - INTRODUCED.

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<u>ACA 1</u> Aguiar-Curry (D)	Local Government Financing: Affordable Housing		Creates an additional exception to the 1% ad valorem tax rate limit on real property that would authorize a city, county, or special district to levy an ad valorem tax to service bonded indebtedness incurred to fund the construction, reconstruction, rehab	12/07/2020 - INTRODUCED.
<u>SB 1</u> Atkins (D)	Coastal Resources: Sea Level Rise		Includes, as part of the procedures the California Coastal Commission is required to adopt for local coastal programs, recommendations and guidelines for the identification, assessment, minimization, and mitigation of sea level rise within each local coas	01/28/2021 - To SENATE Committees on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER and ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY and GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION.;01/28/2021 - In SENATE. Rescinds referral to Committee on GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION due to limitations concerning COVID-19 virus.
<u>SB 3</u> Caballero (D)	Tenancy: COVID-19		Extends the covered time period and transition time period for purposes of the COVID-19 Tenant Relief Act of 2020 to a specified date.	01/28/2021 - To SENATE Committee on JUDICIARY.
<u>SB 8</u> Skinner (D)	Density Bonus Law		Makes a nonsubstantive change to the definition of development standard for purposes of the Density Bonus Law.	01/28/2021 - To SENATE Committee on RULES.
<u>SB 9</u> Atkins (D)	Housing Development: Approvals		Requires a proposed housing development containing two residential units within a single-family residential zone to be considered ministerially, without discretionary review or hearing, if the proposed housing development meets certain requirements that t	01/28/2021 - To SENATE Committees on HOUSING and GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE and ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.;01/28/2021 - In SENATE. Rescinds referral to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY due to limitations concerning COVID-19 virus.
<u>SB 10</u> Wiener (D)	Planning and Zoning: Housing Development: Density		Authorizes a local government to pass an ordinance to zone any parcel for up to 10 units of residential density per parcel, at a	01/28/2021 - To SENATE Committees on HOUSING and GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE and

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			height specified in the ordinance, if the parcel is located in a transit-rich area, a jobs-rich area, or an urban infill site,	ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.;01/28/2021 - In SENATE. Rescinds referral to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY due to limitations concerning COVID-19 virus.
SB 12 McGuire (D)	Local Government Planning and Zoning: Wildfires		Requires the safety element, upon the next revision of the housing element or the hazard mitigation plan, on or after a certain date, whichever occurs first, to be reviewed and updated as necessary to include a comprehensive retrofit strategy to reduce th	01/28/2021 - To SENATE Committees on GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE and HOUSING and NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER.;01/28/2021 - In SENATE. Rescinds referral to Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER due to limitations concerning COVID-19 virus.
SB 13 Dodd (D)	Local Agency Services: Contracts: Napa, San Bernardino		Imposes a deadline for the Napa and San Bernardino commissions to report to the Legislature on the pilot program, authorize a city or district to provide new or extended services outside its jurisdictional boundary, and would require the contents of that	01/28/2021 - To SENATE Committee on GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE.
SB 27 Skinner (D)	Carbon Sequestration: State Goals: Natural Working Land		Requires the Natural Resources Agency, no later than July 1, 2022, in coordination with the California Environmental Protection Agency, the State Air Resources Board, and the Department of Food and Agriculture, to establish carbon sequestration goals for	01/28/2021 - To SENATE Committees on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY and NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER.
SB 29 Umberg (D)	Elections: Vote by Mail Ballots		Extends requirements to vote by mail ballots to all elections conducted prior to January 1, 2022.	01/28/2021 - In SENATE. Read third time, urgency clause adopted. Passed SENATE. *****To ASSEMBLY.
SB 33 Cortese (D)	California Environmental Quality Act: Lead Agency		Makes nonsubstantive changes to the California Environmental Quality Act.	01/28/2021 - To SENATE Committee on RULES.

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<u>SB 36</u> Skinner (D)	Energy Efficiency		Makes nonsubstantive changes to existing law which authorizes the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission to prescribe, by regulation, energy efficiency standards, including appliance efficiency standards.	01/28/2021 - To SENATE Committee on RULES.
<u>SB 37</u> Cortese (D)	Contaminated Sites Dominic Cortese Act of 2021		Updates and revitalizes the Hazardous Waste and Substances Sites List, or the Cortese List. Requires the Department of Toxic Substances Control to also list hazardous waste facilities where the department issued an order for corrective action after determ	12/07/2020 - INTRODUCED.
<u>SB 45</u> Portantino (D)	Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water Bond Act		Enacts the Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2022, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in a specified amount pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond La	01/28/2021 - To SENATE Committees on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER and GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE and ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.;01/28/2021 - In SENATE. Rescinds referral to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY due to limitations concerning COVID-19 virus.
<u>SB 46</u> Stern (D)	Employment: Contact Tracing: COVID-19		States the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would require an employer to develop and implement contact tracing and safety policies for its employees, including requiring notice to the employer when an employee receives a positive Corona	01/28/2021 - To SENATE Committee on RULES.
<u>SB 49</u> Umberg (D)	Business Fees: Reimbursement: Waiver: COVID-19		Expresses the intent of the Legislature to enact future legislation that would reimburse or waive state or locally mandated operating fees for businesses that are unable to operate due to statewide or local actions or ordinances instituted as a result of	01/28/2021 - To SENATE Committee on RULES.
<u>SB 51</u> Durazo (D)	Surplus Residential Property: Sale: Los Angeles		Requires, with respect to surplus residential property that is located in the City of Los Angeles, that if the surplus residential property is not sold to a former owner or present occupant, the property be offered at fair market value to purchasers who a	01/19/2021 - To SENATE Committee on TRANSPORTATION.

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<u>SB 52</u> Dodd (D)	State of Emergency: Power Outages		Expands the definition of sudden and severe energy shortage to include a deenergization event, defined as a planned power outage, as specified, and would make a deenergization event one of those conditions constituting a state of emergency and a local eme	01/28/2021 - To SENATE Committee on GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION.
<u>SB 55</u> Stern (D)	Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone: Development	SEEK AMENDMENTS	Prohibits the creation or approval of a new development, as defined, in a very high fire hazard severity zone or a state responsibility area.	12/07/2020 - INTRODUCED.
<u>SB 63</u> Stern (D)	Fire Prevention: Vegetation Management: Education		Requires the Director of Forestry and Fire Protection to identify areas of the state as moderate and high fire hazard severity zones and requires a local agency to make this information available for public review and comment. Requires the director to est	01/28/2021 - To SENATE Committees on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER and HOUSING.
<u>SB 67</u> Becker (D)	Clean Energy		States intent of the Legislature to enact subsequent legislation to accelerate the state's progress toward having all electricity provided by renewable or other zero-carbon sources on a permanent basis.	01/28/2021 - To SENATE Committee on RULES.
<u>SB 68</u> Becker (D)	Building Decarbonization		States the intent of the Legislature to enact subsequent legislation that will help the state achieve its climate and air pollution reduction goals in the building sector through actions such as reducing barriers to upgrading electrical service panels or	01/28/2021 - To SENATE Committee on RULES.
<u>SB 72</u> Rubio (D)	Residential Property Insurance: Wildfire Risk		Requires the Insurance Commissioner to transmit to the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency a report that makes geographic recommendations for vegetation management projects based on the commissioner's analysis of specified information, including non	01/28/2021 - To SENATE Committee on RULES.
<u>SB 77</u> Nielsen (R)	Elections: Ballots		Makes a technical, nonsubstantive change to provisions of existing law providing that, on election day, a voter who does not	01/28/2021 - To SENATE Committee on RULES.

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			vote the ballot the voter has received shall, before leaving the polling place, return it to the precinct board member having char	
SB 79 Nielsen (R)	Fair Political Practices Commission		Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to provisions of the Fair Political Practices Commission prohibiting members of the commission from holding certain offices and from participating in certain activities. Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to pr	01/28/2021 - To SENATE Committee on RULES.
SB 83 Allen (D)	California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank		Creates the Sea Level Rise Revolving Loan Program within the I-Bank to provide low-interest loans to local jurisdictions for the purchase of coastal properties in their jurisdictions identified as vulnerable coastal property. Requires the California Coast	01/28/2021 - To SENATE Committees on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER and GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE.
SB 89 Skinner (D)	Budget Act of 2020		Amends the Budget Act of 2020 (Chapters 6 and 7 of the Statutes of 2020) by adding Items 2240-002-0890 and 2240-102-0890 to, and amending Section 39.00 of, that act, relating to the state budget, and making an appropriation therefor.	01/29/2021 - Signed by GOVERNOR.;01/29/2021 - Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 2021-001
SB 91 Budget and Fiscal Review Cmt	COVID-19 Relief: Tenancy: Federal Rental Assistance		Extends the imposition of additional damages, if a tenant has provided a declaration of COVID-19 financial distress, on a landlord who violates the prohibition from interrupting or terminating utility service furnished to a tenant with the intent to termi	01/29/2021 - Signed by GOVERNOR.;01/29/2021 - Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 2021-002
SB 98 McGuire (D)	Public Peace: Media Access		Requires that specified media be allowed to enter specified closed areas and prohibits a peace officer or other law enforcement officer from intentionally assaulting, interfering with, or obstructing a duly authorized representative who is gathering, rece	01/28/2021 - To SENATE Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY.
SB 99 Dodd (D)	Community Energy Resilience Act of 2021		Requires the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission to develop and implement a grant program for local governments to develop community energy	01/28/2021 - To SENATE Committee on ENERGY, UTILITIES AND COMMUNICATIONS.

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			resilience plans. Sets forth guiding principles for plan development, including equitabl	
<u>SB 105</u> Nielsen (R)	Online Voter Registration		Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to provisions of existing law concerning online voter registrations.	01/28/2021 - To SENATE Committee on RULES.
<u>SB 109</u> Dodd (D)	Office of Wildfire Technology Research and Development		Establishes the Office of Wildfire Technology Research and Development within the Office of Emergency Services under the direct control of the Director of the Office of Emergency Services. Makes the office responsible for studying, testing, and advising r	01/28/2021 - To SENATE Committee on GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION.
<u>SB 209</u> Dahle (R)	State of Emergency: Termination After 7 Days: Extension		Requires a state of emergency to terminate 7 days after the Governor's proclamation of the state of emergency unless the Legislature extends it by a concurrent resolution.	01/12/2021 - INTRODUCED.
<u>SB 219</u> McGuire (D)	Property Tax: Delinquent Penalty Cost: Health Orders		Authorizes the auditor or the tax collector to cancel any penalty, costs, or other charges resulting from tax delinquency upon a finding that failure to make a timely payment is due to a documented hardship, as determined by the tax collector, arising fro	01/28/2021 - To SENATE Committee on GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE.
<u>SB 222</u> Dodd (D)	Water Affordability Assistance Program		Establishes the Water Affordability Assistance Fund in the State Treasury to help provide water affordability assistance, for both drinking water and wastewater services, to low-income ratepayers and ratepayers experiencing economic hardship in California	01/28/2021 - To SENATE Committees on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY and ENERGY, UTILITIES AND COMMUNICATION and JUDICIARY.;01/28/2021 - In SENATE. Rescinds referral to Committee on JUDICIARY due to limitations concerning COVID-19 virus.
<u>SB 223</u> Dodd (D)	Discontinuation of Residential Water Service		Revises the conditions under which urban and community water systems and very small community water systems are prohibited from discontinuing residential service for nonpayment. Prohibits	01/28/2021 - To SENATE Committees on ENERGY, UTILITIES AND COMMUNICATIONS and

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			these systems from discontinuing residential service for nonpayment	ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY and JUDICIARY.;01/28/2021 - In SENATE. Rescinds referral to Committee on JUDICIARY due to limitations concerning COVID-19 virus.
<u>SB 239</u> Banking and Financial Institutions Cmt	Government Finance Surplus Investments		Requires bonds or interest bearing notes that are eligible for investment of surplus state funds to be on obligations that are issued by or fully guaranteed as to principal and interest by a federal agency of the United States or a United States government	01/21/2021 - INTRODUCED.
<u>SB 241</u> Umberg (D)	Civil Discovery		Declares the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would streamline discovery processes in order to reduce costs to the courts and litigants.	01/21/2021 - INTRODUCED.
<u>SB 259</u> Wilk (R)	Public Utilities Commission: Electrical Oversight		states the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to strengthen the Public Utilities commission's oversight of electrical corporations' efforts to reduce their fire risk and use of deenergization events.	01/26/2021 - INTRODUCED.
<u>SB 265</u> Borgeas (R)	Property Tax: Reassessment		Makes nonsubstantive changes to existing law which authorizes a county board of supervisors, by ordinance, to provide an assessee of taxable property, or a person liable for the taxes thereon, whose property was damaged or destroyed without that persons f	01/27/2021 - INTRODUCED.
<u>SCA 1</u> Hertzberg (D)	Elections: Referenda		Requires that the ballot for a referendum measure provide that a Yes vote is in favor of the referendum and rejects the statute or part of the statute subject to the referendum, and a No vote is against the referendum and approves the statute or part of t	12/07/2020 - INTRODUCED.
<u>SCR 5</u> Melendez (R)	State of emergency: COVID-19: Termination		Declares that the state of emergency proclaimed by the Governor on a specified date, is at an end, thereby terminating the	12/22/2020 - INTRODUCED.;12/22/2020 - To SENATE Committee on RULES.

IRWD 2021 LEGISLATIVE MATRIX
Updated 02/01/2021

Bill No. Author	Title	IRWD Position	Summary/Effects	Status
			emergency powers granted to the Governor as a result of that proclamation.	

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An act to add Article 4.7 (commencing with Section 53759) to Chapter 4 of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 5 of the Government Code, relating to local government.

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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Article 4.7 (commencing with Section 53759) is added to Chapter 4 of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 5 of the Government Code, to read:

Article 4.7. Legal Actions Challenging Revenue Measures for Water or Sewer Service

53759. (a) Any judicial action or proceeding to attack, review, set aside, void, or annul an ordinance, resolution, or motion adopting a fee or charge for water or sewer service, or modifying or amending an existing fee or charge for water or sewer service, shall be commenced within 120 days of the effective date of the ordinance, resolution, or motion.

(b) Any action under this section by a local agency or interested person shall be brought pursuant to Chapter 9 (commencing with Section 860) of Title 10 of Part 2 of the Code of Civil Procedure.

(c) This section does not apply to any fee or charge for water or sewer service for which another statute establishes a specific time and procedure for bringing a judicial action or proceeding to attack, review, set aside, void or annul a fee or charge of that type.



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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

Bill No.
as introduced, _____.
General Subject: Local government: water or sewer service: legal actions.

The Mitigation Fee Act authorizes a local agency to establish, increase, or impose a variety of fees, dedications, reservations, or other exactions for services, and in connection with the approval of a development project, as defined. Existing law prohibits a local agency from imposing fees for specified purposes, including fees for water or sewer connections, as defined, that exceed the estimated reasonable cost of providing the service for which the fee is charged, unless voter approval is obtained. Existing law provides that a local agency levying a new a water or sewer connection fee or increasing a fee must do so by ordinance or resolution.

Existing law requires, for specified fees, including water or sewer connection fees, any judicial action or proceeding to attack, review, set aside, void, or annul an ordinance, resolution, or motion adopting a new fee or service charge or modifying an existing fee or service charge to be commenced within 120 days of the effective date of the ordinance, resolution, or motion according to specified procedures for validation proceedings.

This bill would apply the same judicial action procedure and timelines, as stated above, to ordinances, resolutions, or motions adopting, modifying, or amending water or sewer service fees or charges, except as provided.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.



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WATER RESOURCES POLICY AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

VIRTUAL COMMUNITY TOURS AND WORKSHOPS

SUMMARY:

Over the years, IRWD has hosted a variety of tours and community events to educate customers and other stakeholders on water issues and the services provided by the District. Most events in 2020 were cancelled due to impacts of COVID-19. In 2021, staff intends to resume these activities using online event technology integrated with videos to establish Virtual Community Tours and workshops. IRWD Board members will be included in these events as they have at resident tours in past years. At the Committee meeting, staff will present two new tour videos that will be integrated into the online events. Staff recommends the Committee provide input on the videos and proposed virtual events.

BACKGROUND:

For many years, IRWD has hosted resident tours in the spring and fall to educate customers about water issues and the District's drinking water and recycled water supplies, treatment processes, water efficiency programs, Natural Treatment System (NTS), and the San Joaquin Marsh. Starting in 2018 and 2019, the District held specialized in-person workshops focused on water quality and recycled water entitled, "Tap Water 101" and "Recycled Water 101", respectively. Three-minute videos were presented as the focal point of those events, informing the public about the complex concepts in a clear and engaging way. These popular videos increased customer understanding while showcasing the work performed by IRWD staff.

IRWD values and promotes its strong relationship with its community, which is partly attributable to these efforts. A testament to the strength of this relationship is IRWD's 92% Customer Satisfaction Survey rating at a time when general trust of government agencies is low. An important element of this relationship are the community tours, which can be provided in a virtual format during COVID-19 and possibly (in some form) post-COVID-19. The following is an overview of the Virtual Community Tours that are currently being planned as well as how staff is working to expand outreach to the community.

Proposed Virtual Community Tours:

IRWD recently completed production of new 10-minute video tours of the Michelson Water Recycling Plant (MWRP) and the San Joaquin Marsh that feature IRWD's General Manager and IRWD staff that work at these facilities. These videos will be incorporated into an upcoming series of one-hour Virtual Community Tours. Two themed tours and one workshop will be rolled out in the coming months. It is expected that they would be hosted again in the fall. These events will include a San Joaquin Marsh and NTS Virtual Tour, a Recycled Water 101 Virtual Tour and a Tap Water 101 Workshop as described below.

San Joaquin Marsh and NTS Virtual Tour:

The Marsh/Natural Treatment System Virtual Tour will introduce the community to IRWD's NTS and demonstrate the benefits and beauty of the San Joaquin Marsh as an environmental, wildlife and community asset. It will include the following components:

- Welcome by a member of the IRWD Board;
- The new San Joaquin Marsh Tour video;
- Presentations by NTS staff;
- A presentation by Sea and Sage Audubon; and
- Question and Answer session.

Recycled Water 101 Virtual Tour:

The Recycled Water 101 Virtual Tour will address the importance of recycled water and highlight the water recycling process. The event will include:

- Welcome by a member of the IRWD Board;
- The three-minute Recycled Water video;
- A presentation by MWRP staff;
- The new MWRP video tour; and
- Question and Answer session.

Tap Water 101 Workshop:

The Tap Water 101 Workshop will focus on water quality by describing IRWD's drinking water treatment and distribution system, water quality testing and reporting. It will include:

- Welcome by a member of the IRWD Board;
- Three-minute Day in the Life of a Water Sample video;
- Presentations by staff; and
- Questions and Answer session

Expanding Outreach to the Community:

By presenting these interactive events online and alternating between noon and evening start times, staff is confident the District can expand its outreach to the community, even as COVID-19 continues. In addition to the formal events, virtual tours can be delivered to smaller groups, and tour content can be distributed on social media. If the first series of virtual events is successful, additional tours and workshops will be created. Post-COVID-19, these tools can continue to be used to enhance community outreach. Staff will promote participation in the virtual events using newsletters, websites, business and association outreach, e-blasts, as well as social media. Staff's draft presentation is attached as Exhibit "A".

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FISCAL IMPACTS:

Adequate funding is available in the District's operating budget for developing and implementing the Virtual Community Tours and workshops.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE:

Not applicable.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Committee provide input on the proposed IRWD virtual community events and videos.

LIST OF EXHIBITS:

Exhibit "A" – Draft PowerPoint Presentation

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EXHIBIT "A"



Irvine Ranch
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COMMUNITY TOURS GO DIGITAL

HOW VIRTUAL TOURS AND WORKSHOPS
ARE REPLACING TRADITIONAL
COMMUNICATION MODELS

FEBRUARY 4, 2021

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VIRTUAL OUTREACH: WHAT HAVE WE DONE SO FAR?

Social distancing has changed the way we work and communicate. This includes IRWD's outreach to the community. We have taken the following steps to replace traditional face-to-face communication with customers.

- Enhanced IRWD.com website with more online service applications
- Leveraged social media as a key platform for reaching customers
- Conducted several successful online Water Efficiency workshops
- Developed an interactive virtual experience to replace marsh field trips
- Created video tours of the San Joaquin Marsh and MWRP

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THE FOCUS OF TODAY'S PRESENTATION?

- Preview two new video tours
- Share plans for virtual tour rollout
- Get Committee feedback
- So we can kick off our video tour series:
 - San Joaquin Marsh & NTS
 - Recycled Water & MWRP
 - Water Quality



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NEW COMMUNITY VIDEO TOURS

[San Joaquin Marsh & NTS](#)



[Michelson Water Recycling Plant](#)



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SAN JOAQUIN MARSH & NTS VIRTUAL COMMUNITY TOUR

- Board member host
- Marsh video tour
- Ian Swift or Mo Wise (staff)
- Audubon Society representative
- Q&A



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RECYCLED WATER VIRTUAL COMMUNITY TOUR

- Board member host
- Jose Zepeda (staff)
- Recycled Water video
- MWRP video tour
- Q&A
 - Staff members on hand to respond to technical questions



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'TAP WATER 101' WATER QUALITY TOUR

- Board member host
- Lars Oldewage (staff)
- Ken Pfister (staff)
- Journey of a Water Sample video
- Q&A



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SERIES ROLLOUT

3 virtual events early this year, repeating in fall. Other dates based on demand.

- Marsh
 - Late February (lunchtime)
 - Fall (evening)
- Recycled Water
 - Late March (evening)
 - Fall (lunchtime)
- Water Quality "Tap Water 101"
 - Late April (lunchtime)
 - Fall (evening)



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WHAT'S IN THE FUTURE?

- Workshop series
- Virtual group tours
- Community presentations
- Water education
- Expand video series
 - Examples: Biosolids, lab demo
- Social media vignettes

These tools can also be used after the pandemic to enhance community outreach long into the future.



MARKETING PLATFORMS (CUSTOMERS, BUSINESS/PROFESSIONAL)



PRINT/DIGITAL

Pipelines newsletter
IRWD.com /
RightScapeNow.com



ASSOCIATIONS

Business/community
(OCBC, Irvine Chamber)
Professional organizations
(ACWA, WateReuse, CASA)



E-MAIL

WaterInsight outreach
Attendees of past events



SOCIAL MEDIA

Instagram, Facebook, Twitter

- Use video clips as teasers
- Leverage sharing with partners





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IDEAS & FEEDBACK



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