

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
WATER REPLENISHMENT DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
4040 PARAMOUNT BLVD., LAKEWOOD, CALIFORNIA  
12:00 P.M., FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2011**

**AGENDA**

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- 1. DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 3. LEGISLATIVE REPORT**  
*Staff Recommendation:* For information.
- 4. MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF AUGUST 15, 2011**  
*Staff Recommendation:* Approve the minutes as submitted.
- 5. ACWA REGION 8 BALLOT**  
*Staff Recommendation:* For discussion and action.
- 6. MULTIMEDIA CONTRACT – TREEFOX**  
*Staff Recommendation:* Contract with Treefox for a Professional Services Agreement in the amount not to exceed \$30,000, subject to approval of form by District Counsel.
- 7. PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS BY MELISSA MARES**  
*Staff Recommendation:* For information.
- 8. DEPARTMENT REPORT**
- 9. DIRECTORS' REPORTS, INQUIRIES, AND FOLLOW UP OF DIRECTIONS TO STAFF**
- 10. ADJOURNMENT**

Posted by Abigail C. Andom, Deputy Secretary, September 1, 2011.

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## MEMORANDUM

ITEM NO. 3

*Prepared by:* Adeline Yoong

*Reviewed by:* Elsa Lopez

*Approved by:* Robb Whitaker

**DATE:** SEPTEMBER 9, 2011  
**TO:** EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
**FROM:** ROBB WHITAKER, GENERAL MANAGER  
**SUBJECT:** LEGISLATIVE REPORT

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### SUMMARY

#### **Legislative Calendar**

##### State Legislature

Aug 29 – Sep 9 Floor session only  
Oct 9 Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills passed by the Legislature on or before September 9 and in the Governor's possession after September 9

##### Congress

Aug 8 – Sept 5 August recess (Labor Day on Sept 5)  
Sept 24 – Oct 2 Recess  
Dec 8 House target adjournment (TBD for Senate)

#### **Legislative Report**

Verbal updates will be provided on state and federal matters.

### FISCAL IMPACT

None.

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

For information.

WRD State Legislative Matrix

Updated 8/30/2011

Bill No./ Author	Title/Content	Status	Position	Comments
<p><u>AB 23</u> Smyfh R</p>	<p><b>Local agency meetings: simultaneous meetings: compensation disclosure.</b> Would authorize a convened legislative body whose membership constitutes a quorum of any other legislative body to convene a meeting of the subsequent legislative body, simultaneously or in serial order, only if a clerk or member of the convened legislative body verbally announces the amount of compensation or stipend, if any, that each member will be entitled to receive as a result of convening the simultaneous or serial meeting of the subsequent legislative body, and that the compensation or stipend shall be provided as a result of convening a meeting for which each member is entitled to collect compensation or a stipend, as specified.</p>	<p>Int. 12/6/2010 <b>Location:</b> 7/25/2011 - A . CHAPTERED <b>Status:</b> 7/25/2011 - Chaptered by the Secretary of State, Chapter Number 91, Statutes of 2011</p>	<p><b>STAFF REC:</b> Watch <b>ACWA/MMWD:</b> ACWA: Favor <b>Other Positions:</b></p>	<p>The author's stated intent with the bill is to stop legislative body officials from double dipping for per-diem and travel expenses.</p>
<p><u>AB 54</u> Solortio D</p>	<p><b>Drinking water.</b> Would specify that any corporation organized for or engaged in the business of selling, distributing, supplying, or delivering water for irrigation purposes, and any corporation organized for or engaged in the business of selling, distributing, supplying, or delivering water for domestic use that provides in its articles or bylaws that the water shall be sold, distributed, supplied, or delivered only to owners of its shares and that those shares are appurtenant to certain lands shall be known as a mutual water company. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.</p>	<p>Int. 12/6/2010 <b>Location:</b> 8/25/2011 - S . THIRD READING <b>Status:</b> 8/25/2011 - Read second time. Ordered to third reading. 8/30/2011 #292 SENATE ASSEMBLY BILLS-THIRD READING FILE</p>	<p><b>STAFF REC:</b> Watch <b>ACWA/MMWD:</b> ACWA: Favor <b>Other Positions:</b> WATCH: WaterReuse, SCWC</p>	<p>Some mutual water companies in California are governed by the Corporations Code and are not really set up to receive public dollars. This bill is intended to make it easier for mutual water companies to gain access to DPH Safe Drinking Water Act funds. It would add additional requirements to mutual water companies, authorize a local agency formation</p>

<p><u>AB 83</u> Jeffries R</p>	<p><b>Environment: CEQA exemption: recycled water pipeline.</b> Would exempt from CEQA a project for the installation of a new pipeline, not exceeding a specified length, for the distribution of recycled water within an improved public street, highway, or right-of-way. Because a lead agency, which may include a local agency, is required to determine whether a project qualifies for those exemptions, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.</p>	<p>Int. 1/5/2011 <b>Location:</b> 5/10/2011 - A . 2 YEAR <b>Status:</b> 5/10/2011 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was NAT. RES. on 4/11/2011)</p>	<p><b>STAFF REC:</b> <b>Watch</b> <b>ACWA/MWD:</b> ACWA: Favor <b>Other Positions:</b> <b>SUPPORT:</b> Eisimore Valley MWD (sponsor), WaterReuse, SCWC, CMUA (if amended)</p>	<p>commission (LAFCO) to include mutual water companies in its municipal service reviews, and would provide the DPH more guidance regarding issuing Safe Drinking Water Revolving Fund money to mutual water companies of getting alternative water supply projects online</p> <p>This is a re-introduction of AB 1704 from 2010 which failed passage out of the Assembly Natural Resources committee. The bill will exempt the installation of recycled water pipeline up to 8 miles in public streets from CEQA.</p>
<p><u>AB 134</u> Dickinson D</p>	<p><b>Appropriation of water: Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District.</b> Would authorize the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District to file an application for a permit to appropriate a specified amount of water that is based on the volume of treated wastewater that the district discharges into the Sacramento River, as specified. The bill would authorize the state board to grant a permit to appropriate that treated wastewater upon terms and conditions determined by the state board. The bill would require the board, prior to granting a permit pursuant to these provisions, to comply with permit, approval, and</p>	<p>Int. 1/12/2011 <b>Location:</b> 8/24/2011 - A . ENROLLED <b>Status:</b> 8/24/2011 - Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 11:30 a.m.</p>	<p><b>STAFF REC:</b> <b>Watch</b> <b>ACWA/MWD:</b> <b>Other Positions:</b></p>	

<p><b>AB 148</b> Smyth R</p>	<p>review requirements and other laws applicable to the appropriation of water. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.</p> <p><b>Local government: ethics training: disclosure.</b> Current law, for purposes of ethics training for officers and employees of a local government, defines the term ethics laws to include, among others, laws relating to government transparency. This bill would additionally define the term ethics laws to include compensation setting guidelines as established by specified organizations or the local agency. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.</p>	<p>Int. 1/14/2011 <b>Location:</b> 5/28/2011 - A. 2 YEAR <b>Status:</b> 5/28/2011 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(5). (Last location was APPR. on 5/27/2011)</p>	<p><b>STAFF REC:</b> <b>Watch</b> <b>ACWA/MWD:</b> ACWA: Watch <b>Other Positions:</b></p>	<p>This bill would 1) require a local agency to post the ethics training records of those members of the local agency who are elected on the local agency's Internet Web site, if any, and to submit a copy to the Controller within 90 days of receiving the records; and 2) add compensation-setting guidelines as established by organizations, including, but not limited to, the California State Association of Counties, the League of California Cities, the California Special Districts Association, the California City Management Foundation, or the local agency, to the list of ethics law required to be covered during a local agency's mandatory ethics course.</p>
<p><b>AB 157</b></p>	<p><b>Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of</b></p>	<p>Int. 1/19/2011</p>	<p><b>STAFF REC:</b></p>	<p>Cuts the Safe,</p>

<p><u>Jeffries R</u></p>	<p><b>2012.</b> Would reduce by 25% the total amount of bonds authorized to be issued pursuant to the Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2012, and would make conforming reductions to amounts specified to be allocated from these bond funds for certain purposes. This bill contains other related provisions.</p>	<p><b>Location:</b> 5/10/2011 - A . W.,P. &amp; W. <b>Status:</b> 5/10/2011 - Set for Hearing in W.,P. &amp; W.</p>	<p><b>Watch</b> <b>ACWA/MWD:</b> ACWA: Oppose <b>Other</b> <b>Positions:</b> WATCH: WaterReuse, SCWC</p>	<p>Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2012 25% across the board, bringing the total from \$11 billion to about \$8.25 billion. Requires a 2/3 votes by Legislature in both houses.</p>
<p><u>AB 162</u> <u>Smyth R</u></p>	<p><b>Local government: financial reports.</b> Would require that, if an audit of a local agency reveals certain financial irregularities, the findings be sent separately to the Controller immediately after the audit has been concluded. By increasing the duties of local officials, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.</p>	<p><b>Int.</b> 1/19/2011 <b>Location:</b> 5/10/2011 - A . 2 YEAR <b>Status:</b> 5/10/2011 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was L. GOV. on 2/18/2011)</p>	<p><b>STAFF REC:</b> <b>Watch</b> <b>ACWA/MWD:</b> ACWA: Watch <b>Other</b> <b>Positions:</b></p>	<p>This bill would require that an unnamed person or entity send any findings of financial irregularity directly to the Controller. The findings would result from audits already required by law for local agencies who receive certain federal dollars. Upon receiving such a report, the Controller would be required to notify the Senate and Assembly Local Government committees.</p>
<p><u>AB 182</u> <u>Davis D</u></p>	<p><b>Political Reform Act of 1974: statements of economic interests.</b> The Political Reform Act of 1974 regulates conflicts of interests of public officials and requires that public officials file, with specified filing officers, periodic statements of economic interests disclosing certain information regarding income, investments, and other financial data. Under the act, specified local government agencies are permitted to participate in a pilot program whereby certain officials of those agencies may file their statements of economic</p>	<p><b>Int.</b> 1/24/2011 <b>Location:</b> 7/25/2011 - A . CHAPTERED <b>Status:</b> 7/25/2011 - Chaptered by the Secretary of State, Chapter Number 96, Statutes of 2011</p>	<p><b>STAFF REC:</b> <b>Watch</b> <b>ACWA/MWD:</b> ACWA: Watch <b>Other</b> <b>Positions:</b></p>	<p>This bill extends a preexisting electronic filing pilot program for Form 700 (statement of economic interest), and make it permanent on January 1, 2013. Los Angeles County and</p>

	<p>interests electronically. Current law provides that the pilot program shall be completed by January 1, 2012, and the provisions of law authorizing the electronic filing of statements of economic interests will be repealed on March 1, 2012. This bill would permit the pilot program to continue until December 31, 2012, and would make technical changes to incorporate references to participation in the program by the City of Long Beach. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.</p>			<p>the City of Long Beach are currently allowed to e-file.</p>
<p><b>AB 187</b> <u>Lara D</u></p>	<p><b>State Auditor: audits: high-risk local government agency audit program.</b> Would authorize the State Auditor to establish a high-risk local government agency audit program to identify, audit, and issue reports on any local government agency, including any city, county, or special district, or any publicly created entity that the State Auditor identifies as being at high risk for the potential of waste, fraud, abuse, or mismanagement or that has major challenges associated with its economy, efficiency, or effectiveness. The bill would also authorize the State Auditor to consult with the Controller, Attorney General, and other state agencies in identifying local government agencies that are at high risk.</p>	<p>Int. 1/25/2011 <b>Location:</b> 8/29/2011 - S . THIRD READING <b>Status:</b> 8/29/2011 - Read second time. Ordered to third reading. 8/30/2011 #302 SENATE ASSEMBLY BILLS-THIRD READING FILE</p>	<p><b>WRD BOARD:</b> <b>Support</b> <b>ACWA/MWD:</b> <b>Other</b> <b>Positions:</b> WATCH: CSDA, CMUA</p>	<p>Authorizes the State Auditor to establish a high-risk local government agency audit program to audit any publicly-created entity (including special districts) which the Auditor determines is "at risk for the potential of waste, fraud, abuse, or mismanagement or that has major challenges associated with its economy, efficiency, or effectiveness."</p>
<p><b>AB 195</b> <u>Hernández,</u> <u>Roger D</u></p>	<p><b>Local public employee organizations.</b> Would specify that a public agency is prohibited from, among other things, imposing reprisals on or discriminating against employees because of their exercise of rights guaranteed by the Meyers-Millias-Brown Act, and would specify that knowingly providing a recognized employee organization with inaccurate information regarding the financial resources of the public employer constitutes a refusal or failure to meet and negotiate in good faith. The bill would declare that these provisions are intended to be technical and clarify current law.</p>	<p>Int. 1/27/2011 <b>Location:</b> 8/26/2011 - A . ENROLLED <b>Status:</b> 8/26/2011 - Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 3 p.m.</p>	<p><b>STAFF REC:</b> <b>Watch</b> <b>ACWA/MWD:</b> ACWA: Oppose <b>Other</b> <b>Positions:</b> WATCH: CSDA</p>	<p>Provides a list of actions that a public agency employer is prohibited from engaging in regarding the exercise of guaranteed public employee rights.</p>
<p><b>AB 246</b></p>	<p><b>Water quality: enforcement.</b></p>	<p>Int. 2/3/2011</p>	<p><b>STAFF REC:</b></p>	<p>Authorize a regional</p>

<p>Wleckowski D</p>	<p>The Porter-Cologne Water Quality Act authorizes each California regional water quality control board to delegate certain powers to its executive officer. That authorization, except as specified, excludes the delegation to its executive officer of the power of application to the Attorney General for judicial enforcement. This bill would delete that exclusion, and, instead, specifically authorize a regional board, commencing January 1, 2012, to delegate to its executive officer the authority to apply for judicial enforcement to the Attorney General, a district attorney of a city with a population that exceeds 750,000, or a city attorney for a city and county. The bill would authorize a district attorney or a city attorney to pursue judicial enforcement only after approval by the Attorney General of an application for judicial enforcement. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.</p>	<p><b>Location:</b> 7/12/2011 - S . THIRD READING  <b>Status:</b> 7/12/2011 - Read second time. Ordered to third reading.  8/30/2011 #188  SENATE ASSEMBLY BILLS-THIRD READING FILE</p>	<p><b>Watch</b>  <b>ACWA/MWD:</b>  ACWA: Not Favor  <b>Other Positions:</b></p>	<p>board, commencing January 1, 2012, to delegate to its executive officer the authority to apply for judicial enforcement to the Attorney General, a district attorney, a city attorney of a city with a population that exceeds 750,000, or a city attorney for a city and county. Additionally authorizes a district attorney, a city attorney of a city with a population that exceeds 750,000, or a city attorney for a city and county, to bring civil actions. WaterReuse has concerns with providing such an expansive authority to the Executive Officer. ACWA also concerned that expanding the number of agencies charged with the ability to file civil prosecutions for water quality violation and reducing the oversight ability of the Regional Board to seek such enforcement could</p>
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<p><b>AB 275</b> Solorio D</p>	<p><b>Rainwater Capture Act of 2011.</b> Would enact the Rainwater Capture Act of 2011, which would authorize residential, commercial, and governmental landowners to install, maintain, and operate rain barrel systems, as defined, and rainwater capture systems, as defined, for specified purposes, provided that the systems comply with specified requirements. The bill would require a local agency to provide notification to the operator of a public water system, as defined, if the local agency chooses to adopt a permitting program for rainwater capture systems and approves a permit for a rainwater capture system connected to the public water system. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.</p>	<p><b>Int. 2/7/2011</b> <b>Location:</b> 8/29/2011 - A . CONCURRENCE <b>Status:</b> 8/29/2011 - In Assembly. Concurrence in Senate amendments pending. May be considered on or after August 31 pursuant to Assembly Rule 77. 8/30/2011 #23 ASSEMBLY UNFINISHED BUSINESS CONCURRENCE IN SENATE AMENDMENTS</p>	<p><b>STAFF REC:</b> <b>Watch</b> <b>ACWA/MWD:</b> ACWA: Watch <b>Other</b> <b>Positions:</b> SUPPORT: SCWC WATCH: CSDA</p>	<p>result in a rash of judicial enforcement actions. Authorize residential, commercial, and governmental landowners to install, maintain, and operate rain barrel systems, as defined, and rainwater capture systems, as defined, for specified purposes. Additionally authorize a landscape contractor working within the classification of his or her license to enter into a prime contract for the construction of a rainwater capture system, if the system is used for landscape irrigation.</p>
<p><b>AB 276</b> Alejo D</p>	<p><b>Local government: financial reports.</b> Would repeal the provision specifying the conditions necessary for making a renewed demand to bargain and would instead provide that the declaration may be filed 180 days after any request to bargain.</p>	<p><b>Int. 2/7/2011</b> <b>Location:</b> 8/22/2011 - S . RLS. <b>Status:</b> 8/22/2011 - Withdrawn from committee. Re-referred to Com. on RLS.</p>	<p><b>STAFF REC:</b> <b>Watch</b> <b>ACWA/MWD:</b> <b>Other</b> <b>Positions:</b> WATCH: CSDA</p>	<p>Increases penalties for local agencies, including specified JPAs, that fail to file their annual financial transaction reports with the State Controller's Officer in a timely manner.</p>
<p><b>AB 309</b> Cook R</p>	<p><b>Public officers: removal from office.</b> Under current law, an office becomes vacant on the occurrence of certain events. Current law specifies that</p>	<p><b>Int. 2/9/2011</b> <b>Location:</b> 8/22/2011 - S . THIRD READING</p>	<p><b>STAFF REC:</b> <b>Watch</b></p>	<p>This is a reintroduction of AB 2672 from 2010</p>

	<p>when a public officer is removed, declared insane, or convicted of a felony or offense involving a violation of his or her official duty, or when his or her election or appointment is declared void, the body or person before whom the proceedings are had is required to give notice thereof to the officer empowered to fill the vacancy. This bill would provide that an appointed or ex officio officer becomes vacant where the appointed or ex officio individual has been debarred, suspended, disqualified, or otherwise excluded from participating in federal "covered transactions," as prescribed under federal law.</p>	<p><b>Status:</b> 8/22/2011 - Read second time. Ordered to third reading. 8/30/2011 #252 SENATE ASSEMBLY BILLS-THIRD READING FILE</p>	<p><b>ACWA/MWD:</b> ACWA: Watch <b>Other Positions:</b></p> <p>which was vetoed by the Governor. The author intends to create a mechanism by which a local agency official who sits on the board or commission would be removed from the office when they have been disbarred from participating in a federal covered transaction. State law already provides for the removal of a local agency board member if they are convicted of a felony in the course of their official duties.</p>
<p><u>AB 327</u> Davis D</p>	<p><b>Hazardous waste: perchlorate.</b> Current law, administered by the Department of Toxic Substances Control, prohibits the management of hazardous waste and a violation of the hazardous waste control law is a crime. The Perchlorate Contamination Prevention Act prohibits a person from managing perchlorate materials, except in compliance with the best management practices specified in the regulations adopted by the department. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes and delete obsolete provisions in that act.</p>	<p><b>Int.</b> 2/10/2011 <b>Location:</b> 5/13/2011 - A . 2 YEAR <b>Status:</b> 5/13/2011 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(3). (Last location was PRINT on 2/10/2011)</p>	<p><b>STAFF REC:</b> Watch <b>ACWA/MWD:</b> ACWA: Watch <b>Other Positions:</b></p> <p>Spot bill.</p>
<p><u>AB 358</u> Smyth R</p>	<p><b>Hazardous substances: underground storage tanks: releases: reports.</b> Current law generally regulates the storage of hazardous substances in underground storage tanks, including requiring underground storage tanks that are used to store hazardous substances to meet certain requirements. Current law requires tank owners and operators to report unauthorized releases to local agencies, which includes specified information, and requires the State Water Resources Control Board to continuously post and update</p>	<p><b>Int.</b> 2/10/2011 <b>Location:</b> 8/16/2011 - S . THIRD READING <b>Status:</b> 8/16/2011 - Read second time. Ordered to third reading. 8/30/2011 #212 SENATE ASSEMBLY BILLS-THIRD READING FILE</p>	<p><b>STAFF REC:</b> Watch <b>ACWA/MWD:</b> ACWA: Watch <b>Other Positions:</b></p> <p>According to the author, the goal of AB 358 is to ensure that all local agencies that perform UST project oversight and remediation have the same lines of responsibility and</p>

<p>on its Internet Web site reports of information concerning unauthorized releases. This bill would instead require the owner or operator to transmit certain information regarding an unauthorized release to the local agency on a written or electronic form developed by the board and would require additional information to be provided to the local agency. The bill would also instead require each regional board and local agency to submit a report to the board for all unauthorized releases using the board's Internet-accessible database, thereby imposing a state-mandated local program by imposing new duties upon local agencies. The bill would require the board to annually post and update on its Internet Web site the information in those reports concerning unauthorized releases. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.</p>	<p>review in following state policies on closure of UST sites.</p>
<p><b>AB 359</b> Huffman D</p> <p><b>Groundwater management plans.</b> Current law authorizes specified local agencies that provide water service to adopt and implement a groundwater management plan. Current law requires a local agency that elects to develop a groundwater management plan to hold a hearing prior to adopting a resolution of intention to draft a plan and, after the plan is prepared, to hold a 2nd hearing to determine whether to adopt the plan. Current law requires the local agency to publish a specified notice before each of these hearings. Current law requires a local agency to prepare a groundwater management plan within 2 years of the date of the adoption of the resolution of intention. This bill would require the local agency to provide a copy of a resolution of intention to the Department of Water Resources within 30 days of the date of adoption. The bill would authorize any person to request to be placed on a list established by the local agency for purposes of receiving notices regarding plan preparation, meeting announcements, and availability of draft plans, maps, and other relevant documents. The bill would require the local agency to provide each of those interested persons and the department with a specified notice prior to the 2nd hearing to determine whether to adopt the plan. The bill would require, if a groundwater management plan is not adopted within 2 years of the date of the adoption of a resolution of intention and the local agency is operating under a previously adopted</p>	<p>Int. 2/14/2011 <b>Location:</b> 8/29/2011 - S . THIRD READING <b>Status:</b> 8/29/2011 - Read second time. Ordered to third reading. 8/30/2011 #314 SENATE ASSEMBLY BILLS-THIRD READING FILE</p>
<p><b>WRD BOARD: Support</b> <b>ACWA/MWD:</b> ACWA: Watch <b>Other Positions:</b> SUPPORT: GRA (sponsor), GCG (sponsor), California Coastkeeper Alliance, California Trout, Clean Water Action, Planning and Conservation League, The Nature Conservancy, The Sierra Club, Trout Unlimited <b>OPPOSITION:</b> California Cattlemen's Association,</p>	<p>This is a reintroduction of AB 2304 which was vetoed by the Governor last year. WRD had supported AB 2304. The bill adds additional notification and mapping requirements when a local agency is drafting a groundwater management plan.</p>

<p><u>AB 392</u> <u>Alejo D</u></p>	<p>groundwater management plan, that the previously adopted plan remain in effect. The bill would require the department to post on its Internet Web site the information the department possesses regarding the local agencies that have jurisdiction to develop groundwater management plans and information regarding groundwater management plans provided by local agencies and specified groundwater monitoring entities . This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.</p> <p><b>Ralph M. Brown Act: posting agendas.</b> Would require the legislative body of a local agency to post the agenda and specified staff generated reports that relate to items on the agenda on its Internet Web site, if any, as specified. The bill would require the legislative body of the local agency, if it does not have an Internet Web site, to disclose on the posted agenda a public location where the agency would make an applicable e staff generated report available for copying and inspection by a member of the public for at least 72 hours prior to the meeting. The bill would prohibit the legislative body from acting on or discussing an item on the agenda for which a related staff generated report was not properly disclosed at least 72 hours prior to the meeting, except as provided. By expanding the duties of local agencies, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.</p>	<p>Int. 2/14/2011 <b>Location:</b> 5/28/2011 - A . 2 YEAR <b>Status:</b> 5/28/2011 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(5). (Last location was APPR. on 5/27/2011)</p>	<p>California Chamber, California Farm Bureau Federation, Western Growers WATCH: CMUA, CSDA</p> <p><b>STAFF REC:</b> <b>Watch</b></p> <p><b>ACWA/MWD:</b> ACWA: Oppose <b>Other</b> <b>Positions:</b> <b>OPPOSE:</b> CMUA (unless amended)</p>	<p>Requires staff write-ups and materials to be posted at least 72 hours in advance and prohibits the legislative body from acting on or discussing the item if the related writing was not properly disclosed.</p>
<p><u>AB 403</u> <u>Carrpos D</u></p>	<p><b>Public drinking water standards: hexavalent chromium.</b> Would require the State Department of Public Health to post its progress subsequent to January 1, 2003, on the establishment of regulations relating to primary and secondary drinking water standards on the department's Internet Web site. The bill would include the adoption of a primary drinking water standard for hexavalent chromium among the proposed regulations relating to maximum contaminant levels for primary or secondary water standards that are subject to a review by the Department of Finance of not more than 90 days.</p>	<p>Int. 2/14/2011 <b>Location:</b> 7/12/2011 - S . THIRD READING <b>Status:</b> 7/12/2011 - Read second time and amended. Ordered to third reading.  8/30/2011 #197 SENATE ASSEMBLY BILLS-THIRD READING FILE</p>	<p><b>STAFF REC:</b> <b>Watch</b></p> <p><b>ACWA/MWD:</b> MWD: Support, ACWA: Watch <b>Other</b> <b>Positions:</b> <b>SUPPORT:</b> SCWC WATCH: CSDA</p>	<p>Author plans to revise the language. Bill currently requires DPH to adopt a maximum contaminant level (MCL) for hexavalent chromium on or before Jan 1, 2013. If an MCL is not finalized by that date, DPH would be required to adopt the public health goal (PHG) set by the</p>

<p><u>AB 467</u> Eng D</p>	<p><b>Environment: Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006.</b> Would require the State Department of Public Health, in collaboration with the Department of Toxic Substances Control and the State Water Resources Control Board, to develop guidelines governing bond repayment that would allow grantees to retain repayments to fund ongoing or additional groundwater cleanup activities. The bill would make a declaration concerning the compliance of those grantees with the bond act.</p>	<p>Int. 2/15/2011 <b>Location:</b> 5/28/2011 - A . 2 YEAR <b>Status:</b> 5/28/2011 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(5). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 5/4/2011)</p>	<p><b>STAFF REC:</b> <b>Support</b> <b>ACWA/MWD:</b> ACWA: Favor <b>Other Positions:</b></p>	<p>Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHA) as of Jan 1, 2011. The referenced PHG, however, is a draft and does not include a cost-benefit analysis and review of analytical feasibility and available treatment technologies.  Allows an entity that receives Prop. 84 bond funds from DPH for groundwater cleanup capital costs and that later recovers costs for groundwater cleanup from a responsible party, to keep that money to fund additional groundwater cleanup. This changes current law, which requires such a grantee to use monies obtained from a responsible party to repay any Prop. 84 awards.</p>
<p><u>AB 527</u> Hernández, Roger D</p>	<p><b>Public officials: financial interests.</b> Current law prohibits Members of the Legislature, and state, county, district, judicial district, and city officers or employees from being financially interested in any contract made by them in their official capacity, or by any body or</p>	<p>Int. 2/15/2011 <b>Location:</b> 7/8/2011 - S . 2 YEAR <b>Status:</b> 7/8/2011 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(10). (Last</p>	<p><b>STAFF REC:</b> <b>Watch</b> <b>ACWA/MWD:</b> ACWA: Oppose</p>	<p>Specifies that members of the Legislature, state, county, district and city officers or</p>

	<p>board of which they are members. Current law defines what is a remote interest in a contract that does not present a prohibited conflict of interest under these provisions. Current law authorizes a body or board to make a contract that involves a remote interest of a member of the body if, among other things, the remote interest is disclosed to the body or board and noted in its official records, and thereafter the body or board authorizes, approves, or ratifies the contract in good faith by a vote of its membership sufficient for the purpose without counting the vote or votes of the officer or member with the remote interest. Violation of these provisions is a crime. This bill would additionally require that the remote interest be disclosed at a public meeting of that body or board and would require a statutory basis for classifying the interest as a remote interest to be identified. By increasing the scope of actions that constitute a crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.</p>	<p>location was G.O. on 6/22/2011)</p>	<p><b>Other Positions:</b>  <b>OPPOSE</b>  <b>UNLESS</b>  <b>AMENDED:</b>  <b>CMUA</b>  <b>OPPOSE:</b>  <b>CSDA</b></p>	<p>employees shall be deemed to be financially interested in a contract if the officer has an independent contracting relationship with an individual or non-governmental entity that enters or seeks to enter a contract with the body of which the officer is a member or employee of. Also adds to the requirement of disclosure of a remote interest at a public meeting of that body or board, the identification of the statutory basis for classifying the interest as a remote interest.</p>
<p><b>AB 531</b>  <u>Olsen R</u></p>	<p><b>Groundwater.</b>  Current law relating to groundwater management declares the intent of the Legislature to encourage local agencies to work cooperatively to manage groundwater resources within their jurisdictions, and makes related legislative findings and declarations. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to those legislative findings and declarations.</p>	<p><b>Int.</b> 2/15/2011  <b>Location:</b> 5/13/2011 - A . 2 YEAR  <b>Status:</b> 5/13/2011 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(3). (Last location was PRINT on 2/15/2011)</p>	<p><b>STAFF REC:</b>  <b>Watch</b>    <b>ACWA/MMWD:</b>  ACWA: Watch  <b>Other Positions:</b></p>	<p>Spot bill.</p>
<p><b>AB 582</b>  <u>Pan D</u></p>	<p><b>Open meetings: local agencies.</b>  The Ralph M. Brown Act authorizes a legislative body of a local agency to hold closed sessions with the agency's designated representatives regarding the salary and compensation of represented and unrepresented employees. This bill would require that proposed</p>	<p><b>Int.</b> 2/16/2011  <b>Location:</b> 5/28/2011 - A . 2 YEAR  <b>Status:</b> 5/28/2011 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(5). (Last location was APPR. on 5/27/2011)</p>	<p><b>STAFF REC:</b>  <b>Watch</b>    <b>ACWA/MMWD:</b>  ACWA: Oppose  Unless</p>	<p>Require that proposed compensation increases for unrepresented employees be</p>

<p><u>AB 587</u> Gordon D</p>	<p>compensation increases of more than 5% for specified employees be publicly noticed, as prescribed. By adding to the duties of local officials, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.</p>		<p>Amended <b>Other Positions:</b> OPPOSE: CMUA (unless amended)</p>	<p>publicly noticed twice, first for noticing the public and discussion. The second time for a vote, no less than 12 days after the first notice.</p>
<p><u>AB 587</u> Gordon D</p>	<p><b>Public works: volunteers.</b> Current law defines "public works," for purposes of regulating public works contracts, as, among other things, construction, alteration, demolition, installation, or repair work that is performed under contract and paid for in whole or in part out of public funds. Pursuant to current law, all workers employed on public works projects are required to be paid not less than the general prevailing rate of per diem wages for work, except as specified. This bill would extend that repeal date to January 1, 2017, and make technical, nonsubstantive changes to that provision. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.</p>	<p>Int. 2/16/2011 <b>Location:</b> 8/22/2011 - A . ENROLLED <b>Status:</b> 8/22/2011 - Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p><b>STAFF REC:</b> <b>Watch</b>  <b>ACWA/MWD:</b> ACWA: Favor <b>Other Positions:</b></p>	<p>Extends the Jan 1, 2012 sunset to allow volunteers to work on public projects. Similar to SB 644 (Hancock).</p>
<p><u>AB 591</u> Wieckowski D</p>	<p><b>Oil and gas production: hydraulic fracturing.</b> Would define "hydraulic fracturing" and require a person carrying out hydraulic fracturing on behalf of an owner or operator at a well to provide to the owner or operator a list of the chemical constituents used in the hydraulic fracturing fluid and the amount of water and hydraulic fracturing fluid recovered from the well . The bill would additionally require the history of the drilling of the well to include certain information regarding the amount and source of water used in the exploration or production from the well and the radiological components or tracers injected into the well. The bill would also require the history to include, if hydraulic fracturing was used at the well, a complete list of the chemicals used in the hydraulic fracturing and the amount and disposition of water and hydraulic fracturing fluid recovered from the well . This bill contains other related provisions.</p>	<p>Int. 2/16/2011 <b>Location:</b> 8/15/2011 - S . APPR. SUSPENSE FILE <b>Status:</b> 8/25/2011 - In committee: Held under submission.</p>	<p><b>WRD BOARD:</b> <b>Support</b>  <b>ACWA/MWD:</b>  <b>Other Positions:</b></p>	<p>Provides for state oversight over hydraulic fracturing.</p>
<p><u>AB 646</u> Atkins D</p>	<p><b>Local public employee organizations: impasse procedures.</b></p>	<p>Int. 2/16/2011 <b>Location:</b> 8/29/2011 - S . THIRD</p>	<p><b>STAFF REC:</b> <b>Watch</b></p>	<p>Allows local public employee</p>

	<p>The Meyers-Milias-Brown Act requires the governing body of a public agency to meet and confer in good faith regarding wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment with representatives of recognized employee organizations. Under the act, if the representatives of the public agency and the employee organization fail to reach an agreement, they may mutually agree on the appointment of a mediator and equally share the cost. This bill would authorize the employee organization, if the mediator is unable to effect settlement of the controversy within 30 days of his or her appointment, to request that the matter be submitted to a factfinding panel. The bill would require that the factfinding panel consist of one member selected by each party as well as a chairperson selected by the board or by agreement of the parties. The factfinding panel would be authorized to make investigations and hold hearings, and to issue subpoenas requiring the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of evidence. The bill would require all political subdivisions of the state to comply with the panel's requests for information. This bill contains other related provisions.</p>	<p>READING  <b>Status:</b> 8/29/2011 - Read second time. Ordered to third reading.  8/30/2011 #326  SENATE ASSEMBLY BILLS-THIRD READING FILE</p>	<p><b>ACWA/MWD:</b>  ACWA: Oppose  <b>Other</b>  <b>Positions:</b>  OPPOSE:  CMUA, SMUD,  CSDA</p>	<p>organizations to request fact-finding if a mediator is unable to reach a settlement within 30 days of appointment.</p>
<p><u>AB 685</u>  Eng D</p>	<p><b>State water policy: regional water management planning.</b>  Would declare that it is the policy of the state that every human being has the right to clean, affordable, and accessible water for human consumption, cooking, and sanitary purposes, that is adequate for the health and well-being of the individual and family. The bill would require, on and after January 1, 2012, all relevant state agencies, including the Department of Water Resources, the State Water Resources Control Board, the California regional water quality control boards, and the State Department of Public Health, to implement this state policy upon revising current, and upon adopting or establishing new, policies, regulations, and grant criteria when those policies, regulations, and grant criteria affect the rights established by the bill, as described above. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.</p>	<p>Int. 2/17/2011  <b>Location:</b> 8/15/2011 - S . APPR.  SUSPENSE FILE  <b>Status:</b> 8/25/2011 - In committee:  Held under submission.</p>	<p><b>STAFF REC:</b>  <b>Watch</b>  <b>ACWA/MWD:</b>  ACWA: Oppose,  ACWA: Oppose  Unless Amended  <b>Other</b>  <b>Positions:</b>  OPPOSE:  CMUA</p>	<p>Adds a provision to the Water Code explicitly stating that access to clean water is a basic human "right".  ACWA contends that the ultimate intention of measure to prevent water agencies from turning off a connection whether the customer can afford to pay their bill.</p>
<p><u>AB 741</u>  Huffman D</p>	<p><b>Onsite wastewater disposal.</b>  Current law prohibits the discharge of sewage or other waste, or the effluent of treated sewage or other waste, in</p>	<p>Int. 2/17/2011  <b>Location:</b> 7/25/2011 - A .  CHAPTERED</p>	<p><b>WRD BOARD:</b>  <b>Support</b></p>	<p>Reintroduction of AB 2182 concept which WRD voted to</p>

<p><b>AB 779</b> <u>Fletcher R</u></p>	<p>any manner that will result in contamination, pollution, or a nuisance. Under current law, when the State Department of Public Health or any local health officer finds that a contamination exists, the department or the officer is required to order the contamination abated, as provided. This bill would allow the installments to be over a period not to exceed 30 years and at a rate of interest not to exceed 12%. The bill would also authorize defined entities to use this provision for the purpose of converting properties from onsite septic systems and connecting them to the sewer system and for replacing or repairing current sewer laterals connecting pipes to a sewer system. This bill contains other current laws.</p>	<p><b>Status:</b> 7/25/2011 - Chaptered by the Secretary of State, Chapter Number 106, Statutes of 2011</p>	<p><b>ACWA/MWD:</b> MWD: Support, ACWA: Favor <b>Other</b> <b>Positions:</b> SUPPORT: IRWD (sponsor), SCWC, CSDA</p>	<p>support. This measure allows entities to enter into an agreement with property owners for the financing of onsite sewer improvement and laterals. This would protect water quality from potential sewage spills and backup.</p>
<p><b>AB 779</b> <u>Fletcher R</u></p>	<p><b>Municipal water districts: oversight.</b> Current law, the Municipal Water District Law of 1911, authorizes the formation of a municipal water district to acquire and sell water, and specifies the powers and purposes of a municipal water district. This bill would authorize a municipal water district to establish an independent oversight committee to assist in tracking and reviewing revenues of the district to advance capital improvements, operations and maintenance of district facilities, and allocation methodologies. The bill would authorize an independent oversight committee to perform specified functions for those purposes.</p>	<p><b>Int.</b> 2/17/2011 <b>Location:</b> 6/3/2011 - A . 2 YEAR <b>Status:</b> 6/3/2011 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(8). (Last location was L. GOV. on 3/31/2011)</p>	<p><b>STAFF REC:</b> <b>Watch</b> <b>ACWA/MWD:</b> ACWA: Not Favor <b>Other</b> <b>Positions:</b> SUPPORT: City of San Diego (sponsor) WATCH: CSDA, SCWC</p>	<p>The City of San Diego currently has an independent oversight committee that serves as the model for this legislation. A committee formed pursuant to AB 779 would be advisory in nature and would report directly to the board of directors of the district. The committee would be authorized to review district reports, provide advice on rates, bond expenditures and environmental issues, among other responsibilities. The bill is intended to merely clarify that other municipal water districts have the ability to create one should they find</p>

<p><b>AB 849</b> <u>Gatto D</u></p>	<p><b>Water: use efficiency: graywater building standards.</b> Would repeal the authority of a city, county, or other local agency to adopt building standards that prohibit entirely the use of graywater and instead authorize the adoption, under specified requirements, of standards that are more restrictive than that adopted pursuant to state requirements. The bill would require that an ordinance enacted pursuant to this authority include the local climatic, geological, topographical, or public health conditions requiring different building standards. The bill would also require a city, county, or other local agency to consult with the local public health department prior to commencing the issuance of permits for indoor graywater systems, as specified.</p>	<p><b>Int.</b> 2/17/2011 <b>Location:</b> 8/22/2011 - S . THIRD READING <b>Status:</b> 8/22/2011 - Read second time. Ordered to third reading.  8/30/2011 #257 SENATE ASSEMBLY BILLS-THIRD READING FILE</p>	<p><b>STAFF REC:</b> <b>Watch</b>  <b>ACWA/MWD:</b> ACWA: Watch <b>Other</b> <b>Positions:</b> <b>SUPPORT:</b> California Building Industry Association, Planning and Conservation League, ReWater Systems, Thousand Oaks <b>WATCH:</b> SCWC</p>	<p>the need. Author's office indicates that bill would "remove the ability of local governments to completely ban graywater use and ask that locals conform to the current standards to prove that a stricter standard is necessary in their locality." Concerns with graywater such as, uncertainties about health risks, ecological protection, and the appropriate regulatory framework for protecting public health have posed barriers to implementation of the graywater standards set by the California Building Commission as many local governments have opted to restrict their use.</p>
<p><b>AB 954</b> <u>Calderon,</u> <u>Charles D</u></p>	<p><b>Water replenishment districts.</b> The Water Replenishment District Act requires the board of directors of a water replenishment district to prepare annually an engineering survey and report that includes information relating to the groundwater supplies within the district. This bill, instead, would require information in that engineering survey and report, and those related determinations, to pertain to the groundwater in each basin</p>	<p><b>Int.</b> 2/18/2011 <b>Location:</b> 5/10/2011 - A . 2 YEAR <b>Status:</b> 5/10/2011 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was L. GOV. on 3/10/2011)</p>	<p><b>WRD BOARD:</b> <b>Oppose</b>  <b>ACWA/MWD:</b> ACWA: Not Favor <b>Other</b> <b>Positions:</b></p>	<p>2-year. This "split assessment" bill is a reintroduction of SB 1412 (R. Calderon) from last year.</p>

	<p>within the district. The board of directors of a water replenishment district, upon determining to impose a water replenishment assessment on the production of groundwater from each groundwater basin, would be required, except as otherwise provided, to impose the assessment in an amount that is calculated to pay for costs that include the actual cost of replenishing the groundwater basin, removing contaminants from the groundwater basin, and the administrative costs of the district. The charge would be required to be fixed at a uniform rate. The bill would make other conforming changes. By establishing these requirements on a water replenishment district, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.</p>		<p><b>SUPPORT:</b> CBMWD (sponsor) <b>OPPOSE:</b> WBWA, WBMWD, LBWD, SCWC, LAEDC <b>WATCH:</b> CSDA</p>	
<p><u>AB 955</u> Huber D</p>	<p><b>Onsite sewage treatment systems.</b> Would require the regulations or standards for the permitting and operation of specified onsite sewage treatment systems to consist of a risk-based, tiered approach. The bill would specify that the exemption criteria to be contained in the regulations or standards may also be established by the state board in addition to the regional boards. The bill would delete from the local agency implementation provision the condition that the local agency request authorization.</p>	<p>Int. 2/18/2011 <b>Location:</b> 7/8/2011 - S . 2 YEAR <b>Status:</b> 7/8/2011 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(10). (Last location was E.Q. on 6/13/2011)</p>	<p><b>STAFF REC:</b> <b>Watch</b> <b>ACWA/MWD:</b> ACWA: Watch <b>Other</b> <b>Positions:</b> <b>SUPPORT:</b> Regional Council of Rural Counties (sponsor)</p>	<p>Requires the State Water Resources Control Board regulations for onsite water treatment systems to establish standards based on the risk posed by the septic systems and meet the requirements of state law. Intent of the bill is to direct the SWRCB to take a more nuanced approach when dealing with such regulations.</p>
<p><u>AB 1002</u> Butler D</p>	<p><b>California Water Plan: stormwater recovery.</b> Would require the Department of Water Resources to include in the California Water Plan, a discussion of strategies relating to stormwater recovery.</p>	<p>Int. 2/18/2011 <b>Location:</b> 5/10/2011 - A . 2 YEAR <b>Status:</b> 5/10/2011 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was W.,P. &amp; W. on 3/14/2011)</p>	<p><b>STAFF REC:</b> <b>Watch</b> <b>ACWA/MWD:</b> ACWA: Watch <b>Other</b> <b>Positions:</b></p>	<p>Spot bill.</p>
<p><u>AB 1048</u></p>	<p><b>Water quality: recycled water and wastewater: fluoride.</b></p>	<p>Int. 2/18/2011</p>	<p><b>STAFF REC:</b></p>	<p>Existing law requires</p>

<p><u>Harkey R</u></p>	<p>Would require the State Water Resources Control Board, on or before July 1, 2012, to adopt a statewide policy establishing standards for levels of fluoride in recycled water and wastewater, as specified. The bill would require the state board to provide direction to the regional boards to revise their respective regional water quality control plans to ensure consistency with that statewide policy.</p>	<p><b>Location:</b> 5/10/2011 - A . 2 YEAR <b>Status:</b> 5/10/2011 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was E.S. &amp; T.M. on 3/16/2011)</p>	<p><b>Watch</b> <b>ACWA/MWD:</b> ACWA: Favor <b>Other Positions:</b></p>	<p>the fluoridation of water. The sponsor is attempting to prevent a situation where a discharge permit is issued by the regional boards requiring the costly removal of state-mandated fluoride from discharged water.</p>
<p><u>AB 1152</u> <u>Chesbro D</u></p>	<p><b>Groundwater.</b> Would add to the list of entities that may assume responsibility for monitoring and reporting groundwater elevations, a local agency that has been collecting and reporting groundwater elevations and that does not have a groundwater management plan, if the local agency adopts a groundwater management plan in accordance with specified provisions of current law by January 1, 2014. The bill would permit the department to authorize the local agency to conduct monitoring and reporting of groundwater elevations on an interim basis, until the local agency adopts a groundwater management plan or until January 1, 2014, whichever occurs first. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.</p>	<p><b>Int.</b> 2/18/2011 <b>Location:</b> 8/26/2011 - A . ENROLLED <b>Status:</b> 8/26/2011 - Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 3 p.m.</p>	<p><b>STAFF REC:</b> <b>Watch</b> <b>ACWA/MWD:</b> ACWA: Watch <b>Other Positions:</b></p>	<p>Authorizes a groundwater monitoring entity to report groundwater elevations using specified alternate monitoring techniques for certain groundwater basins and subbasins meeting prescribed conditions. Also deletes the requirement that the State Mining and Geology Board concur with DWR's determinations regarding the need for DWR to conduct groundwater monitoring of a basin or subbasin when no entities chooses to do so.</p>
<p><u>AB 1184</u> <u>Gatto D</u></p>	<p><b>Public employees' retirement benefits.</b> Would state the intent of the Legislature that a contracting agency not experience a significant increase in actuarial</p>	<p><b>Int.</b> 2/18/2011 <b>Location:</b> 8/22/2011 - S . THIRD READING</p>	<p><b>STAFF REC:</b> <b>Watch</b></p>	<p>Another bill related to the City of Bell scandal. Addresses</p>

	<p>liability due to increased compensation paid by another contracting agency to a nonrepresented employee. The bill would require the Board of Administration of PERS to develop guidelines in this regard and to implement program changes to ensure that a contracting agency that creates a significant increase in actuarial liability due to increased compensation bears the associated liability. The bill would require the system actuary to assess an increase in liability in this regard to the employer that created it at the time the increase is determined and to make adjustments to that employer's rates as needed. The bill would apply these requirements to any significant increase in actuarial liability due to increased compensation paid to a nonrepresented employee regardless of when the increase in compensation occurred. The bill would require the board to report to the Legislature on the implementation of these provisions. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.</p>	<p><b>Status:</b> 8/22/2011 - Read second time and amended. Ordered to third reading. 8/30/2011 #254 SENATE ASSEMBLY BILLS-THIRD READING FILE</p>	<p><b>ACWA/MWD:</b> ACWA: Oppose <b>Other</b> <b>Positions:</b> OPPOSE: CSDA WATCH: CMUA</p>	<p>the issue of reciprocity. Would require that the hiring awarding agency of a salary that meets the excess compensation threshold shall be solely liable for the retirement benefits which accompany such salary. Additionally this bill would prohibit the States retirement systems from participating in any excess benefit arrangements exceeding \$195,000.</p>
<p><b>AB 1187</b> <u>Fong D</u></p>	<p><b>California Water Plan: safe drinking water.</b> Would require the Department of Water Resources to include a specified safe drinking water plan prepared by the State Department of Public Health in updates of the California Water Plan. The bill would require the department to contract with the State Department of Public Health for that purpose. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.</p>	<p><b>Int.</b> 2/18/2011 <b>Location:</b> 5/28/2011 - A . 2 YEAR <b>Status:</b> 5/28/2011 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(5). (Last location was APPR. on 5/27/2011)</p>	<p><b>STAFF REC:</b> <b>Watch</b> <b>ACWA/MWD:</b> ACWA: Watch <b>Other</b> <b>Positions:</b> WATCH: CSDA</p>	<p>This bill would require DWR to include a specified safe drinking water plan prepared by DPH in updates of the California Water Plan. Also, adds to updates of the California Water Plan, current and projected unmet safe drinking water needs to as part of its study to determine the amount of water needed to meet the state's future needs.</p>

<p><b>AB 1228</b> Halderman R</p>	<p><b>Public agencies: joint power authorities: meetings.</b> The Joint Exercise of Powers Act authorizes two or more public agencies, if each is authorized by their respective legislative bodies, to enter into an agreement to jointly exercise any power common to those two agencies. This bill would also make various, nonsubstantive, conforming changes. This bill contains other current laws.</p>	<p>Int. 2/18/2011 <b>Location:</b> 6/3/2011 - A . 2 YEAR <b>Status:</b> 6/3/2011 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(8). (Last location was L. GOV. on 5/5/2011)</p>	<p><b>STAFF REC:</b> <b>Watch</b>  <b>ACWA/MMWD:</b> ACWA: Favor <b>Other</b> <b>Positions:</b></p>	<p>Intended to provide a safe harbor to allow an employee of a member local agency to confidentially disclose closed session information of a JPA meeting to the legal counsel of the member agency, or any other person present during a closed session of the member agencies legislative body. Existing law provides this safe harbor to members of the legislative body, but not to staff. This bill would improve the flow of information from a JPA and its member local agencies, while preserving the confidential nature of the communications contained in the JPA closed session.</p>
<p><b>AB 1283</b> Berryhill, Bill R</p>	<p><b>Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2012.</b> Current law creates the Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2012, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$11,140,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance a safe drinking water and water supply reliability program. Current law provides for the submission of the bond act to the voters at the November 6, 2012, statewide general election. This bill would declare</p>	<p>Int. 2/18/2011 <b>Location:</b> 5/13/2011 - A . 2 YEAR <b>Status:</b> 5/13/2011 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(3). (Last location was PRINT on 2/18/2011)</p>	<p><b>STAFF REC:</b> <b>Watch</b>  <b>ACWA/MMWD:</b> ACWA: Watch <b>Other</b> <b>Positions:</b> WATCH: SCWC</p>	<p>Spot bill.</p>

<p><b>AB 1287</b> <u>Buchanan D</u></p>	<p>the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation relating to the Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2012.</p> <p><b>Local government: audits.</b> Would require local agencies, defined to include cities, counties, a city and county, special districts, authorities, or public agencies, to comply with General Accounting Office standards for financial and compliance audits and would prohibit an independent auditor from engaging in financial compliance audits unless, within 3 years of commencing the first of the audits, and every 3 years thereafter, the auditor completes a quality control review in accordance with General Accounting Office standards.</p>	<p>Int. 2/18/2011 <b>Location:</b> 5/13/2011 - A . 2 YEAR <b>Status:</b> 5/13/2011 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(3). (Last location was L. GOV. on 3/21/2011)</p>	<p><b>STAFF REC:</b> <b>Watch</b></p> <p><b>ACWA/MWD:</b> ACWA: Watch</p> <p><b>Other Positions:</b></p>	<p>Author is still working on the language. Bill would extend the same GAO auditing standards that currently apply to school districts to local agencies. The heightened standards require a local agencies independent auditor to complete a quality control review in accordance with GAO standards every three years. If such a review had not been completed within three years prior to the audit, the independent auditor would not be able to provide an audit to the local agency.</p>
<p><b>AB 1292</b> <u>Hernández, Roger D</u></p>	<p><b>Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund: revenue bonds.</b> The Bergeson-Peace Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank Act authorizes the executive director of the California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank to contract with specified agencies to enable the bank to properly perform its duties and authorizes the bank to issue revenue bonds for prescribed purposes. This bill would specify that the executive director may contract with those agencies for technical services, and would provide that, where a state agency is authorized under state law to request that the bank issue bonds on its behalf, the agency</p>	<p>Int. 2/18/2011 <b>Location:</b> 8/23/2011 - S . THIRD READING <b>Status:</b> 8/23/2011 - Read second time. Ordered to third reading.  8/30/2011 #268 SENATE ASSEMBLY BILLS-THIRD READING FILE</p>	<p><b>WRD BOARD:</b> <b>Support</b></p> <p><b>ACWA/MWD:</b> ACWA: Favor</p> <p><b>Other Positions:</b></p>	<p>Grants DPH the authority to issue revenue bonds in order for the State to make its required 20 percent match to annually receive \$126 million in federal funding towards the Safe Drinking Water SRF.</p>

<p><b>ACR 20</b> <u>Huffman D</u></p>	<p>may request, and the bank may issue, the bonds for the purpose authorized by state law and to fund any necessary reserves, capitalized interest, and costs of issuance associated with the bonds. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.</p> <p><b>Water Awareness Month.</b> This measure would designate May 2011 as Water Awareness Month, and would urge Californians to learn effective ways to conserve water.</p>	<p>Int. 2/16/2011 <b>Location:</b> 3/7/2011 - A . RLS. <b>Status:</b> 3/7/2011 - Referred to Com. on RLS.</p>	<p><b>WRD BOARD: Support</b> <b>ACWA/MWD: ACWA: Favor Other Positions:</b></p>	<p>Designates May 2011 as Water Awareness Month, and would urge Californians to learn effective ways to conserve water.</p>
<p><b>SB 18</b> <u>Blakeslee R</u></p>	<p><b>Political Reform Act of 1974: gifts.</b> Would prohibit a lobbyist, lobbying firm, or lobbying employer from making to an elected state official, and an elected state official from receiving from a lobbyist, lobbying firm, or lobbying employer, specified gifts, regardless of the value of the gift. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.</p>	<p>Int. 12/6/2010 <b>Location:</b> 5/16/2011 - S . APPR. SUSPENSE FILE <b>Status:</b> 5/26/2011 - Held in committee and under submission.</p>	<p><b>STAFF REC: Watch</b> <b>ACWA/MWD: ACWA: Watch Other Positions:</b></p>	<p>Prohibits a lobbyist or lobbying firm from giving the following gifts to a member of the legislature: theme park tickets, sporting event tickets, theater and concert tickets, race-track tickets, spa treatments, and other services of a personal nature, golf, skiing, or fishing trips, and other recreational outings or vacations, and gift cards.</p>
<p><b>SB 27</b> <u>Simitian D</u></p>	<p><b>Public employees' retirement.</b> The State Teachers' Retirement Law (STRL) establishes the Defined Benefit Program of the State Teachers' Retirement System, which provides a defined benefit to members of the system based on final compensation, credited service, and age at retirement, subject to certain variations. STRL also establishes the Defined Benefit Supplement Program, which provides supplemental retirement, disability, and other benefits, payable either in a lump-sum payment, an annuity, or both to members of the</p>	<p>Int. 12/6/2010 <b>Location:</b> 8/17/2011 - A . APPR. SUSPENSE FILE <b>Status:</b> 8/26/2011 - Hearing postponed by committee. (Refers to 8/25/2011 hearing)</p>	<p><b>STAFF REC: Watch</b> <b>ACWA/MWD: ACWA: Watch Other Positions: SUPPORT: State Controller John Chiang,</b></p>	<p>This bill provides that any salary enhancement for the principal purpose of increasing a members retirement benefit will not be included in the calculation of a members final</p>

<p><b>SB 31</b> <u>Correa D</u></p>	<p>State Teachers' Retirement Plan. STRL defines creditable compensation for these purposes as remuneration that is payable in cash to all persons in the same class of employees, as specified, for performing creditable service. This bill would revise the definition of creditable compensation for these purposes and would identify certain payments, reimbursements, and compensation that are creditable compensation to be applied to the Defined Benefit Supplement Program. The bill would prohibit one employee from being considered a class. The bill would revise the definition of compensation with respect to the Defined Benefit Supplement Program to include remuneration earnable within a 5-year period, which includes the last year in which the member's final compensation is determined, when it is in excess of 125% of that member's compensation earnable in the year prior to that 5-year period, as specified. The bill would prohibit a member who retires on or after January 1, 2013, who elects to receive his or her retirement benefit under the Defined Benefit Supplement Program as a lump-sum payment from receiving that sum until 180 days have elapsed following the effective date of the member's retirement. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.</p>	<p>Int. 12/6/2010  <b>Location:</b> 5/10/2011 - S . 2 YEAR  <b>Status:</b> 5/10/2011 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was E. &amp; C.A. on 3/31/2011)</p>	<p>Calif Assoc of Highway Patrolmen, Glendale City Employees Assoc, Retired Public Employees Assoc, Local 1000 (SEIU), Calif School Boards Assoc (if amended)  <b>OPPOSE:</b>  Assoc of Calif School Administrators, Calif Police Chiefs Assoc, Calif State Sheriffs' Assoc, Small School Districts' Assoc, Calif Assoc of JPA (unless amended), Calif Faculty Assoc (unless amended), Calif State Assoc of Counties (unless amended)</p>	<p>compensation for determining that benefit and prohibits a retiree from returning to work as a retired annuitant or contract employee for a period of 180 days after retirement.</p>	<p>SB 31 would require local government to create a lobbyist registration commission that would be in charge of enforcing the provisions of SB 31.</p>
<p><b>Local government: lobbyist registration.</b>  Would enact a comprehensive scheme to regulate lobbying entities, as defined, that lobby local government agencies, including requirements to register and make periodic reports regarding certain lobbying activities. The bill would require each local government agency to create a commission to implement and enforce the provisions of the bill. By requiring local government agencies to implement a</p>	<p><b>STAFF REC:</b>  <b>Watch</b>  <b>ACWA/MWD:</b>  ACWA: Oppose  <b>Other</b>  <b>Positions:</b>  WATCH: CSDA,</p>				

	<p>new program, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.</p>		CMUA	<p>Each commission would be required to create and operate a website that would allow people to file reports and statements, and make them available to the public. The commission would be allowed to charge fees to cover the cost of administration.</p>
<p><b>SB 34</b> <u>Similtian D</u></p>	<p><b>California Water Resources Investment Act of 2011.</b> Would enact the California Water Resources Investment Act of 2011 to finance a water resources investment program. To finance the program, the bill would impose on each retail water supplier in the state an annual charge based on the volume of water provided in its service area that is provided for nonagricultural uses and an annual charge based on each acre of land within its service area that is irrigated for agricultural purposes . The bill would require the State Board of Equalization to collect the charges from retail water suppliers in accordance with the Fee Collection Procedures Law, and would authorize the State Board of Equalization and the Department of Water Resources to adopt and enforce regulations for the administration and enforcement of the charges and related requirements as emergency regulations. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.</p>	<p>Int. 12/6/2010 <b>Location:</b> 7/13/2011 - S . 2 YEAR <b>Status:</b> 7/13/2011 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(10). (Last location was APPR. on 5/4/2011)</p>	<p><b>STAFF REC:</b> <b>Watch</b> <b>ACWA/MWD:</b> ACWA: Oppose <b>Other</b> <b>Positions:</b> WATCH: WaterReuse, SCWC <b>OPOSE:</b> CMUA; Calif Taxpayers Assoc; Kern County Water Agency; Eastern MWD; Upper San Gabriel Valley MWD; Los Angeles Gateway Region; RCRC; Desert Water Agency; IRWD; ACWA; Lakewood; Calleguas MWD; Three</p>	<p>This bill is substantially similar to the Water Resources Investment Fund (WRIF), championed by former DWR Director Lester Snow back in 2006 during the Schwarzenegger administration. The concept behind the WRIF was that a proposed new fee on water users would in part pay for integrated regional water management programs around the state. The mandatory state-driven fee would be imposed by local water suppliers and collected from their customers for payment into a state fund. Money</p>

<p><b>SB 46</b> Correa D</p>	<p><b>Public officials: compensation disclosure.</b> Would, commencing on January 1, 2013, and continuing until January 1, 2019, require every designated employee and other person, except a candidate for public office, who is required to file a statement of economic interests to include, as a part of that filing, a compensation disclosure form that provides compensation information for the preceding calendar year, as specified. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.</p>	<p>Int. 12/9/2010 <b>Location:</b> 8/22/2011 - A. DESK <b>Status:</b> 8/22/2011 - In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.</p>	<p>Valleys MWD; Las Virgenes WD</p>	<p>generated by the fee estimated at that time to be about \$5 billion over ten years would have been evenly split between a statewide investment account and regional investment accounts. The regional accounts would help fund integrated regional water management programs that met specific requirements.</p>
			<p><b>STAFF REC:</b> <b>Watch</b> <b>ACWA/MWD:</b> ACWA: Not Favor Unless Amended <b>Other</b> <b>Positions:</b> <b>SUPPORT:</b> AFSCME, Calif Newspaper Publishers Assoc. <b>OPPOSE</b> <b>UNLESS</b> <b>AMENDED:</b> CSDA, CMUA, Assoc of Calif Healthcare Districts</p>	<p>Applies to anyone currently required to file a Form 700 (Statement of Economic Interest), with exception of candidates for public office. Information required to be included on a compensation disclosure form is already public information. ACWA and other public agency associations are concerned with the duplicative processes and conflicting information being sought. A single process is needed when it comes to</p>

<p><b>SB 50</b> <u>Correa D</u></p>	<p><b>Lobbyist employers: gifts.</b> Would prohibit a lobbyist, lobbying firm, or lobbyist employer from giving to an elected state officer or a member of that officer's immediate family, and would prohibit an elected state officer from accepting from a lobbyist, lobbying firm, or lobbyist employer, certain gifts, including tickets to specified venues and events, spa treatments, recreational trips, and gift cards. However, under the bill, these prohibitions would not apply to a fundraising event for a bona fide charitable organization. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.</p>	<p>Int. 12/15/2010 <b>Location:</b> 6/23/2011 - A. RLS. <b>Status:</b> 6/23/2011 - Re-referred to Com. on RLS.</p>	<p><b>STAFF REC:</b> <b>Watch</b> <b>ACWA/MWD:</b> <b>Other Positions:</b></p>	<p>mandatory disclosure and publication of compensation. This bill was gutted and amended into a lobbyist gift ban bill. It is virtually identical to SB 18 (Blakeslee) which is held in the Senate Appropriations suspense file. The measure prohibits a lobbyist or lobbying firm from giving the following gifts to a member of the state legislature or state legislator's immediate family member: theme park tickets, sporting event tickets, theater and concert tickets, racetrack tickets, spa treatments, and other services of a personal nature, golf, skiing, or fishing trips, and other recreational outings or vacations, and gift cards.</p>
<p><b>SB 115</b> <u>Strickland R</u></p>	<p><b>Public employees: pensions: forfeiture.</b> Would include tampering with a witness, money laundering, and the preparation of false documents among the specified felonies that would result in that forfeiture for any elected public officer who takes public office, or is reelected to public office, on or after January 1, 2012. This bill would also make clarifying changes to that provision. This bill</p>	<p>Int. 1/19/2011 <b>Location:</b> 5/10/2011 - S. 2 YEAR <b>Status:</b> 5/10/2011 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was P.E. &amp; R. on 4/13/2011)</p>	<p><b>STAFF REC:</b> <b>Watch</b> <b>ACWA/MWD:</b> <b>ACWA:</b> Watch <b>Other Positions:</b></p>	<p>The bill would potentially strip public agency officers or employees of their PERS benefits if found guilty of any</p>

<p><b>SB 186</b> <u>Kehoe D</u></p>	<p>contains other related provisions.</p>	<p><b>The Controller.</b> Would expand the above provisions to also include a special district, joint powers authority, or redevelopment agency. This bill would also, until January 1, 2017, authorize the Controller to exercise discretionary authority to perform an audit or investigation of any county, city, special district, joint powers authority, or redevelopment agency, if the Controller has reason to believe, supported by documentation, that the local agency is not complying with the financial requirements in state law, grant agreements, local charters, or local ordinances. This bill would require , until January 1, 2017, the Controller to prepare a report of the results of the audit or investigation and to file a copy with the local legislative body.</p>	<p>Int. 2/7/2011 <b>Location:</b> 7/8/2011 - A . 2 YEAR <b>Status:</b> 7/8/2011 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(10). (Last location was L. GOV. on 6/29/2011)</p>	<p>felony arising from their actions out of his/her official duties.</p>
<p><b>SB 236</b> <u>Anderson R</u></p>	<p><b>California Public Records Act.</b> The California Public Records Act requires state and local agencies to make public records available for inspection by the public, subject to specified criteria, and with specified exceptions. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to these provisions.</p>	<p>Int. 2/9/2011 <b>Location:</b> 5/13/2011 - S . 2 YEAR <b>Status:</b> 5/13/2011 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(3). (Last location was RLS. on 2/17/2011)</p>	<p><b>WRD BOARD: Support</b> <b>ACWA/MWD:</b> <b>Other</b> <b>Positions:</b> <b>SUPPORT:</b> State Controller John Chiang (source), AFSCME <b>OPPOSE:</b> League of California Cities <b>WATCH:</b> CSDA, CMUA</p>	<p>Expands the State Controller's authority to perform audits or investigations of counties, cities, special districts, powers agencies, and redevelopment agencies, if the State Controller has reason to believe, supported by documentation, that a local government is violating financial requirements in state law, grant agreements, local charters, or local ordinances. The audited agencies shall be responsible for the cost of the audit.</p>
<p><b>SB 263</b> <u>Pavley D</u></p>	<p><b>Wells: reports: public availability.</b> Current law requires a person who digs, bores, or drills a water well, cathodic protection well, or a monitoring well, or abandons or destroys a well, or deepens or re-perforates a</p>	<p>Int. 2/10/2011 <b>Location:</b> 8/29/2011 - A . THIRD READING <b>Status:</b> 8/29/2011 - Read third time</p>	<p><b>STAFF REC:</b> <b>Watch</b> <b>ACWA/MWD:</b> ACWA: Watch <b>Other</b> <b>Positions:</b></p>	<p>Spot bill.</p>
			<p><b>WRD BOARD: Support</b> <b>ACWA/MWD:</b></p>	<p>Would make well information available to the public. Staff recommends</p>

	<p>well, to file a report of completion with the Department of Water Resources. Current law prohibits those reports from being made available to the public, except under certain circumstances. This bill would instead require the department to make the reports available to the public. The bill would require the department to provide a specified disclaimer when providing the reports to the public.</p>	<p>and amended. Ordered to third reading. 8/30/2011 #84 ASSEMBLY SENATE THIRD READING FILE</p>	<p>ACWA: Watch <b>Other</b> <b>Positions:</b> SUPPORT: GRA, OCWD, Sonoma Water Agency, Nature Conservancy, League of Women Voters, Coastkeeper Alliance OPPOSE: Calif Groundwater Assoc, CalWater, Lakewood, Long Beach, CBWA</p>	<p>updating WRD board position to "Support and Amend." The proposed amendments would exempt wells that are a drinking water source and remove the prohibition on DPH for keeping confidential such well locations.</p>
<p><b>SB 449</b> <u>Pavley D</u></p>	<p><b>Controller: local agency financial review.</b> Current law requires certain local agencies to furnish reports to the Controller concerning financial transactions of the local agency, subject to uniform accounting and reporting procedures prescribed by the Controller. The Controller may provide for the investigation of certain local agency finances if a report is not made in the time, form, and manner required or there is reason to believe that a report is false, incomplete, or incorrect. This bill would additionally authorize the Controller, if the Controller determines that sufficient funds are made available, to conduct a preliminary review to determine the existence of a local agency financial problem, and perform an audit upon completion of that review, subject to specified criteria. This bill contains other related provisions.</p>	<p>Int. 2/16/2011 <b>Location:</b> 7/8/2011 - A . 2 YEAR <b>Status:</b> 7/8/2011 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(10). (Last location was L. GOV. on 6/29/2011)</p>	<p><b>WRD BOARD:</b> <b>Support</b> <b>ACWA/MWD:</b> ACWA: Watch <b>Other</b> <b>Positions:</b> SUPPORT: State Controller John Chiang (source); AFSCME; Calif Professional Firefighters; Laborers Local 777 and 792 OPPOSE: League of Calif Cities, State Association of County Auditors WATCH: CSDA</p>	<p>Controller already has the ability to investigate a local agency should certain things occur, such as the failure to file a required report on time. This bill would expand the Controller's ability and allows the Controller to conduct a preliminary review of a local agency's financial status, if sufficient funds are available, under certain situations occur. Upon completion of the initial review, the Controller would be able to decide whether to</p>

<p><b>SB 475</b> <u>Wright D</u></p>	<p><b>Infrastructure financing.</b> Current law authorizes a governmental agency, as defined, to solicit proposals and enter into agreements with private entities for the design, construction, or reconstruction by, and lease to, private entities, for specified types of fee-producing infrastructure projects. Current law permits these agreements to provide for infrastructure facilities owned by a governmental entity, but constructed by a private entity, to be leased to or owned by that private entity for a period of up to 35 years, after which time the project would revert to the governmental agency. This bill would authorize a local governmental agency to enter into an agreement with a private entity for financing for specified types of revenue-generating infrastructure projects. The bill would require an agreement entered into under these provisions to include adequate financial resources to perform the agreement, and would additionally permit the agreements to lease or license to, or provide other permitted uses by, the private entity.</p>	<p><b>Int. 2/17/2011</b> <b>Location:</b> 7/8/2011 - A . 2 YEAR <b>Status:</b> 7/8/2011 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(10). (Last location was L. GOV. on 6/29/2011)</p>	<p><b>WRD BOARD: Support</b> <b>ACWA/MWD:</b> ACWA: Watch <b>Other</b> <b>Positions:</b> SUPPORT: California Water Association (sponsor), American Council of Engineering Companies, Associated General Contractors, California Chapters Area Council, CASA, CalChamber, Calif State Council of Laborers, Calif Taxpayers Assoc, League of Calif Cities, Suburban Water Systems <b>OPPOSE:</b> AFSCME, AFL-CIO, Calif School Employees Assoc, Professional Engineers in California Government</p>	<p>commence a full audit. The author believes that existing law which allows these public-private partnerships is underutilized because of ambiguities and inconsistencies in the statute. SB 475 is intended to clean up the statute with mostly technical amendments. Specifically, this bill would authorize a local governmental agency to enter into an agreement with a private entity for financing for specified types of revenue-generating infrastructure projects. The bill would require an agreement entered into under these provisions to include adequate financial resources to perform the agreement, and would permit the agreements to lease or license to, or provide other permitted uses by, the private entity for a term of up to 35 years, after which</p>
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<p><b>SB 607</b> Walters R</p>	<p><b>State Water Resources Control Board: water quality: brackish groundwater treatment.</b> Would require the State Water Resources Control Board, on or before January 1, 2013, to either amend the California Ocean Plan, or adopt separate standards, to address water quality objectives and effluent limitations that are specifically appropriate for brackish groundwater treatment system facilities that produce municipal water supplies for local use.</p>	<p>Int. 2/17/2011 <b>Location:</b> 8/23/2011 - S. ENROLLED <b>Status:</b> 8/23/2011 - Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 3 p.m.</p>	<p><b>WATCH:</b> SCWC</p> <p><b>WRD BOARD: Support/Amend</b> <b>ACWA/MWD:</b> ACWA: Favor if Amended <b>Other Positions:</b> SUPPORT: South Orange County Wastewater Authority (sponsor), SCWC, IRWD</p>	<p>time the project would revert to the governmental agency.</p> <p>The authors intent is to provide a statewide, uniform standard relating to the discharge of wastewater resulting from the treatment of brackish groundwater. The author is supportive of efforts to develop local groundwater supplies in areas with high salinity, but sees the lack of clear standards as inhibiting the development of brackish groundwater treatment facilities.</p>
<p><b>SB 644</b> Hancock D</p>	<p><b>West Contra Costa Healthcare District: certificates of participation: lien.</b> The Local Health Care District Law authorizes health care districts in the state to provide for various forms of financing for the purpose of carrying out their duties under the law, including financing secured by public revenues. This bill would require that all obligations of the West Contra Costa Healthcare District in connection with specified certificates of participation be secured by a statutory lien on all of the revenues generated from certain dedicated parcel taxes, according to specified criteria. This bill contains other related provisions.</p>	<p>Int. 2/18/2011 <b>Location:</b> 8/29/2011 - A. L. GOV. <b>Status:</b> 8/29/2011 - Action rescinded whereby the bill was re-referred to Com. on RLS. pursuant to Assembly Rule 77.2. Re-referred to Com. on L. GOV. pursuant to Assembly Rule 77.2. From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on L. GOV. Joint Rule 62(a) file notice suspended.</p> <p>8/31/2011 Upon Call of the Chair - State Capitol, Room 447</p>	<p><b>STAFF REC:</b> <b>Watch</b> <b>ACWA/MWD:</b> ACWA: Favor <b>Other Positions:</b></p>	<p>Extends the Jan 1, 2012 sunset to allow volunteers to work on public projects. Similar to AB 587 (Gordon).</p>

<p><u>SB 701</u> Calderon D</p>	<p><b>Central Basin Municipal Water District: directors: report.</b> Would require the Central Basin Municipal Water District, on or before July 1, 2012, to submit a report to the Legislature on the status of the Central Groundwater Basin and seawater barrier operations, and would prescribe the information to be included in the report. The bill would require the municipal water district to provide an annual update of that report, and would require the Department of Water Resources and the Water Replenishment District of Southern California to cooperate with the municipal water district in providing information necessary for the completion of the report. The bill would repeal this reporting requirement on July 1, 2016, in accordance with a specified provision of law. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.</p>	<p>ASSEMBLY LOCAL GOVERNMENT, SMYTH, Chair  Int. 2/18/2011 <b>Location:</b> 5/10/2011 - S. 2 YEAR <b>Status:</b> 5/10/2011 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was N.R. &amp; W. on 4/7/2011)</p>	<p><b>WRD BOARD: Oppose</b> <b>ACWA/MWD:</b> ACWA: Not Favor <b>Other</b> <b>Positions:</b> SUPPORT: CBMWD (sponsor) OPPOSE: WBWA, WBMWD, LBWD, CBWA, LAEDC, SCWC WATCH: CSDA</p>	<p>2-year. This bill declares that Central Basin MWD has primary oversight responsibility with respect to protecting the public's interest in the Central Groundwater Basin." It also instructs that the report contain a review of WRD and DWR actions in the Central Basin. The measure in essence creates a new authority for CBMWD and adds oversight powers over WRD to its powers.</p>
<p><u>SB 759</u> Lieu D</p>	<p><b>Common interest developments: artificial turf.</b> Would provide that a provision of any of the governing documents of a common interest development shall be void and unenforceable if it prohibits, or includes conditions that have the effect of prohibiting, the use of artificial turf or any other synthetic surface that resembles grass. This prohibition would not prohibit an association from applying landscape rules and regulations established in governing documents that establish design standards and quality standards for the installation of artificial turf, or any other synthetic surface that resembles grass, to the extent the rules and regulations do not prohibit the use of artificial turf or any other synthetic surface that resembles grass. This bill contains other current laws.</p>	<p>Int. 2/18/2011 <b>Location:</b> 7/15/2011 - S. VETOED <b>Status:</b> 7/15/2011 - Vetoed by the Governor  8/30/2011 #84 SENATE GOVERNOR'S VETOES</p>	<p><b>WRD BOARD: Support</b> <b>ACWA/MWD:</b> ACWA: Favor <b>Other</b> <b>Positions:</b> SUPPORT: San Diego County Water Authority (sponsor)</p>	<p>SB 759 is identical to AB 1793 (Saldana) from 2010 which the WRD board voted to support, but was vetoed by the Governor. The bill is in response to San Diego County residents who have been receiving some resistance from their HOAs when applying to install artificial turf. In 2009, WRD also supported AB 1061 (Lieu), which clarified that a common</p>

<p><u>SB 834</u> <u>Wolk D</u></p>	<p><b>Integrated regional water management plans: contents.</b> Would require an integrated regional water management plan to identify the manner in which the plan furthers a specified state policy concerning reducing reliance on the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta for water supply and improving regional self-reliance for water, if the region depends on water from the Delta watershed. The bill would require integrated regional water management plans to incorporate that requirement when they are developed, updated, or amended in accordance with guidelines established by the Department of Water Resources. For an application for funding for a plan that is made prior to an update or amendment of the plan, the bill would require an applicant to specify how the current plan advances the specified state policy concerning reducing reliance on the Delta for water supply and improving regional self-reliance for water.</p>	<p>Int. 2/18/2011 <b>Location:</b> 8/25/2011 - A . THIRD READING <b>Status:</b> 8/25/2011 - Read third time and amended. Ordered to third reading. 8/30/2011 #54 ASSEMBLY SENATE THIRD READING FILE</p>	<p><b>STAFF REC:</b> Watch <b>ACWA/MWD:</b> ACWA: Watch <b>Other</b> <b>Positions:</b> WATCH: SCWC</p>	<p>interest development association may apply rules that conform to legal requirements related to water-efficient landscapes. This bill would add the use of artificial turf to those provisions.  Adds demonstration of decreased reliance to delta as a criteria to the IRWM plan.</p>
<p><u>SCA 7</u> <u>Yee D</u></p>	<p><b>Public bodies: meetings.</b> The California Constitution requires meetings of public bodies to be open to public scrutiny. This measure would also include in the California Constitution the requirement that each public body provide public notice of its meetings and disclose any action taken.</p>	<p>Int. 1/10/2011 <b>Location:</b> 8/17/2011 - A . APPR. SUSPENSE FILE <b>Status:</b> 8/25/2011 - Set, second hearing. Held in committee and under submission.</p>	<p><b>STAFF REC:</b> Watch <b>ACWA/MWD:</b> ACWA: Watch <b>Other</b> <b>Positions:</b></p>	<p>Makes the Brown Act of meeting notification and public disclosure of action taken a constitutional right. Requires voter approval prior to enactment</p>

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**MINUTES OF AUGUST 15, 2011  
SPECIAL EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
WATER REPLENISHMENT DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

A special meeting of the External Affairs Committee of the Board of Directors of the Water Replenishment District of Southern California was held on August 15, 2011 at 11:55 a.m. at the District Office, 4040 Paramount Boulevard, Lakewood, California. Director Willard H. Murray, Jr. called the meeting to order. Administrative Specialist Sheryll Moffat recorded the minutes.

**1. DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**

Committee: Willard H. Murray, Jr. and Sergio Calderon  
Staff: Elsa Lopez, Adeline Yoong, Thomas Martin  
Guests: Rick Taylor of Pacific Atlantic Partners; Claudia Romero and Melissa Mares of Flamingo Music.

The agenda items were taken out of order.

**3. LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

Bob Reeb of Millennium Advocates provided an update on state legislative activities via videoconference. Mr. Reeb reported that the California Redistricting Commission adopted new district maps for state and federal legislative and board of equalization seats but whether they will be implemented or cancelled by legal or political challenges remains to be seen. He stated that Governor Brown vetoed SB 759 which would require homeowners associations to be forced to approve the installation of artificial turf as the Governor believes it should be left to the individual associations and not mandated by State law.

Tammy Lindenberg of Pacific Atlantic Partners (PAP) and Jacob Johnson and David Bernhardt of Brownstein Hyatt Farber and Schreck provided an update on federal legislative activities also via videoconference. They said that both the House and Senate are in recess until after Labor Day so no legislative action will take place until they return in early September. They also informed the Committee that Congress approved a bill to raise the debt ceiling and cut domestic spending before the August recess started.

Government Affairs Program Manager Adeline Yoong distributed the demographics for all of the cities in the District's service area. The demographics are from the California Redistricting Commission. Ms. Yoong also distributed a matrix that listing the newly drawn state and federal districts that would be in WRD's service area.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

President Calderon introduced Claudia Romero and Melissa Mares of Flamingo Music. He stated that the Committee has discussed the subject of English and Spanish public service announcements (PSA) on radio stations. Director Calderon said that Ms. Mares had expressed an interest in serving as the District's Spanish speaking spokesperson for the PSA.

**4. MINUTES OF MEETING OF JUNE 20, 2011**

The minutes were approved as submitted.

**5. AB 187 (LARA) – STATE AUDITOR: AUDITS: HIGH-RISK LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY AUDIT PROGRAM**

Government Affairs Program Manager Ms. Adeline Yoong explained that AB 187 would expand the state auditor's high risk audit program to local government including special districts. Ms. Yoong said that the WRD Board currently has a "watch" position on AB 187 and the item is being brought back to the Committee at the request of several directors. Rick Taylor of PAP recommended a "support" position.

After discussion, the Committee recommended a "support" position on AB 187.

**6. SB 186 (KEHOE) – THE CONTROLLER**

Ms. Yoong explained that SB 186, along with the following bill, SB 449, would expand the Controller's authority to audit counties, cities, special districts, powers agencies, and redevelopment agencies. She said that WRD currently has a "watch" position on the bill and the item was brought back to the Committee at the request of several directors. Mr. Taylor added that he recommends a "support" position.

After discussion, the Committee recommended a "support" position on SB 186.

**7. SB 449 (PAVLEY) – CONTROLLER: LOCAL AGENCY FINANCIAL REVIEW**

Ms. Yoong said that this bill would expand the Controller's authority and allow the Controller to conduct a preliminary review of a local agency's financial status under certain situations. Ms. Yoong said that WRD currently has a "watch" position and it is being brought back to the Committee at the request of several directors. Mr. Taylor said that he would recommend a "support" position.

After discussion, the Committee recommended a "support" position on the SB 449.

**8. H.R. 2664 (NAPOLITANO) – REAUTHORIZATION OF WATER DESALINATION ACT OF 2011**

Ms. Yoong said that H.R. 2664 was introduced on July 27, 2011 and would provide funding for research, development, and demonstration activities to develop technologies and methods that promote brackish groundwater desalination as a cost effective method to increase water supply. Ms. Yoong noted that the Goldsworthy Desalter could be eligible to receive such funds.

After discussion, the Committee concurred with the staff recommendation to adopt a “support” position on the bill.

**9. S.1343 (BINGAMAN) – ENERGY AND WATER INTEGRATION ACT OF 2011**

Ms. Yoong said that this bill’s primary purpose is to ensure that studies are commissioned to identify ways in which water and energy usage are related and that opportunities exist in energy and water conservation. The bill includes a provision to fund research, development, and demonstration activities to develop technologies and methods that promote brackish groundwater desalination as a cost effective method to increase water supply. The Goldsworthy Desalter could be eligible to receive such funds under this provision.

After discussion the Committee concurred with the staff recommendation to adopt a “support” position on the bill.

**10. MULTIMEDIA CONTRACT – TREEFOX**

Manager of External Affairs Elsa Lopez said that staff has researched services that will enhance the District’s outreach efforts and expand into the new social media and multimedia arenas. Ms. Lopez said that staff looked into four agencies and found that Treefox was the most cost effective, had the best turnaround time, and had the most experience in the water arena.

Discussion followed and the Committee deferred the item to the next Committee meeting.

**11. DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Manager of External Affairs Elsa Lopez provided an update of the department’s activities. Ms. Lopez presented the latest draft of the *Source* newsletter and said that staff would like to mail this edition by the end of the month. The Committee reviewed the draft *Source* and approved mailing it this month.

Discussion followed on a letter that was suggested to be mailed out with the grants and sponsorship requests and the Committee recommended that it was not necessary to do that.

Ms. Lopez said that legislative staffs have been invited for a tour and WRD briefing on August 18. She also announced that a new forum has been developed. RIPPLE (Regional Informational Panel for Public and Legislative Efforts) will be a quarterly forum that will bring together legislative staffers, water agency public information officers, and city public information officers to allow them a venue to exchange and share information on what they are doing. She noted that there will be presentations on topics of interest for the group such as social media.

Ms. Lopez said that she and Public Affairs Representative Tracey Burke will be attending the Urban Water Institute in San Diego and be hosting a booth. She added that on August 29, a Capitol Report Today event with Congresswoman Linda Sanchez will be held at the WRD office.

Ms. Lopez stated that other upcoming events include: the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual WaterReuse Symposium on September 11-14; the National Protect Your Groundwater Day with Representative Napolitano in Downey or Norwalk on September 13; the ECO PRO 20x2020 at the Groundwater Foundation National Conference on October 3-6 in Nebraska; Water Smart Annual Conference on October 4-7 in Las Vegas; and the ECO Gardener program at the 2011 Landscape EXPO in Long Beach on October 12-13.

**12. DIRECTORS REPORTS, INQUIRIES, AND FOLLOW UP OF DIRECTIONS TO STAFF**

President Calderon thanked staff for their hard work. He asked that the public service announcement candidate item be on the Board agenda for September 16, 2011 for the Board's consideration. He added that there will be no fee for this service.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:12 p.m.

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Chair

ATTEST:

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Director



**MEMORANDUM**

**ITEM NO. 5**

*Prepared by: Abbie Andom  
Reviewed by: Adeline Yoong  
Approved by: Robb Whitaker*

**DATE: SEPTEMBER 9, 2011**  
**TO: EXTERAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**FROM: ROBB WHITAKER, GENERAL MANAGER**  
**SUBJECT: ACWA REGION 8 BALLOT**

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**SUMMARY**

On June 17, 2011, the WRD Board nominated Director Rob Katherman for the ACWA Region 8 Board Member position. On August 1, the Nominating Committee issued the recommended slate of candidates as well as individual candidates running for the Region 8 Board and Director Katherman has been recommended for inclusion in the ballot.

ACWA Region 8 members are now being asked to cast its vote for either the slate recommended by the Nominating Committee or cast its vote for individual candidates for the Chair, Vice Chair, and three to five Board members positions.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

None.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

For discussion and action.

*E-mailed August 1, 2011*

**Subject: Ballot: Region 8 Election For the 2012-2013 Term**

TO: ACWA REGION 8 MEMBER AGENCY BOARD PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER

It is time to elect the 2012-2013 ACWA Region 8 officers and board members who will represent and serve the members of Region 8. Attached, you will find the official ballot which includes the Region 8 Nominating Committee's recommended slate as well as individual candidates running for the Region 8 Board.

**Your agency is entitled to cast only one vote.** Please review the attached ballot and have your agency's authorized representative cast its vote for the slate as recommended by the Region 8 Nominating Committee or cast its vote for individuals for a Region 8 chair, vice chair and three to five board members.

**Return the ballot to ACWA by SEPTEMBER 30, 2011\***

Attention: Katie Dahl, ACWA Region Coordinator

Please e-mail to [katied@acwa.com](mailto:katied@acwa.com) or fax to 916-561-7124 or mail to:

Association of California Water Agencies

910 K Street, Suite 100

Sacramento, CA 95814

**\*Ballots received after September 30 will not be accepted.**

**REMEMBER, YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT.** Region 8 board members are elected to represent the issues, concerns and needs of your region. The Region 8 chair and vice chair will serve on ACWA's board of directors for the next two year-term of office beginning January 1, 2012. Additionally, the newly elected chair and vice chair will make the Region 8 committee appointment recommendations to the ACWA president for the 2012-2013 term. Also, either the chair or vice chair will hold a seat on the ACWA Finance Committee.

If you have questions, please contact your Regional Affairs Representative, Tiffany Giammona, at [tiffanyg@acwa.com](mailto:tiffanyg@acwa.com) or call 916-441-4545. Thank you for your careful consideration and participation in the Region 8 election process.

# Region 8 Board Ballot

2012-2013 TERM



Association  
of California  
Water Agencies

Leadership Since 1910  
Advocacy  
Information

Please return completed ballot  
by September 30, 2011

E-mail: [katied@acwa.com](mailto:katied@acwa.com)  
Fax: 916-561-7124  
Mail: ACWA  
910 K Street, Suite 100  
Sacramento, CA 95814

## General Voting Instructions:

1. Please complete your agency information. The authorized representative is determined by your agency in accordance with your agency's policies and procedures.
2. You may either vote for the slate recommended by the Region 8 Nominating Committee or vote for individual region board members. Please mark the appropriate box to indicate your decision.

## Region 8 Nominating Committee's Recommended Slate

- I concur with the Region 8 Nominating Committee's recommended slate below.

### Chair:

Gail L. Pringle, Calleguas Municipal Water District

### Vice Chair:

Stephen L. Cole, Newhall County Water District

### Board Members:

Robert W. Bowcock, Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster

Tom Coleman, Orchard Dale Water District

Linda J. Godin, Palmdale Water District

Robert Katherman, Water Replenishment District

Barry S. Steinhardt, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District

## Region 8 Individual Board Candidate Nominations

- I do not concur with the Region 8 Nominating Committee's recommended slate. I will vote for individual candidates below as indicated.

### Candidates for Chair: (Choose one)

Linda J. Godin, Palmdale water District

Gail L. Pringle, Calleguas Municipal Water District

### Candidates for Vice Chair: (Choose one)

Stephen L. Cole, Newhall Water District

Linda J. Godin, Palmdale water District

### Candidates for Board Members: (Max of 5 choices)

Robert W. Bowcock, Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster

Stephen L. Cole, Newhall Water District

Tom Coleman, Orchard Dale Water District

Linda J. Godin, Palmdale water District

Robert Katherman, Water Replenishment District

Robert Lewis, Rowland Water District

Barry S. Steinhardt, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District

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AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

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**SUBMIT FORM**



**MEMORANDUM**

**ITEM NO. 6**

*Prepared by: Elsa Lopez  
Reviewed by: Robb Whitaker  
Approved by: Robb Whitaker*

**DATE: SEPTEMBER 9, 2011**  
**TO: EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**FROM: ROBB WHITAKER, GENERAL MANAGER**  
**SUBJECT: MULTIMEDIA CONTRACT –TREEFOX**

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**SUMMARY**

In WRD’s ongoing effort to develop effective educational outreach materials, staff has researched services that will enhance the existing materials and expand into the new social media and multimedia arenas.

Staff researched four firms for cost, and capabilities of those firms:

- TreeFox:** \$175/Finished second, for a 35 second animation = \$6,125.00
- 321 Animation:** \$250/finished second, for a 35 second animation = \$8,750.00
- The Mill,** \$3,000/day Total Project Time = 80 hours, cost = \$30,000.00
- Suite 42:** \$700/day Total Project Time = 80 hours, cost = \$7,000.00

Of the four agencies researched TreeFox was the most cost effective and has the most experience in the water arena. TreeFox also has a shorter turnaround time.

Staff recommends TreeFox be contracted to work with WRD staff to accomplish goals set to increase its multimedia and social media program and will include the following:

1. Interactive media design for web
2. Kiosks in Flash
3. Animation
4. HTML 5 and ActionScript 2.0 and 3.0
5. Video and Sound production and editing
6. Post production work on Adobe AfterEffects and SoundBooth
7. Adaptation of Media and Video images to high-resolution graphics, posters, brochures and printed materials.

Staff will provide a detailed scope and cost breakdown.

Programs:

1. Four short individual animations
  - a. Groundwater Contamination
  - b. Salt intrusion
  - c. Water Conservation

- d.WRD Overview
- 2.Wet Trek animation series (Four 5 minute animations in the series)
- 3.Collateral for "Squirt" for school programs
  - a.Educational Activity books
  - b.Stickers
  - c.Posters
- 4. Applications for Groundwater Education for online and kiosk
- 5.Web site banners
- 6.Video and audio processing
- 7.Editing as needed

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Budgeted in the 2011-2012 External Affairs Fiscal Year Budget

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Contract with Treefox for a Professional Services Agreement in the amount not to exceed \$30,000, subject to approval of form by District Counsel.



## MEMORANDUM

ITEM NO. 7

*Prepared by:* Thomas Martin

*Reviewed by:* Elsa Lopez

*Approved by:* Robb Whitaker

**DATE: SEPTEMBER 9, 2011**

**TO: EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**FROM: ROBB WHITAKER, GENERAL MANAGER**

**SUBJECT: PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS BY MELISSA MARES**

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### SUMMARY

Spanish language musical recording artist Melissa Mares has been approached to do a series of public service announcements (PSAs) for the Water Replenishment District. The announcements will be in Spanish and will be done for both television and radio and will raise awareness of the District's mission of water independence. WRD qualifies for free airtime as a government agency and staff is researching opportunities with several stations.

Ms. Mares is growing in popularity in the Mexican "Banda" music genre. She has toured both in the United States and internationally. WRD contacted Ms. Mares to see if she would be willing to narrate PSAs to help with the District's water education program. Ms. Mares has stated that she would be willing to donate her time to WRD for this effort.

Ms. Mares was present at the last WRD External Affairs Committee meeting. She talked about her experience as a singer and that she looked forward to representing WRD in its public service announcements. She is planning to do a concert tour in the Fall of 2011 and is flexible on working with WRD. With her growing popularity and with a young Latino population in Southern California, she can be able to assist WRD on getting its water independence and water education message out to the Spanish speaking community.

### FISCAL IMPACT

None.

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

For information.