
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEE
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WATER REPLENISHMENT DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
12621 E. 166th Street (Corner, Bloomfield & 166th), Cerritos, California
10:00 A.M., THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2003**

AGENDA

EACH ITEM ON THE AGENDA, NO MATTER HOW DESCRIBED, SHALL BE DEEMED TO INCLUDE ANY APPROPRIATE MOTION, WHETHER TO ADOPT A MINUTE MOTION, RESOLUTION, PAYMENT OF ANY BILL, APPROVAL OF ANY MATTER OR ACTION, OR ANY OTHER ACTION. ITEMS LISTED AS "FOR INFORMATION" MAY ALSO BE THE SUBJECT OF AN "ACTION" TAKEN BY THE BOARD OR A COMMITTEE AT THE SAME MEETING.

- I. DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**
- II. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- III. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETINGS OF MARCH 27, 2003
AND APRIL 24, 2003**
RECOMMENDATION: That the Committee approve the minutes as submitted.
- IV. LEGISLATIVE REPORT – SB 21 (MACHADO)**
RECOMMENDATION: That the Inter-Agency Committee recommend that the WRD Board adopt a position of SUPPORT on SB 21(Machado).
- V. DEPARTMENT REPORT**
RECOMMENDATION: For information.
- VI. ADJOURNMENT**

**MINUTES OF MARCH 27, 2003
A REGULAR MEETING OF THE INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEE
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WATER REPLENISHMENT DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

A regular meeting of the Inter-Agency Committee of the Board of Directors of the Water Replenishment District of Southern California was held on March 27, 2003, at 10:00 a. m. at the District Office, 12621 E. 166th Street, Cerritos, California. Chairperson Pat Acosta called the meeting to order and presided thereover. Acting Deputy Secretary Abigail C. Andom recorded the minutes.

I. DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Attendees included:

Committee: Directors Pat Acosta and Willard Murray, Jr.
Staff: Bruce Mowry, Adeline Yoong, and Albert Frias
Guest: Harvey dela Torre and Central Basin Municipal Water District Director Gary Morse

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

III. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 20, 2003

The minutes were approved as submitted.

IV. RFP FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONSULTANT

General Manager Bruce Mowry stated that staff would like to request authorization to advertise a Request for Proposal to procure a consultant for professional services. The consultant will develop an outreach program to gather support regarding the increase use of recycled water, especially for the Dominguez Gap Spreading Grounds, Vander Lans Water Treatment Facility, and the Montebello Forebay.

Director Murray stated that Central and West Basin Municipal Water Districts (C&WBMWD) had conducted focus groups on recycled water before and asked that staff integrate their comments.

Director Acosta stated that staff should also take into consideration demographics, cultural differences, and language barriers in the RFP.

The Committee concurred with staff's recommendation and authorized the General Manager to advertise a RFP for the procurement of a consultant to assist in the three projects.

The agenda items were taken out of order.

VII. DEPARTMENT REPORT

A report on the Department's activities was provided. Some highlights included press releases about District activities, the Groundwater Tour for Madrona Middle School students hosted by Director Goldsworthy, the Educational Partnership Program, and the WRD Speakers Bureau.

Public Affairs Representative Albert Frias added that the Educational Partnership Program has been expanded to include more schools. A March 22 tour was held for educators and staff and was quite successful.

Director Murray suggested that Mr. Frias go on the C&WBMWD Tour to see what their educational program is like.

Director Acosta stated that the District should emphasize a conservation program and encouraged that it start at elementary school aged children. She asked that staff work with C&WBMWD and also with MWD regarding their programs.

Ms. Yoong also added that staff had submitted federal funding request to Senator Feinstein for the Vander Lans Water Treatment Facility, abandoned well project, and chromium 6 demonstration facility.

V. LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERVISOR MEETINGS

Ms. Yoong stated that staff will be finalizing dates for the Director's meetings with their individual Los Angeles County Supervisors. Director Murray suggested that Directors attend as many meetings with the other Supervisors as they can. Director Acosta added that it may be a good idea to make a presentation to the County Board at its regular meeting in addition to individual one-on-one meetings.

VI. LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Ms. Yoong provided an update on state and federal issues. She asked that the Board take a position on AB 83(Corbett), SB 50 (Sher), and SB 906 (Escutia).

The Committee made the following recommendations:

AB 83 – support

SB 50 – support

SB 906 – split vote; Director Acosta – support, Director Murray - no

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned.

Chair

ATTEST:

Director

**MINUTES OF APRIL 24, 2003
A REGULAR MEETING OF THE INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEE
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WATER REPLENISHMENT DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

A regular meeting of the Inter-Agency Committee of the Board of Directors of the Water Replenishment District of Southern California was held on April 24, 2003, at 9:00 a. m. at the District Office, 12621 E. 166th Street, Cerritos, California. Chairperson Pat Acosta called the meeting to order and presided thereover. Acting Deputy Secretary Abigail C. Andom recorded the minutes.

I. DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Attendees included:

Committee:	Directors Pat Acosta and Robert Goldsworthy (Alternate)
Staff:	Bruce Mowry, Adeline Yoong, and Albert Frias
Guest:	Suja Lowenthal of West Basin Municipal Water District

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

III. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 27, 2003

Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of March 27, 2003 was deferred due to Director Murray's absence.

IV. LEGISLATIVE REPORT – AB 93 (CANCIAMILLA)

Assistant to the General Manager, Government Affairs Adeline Yoong provided an update on state and federal activities. She stated that federal funding to develop a comprehensive list and properly destroy all improperly abandoned wells within the WRD service area have been submitted to Senator Feinstein, Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard, and Congresswoman Grace Napolitano. The wells, if not properly sealed, may act as conduits for possible terrorist attacks or contamination of local groundwater supplies. Ms. Yoong stated that if the appropriations bills proceed on a normal schedule, the Appropriations Subcommittees would mark-up their bills by Memorial Day, the full Committee mark-up the bills and send them to the House and Senate floor by mid to late July, and the conference of the 2 versions take place before September 31. If the schedule is met, federal funds would be released for the start of the federal fiscal year in October 2003.

On the state side, Ms. Yoong gave an update on bills that the District is following. She stated that AB 93, the State, Clean, and Reliable Water Supply Water Bond Act of 2004 by Assemblymember Canciamilla will authorize the issuance of \$7.886 billion in bonds to finance water quality, security, and supply

infrastructure improvement programs. Ms. Yoong stated that the bill passed out of the Parks and Wildlife Committee on April 22. She noted that the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) took a position of support if amended.

Discussion followed. The Committee recommended a support position pending review of ACWA's position on the bill.

V. DEPARTMENT REPORT

Public Affairs Representative Albert Frias provided an update on public affairs activities. He stated that the District hosted three engineers from India, through the United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR), on a tour of the spreading grounds. He added that the District's bottled water contest is now over and a panel composed of Director Acosta, General Manager Bruce Mowry, Ms. Yoong, educator Susan Garcia from the District's Educational Partnership Program, and himself will review the entries and make a recommendation.

Mr. Frias stated that requests for proposal for a public relations firm to help with the community outreach activities of three WRD projects have been advertised with a deadline submission date of May 5. Director Ryan's groundwater tour was held April 17 and the June tour will have Director Goldsworthy as host.

Discussion followed on the possibility of including a tour of the County Sanitation District plant with the Leo J. Vander Lans Water Treatment Facility tour. Discussion was also held about a joint effort with the Los Angeles County Public Works on educational programs.

On the government affairs side, Ms. Yoong provided an update of AB 906 (Escutia). She stated that the amended bill passed the Senate Agriculture and Water Committee on a vote of 11 to 1 and will be heard by the Senate Local Government Committee on May 7.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned.

Chair

ATTEST:

Director

AGENDA ITEM NO. IV

DATE: MAY 22, 2003
TO: INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEE
FROM: BRUCE A. MOWRY, GENERAL MANAGER
SUBJECT: LEGISLATIVE REPORT – SB 21 (MACHADO)

Staff will provide the Committee with an update of legislative activities.

Staff will also provide an analysis of SB 21 introduced by Senate Agriculture & Water Chairman Machado. The Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 is the enabling legislation for the \$3.44 billion Proposition 50 bond funds. Staff is seeking Committee action on the bill.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$3.44 billion bond funds

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: That the Inter-Agency Committee recommend that the Board adopt a position of SUPPORT on SB 21 (Machado).

WATER REPLENISHMENT DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE
May 2003 (*new information is italicized*)

Bill No./ Author	Title/Content	Status	Position
AB 58 Bates	<p>State Water Pollution Cleanup and Abatement Account. Appropriates 75% of funds collected by a regional board to that board to carry out the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act and 25% of those funds to the state board to carry out the act.</p> <p>Comments: The Porter-Cologne Act currently deposits funds collected to the State Water Pollution Cleanup and Abatement Account in the State Water Quality Control Fund. Monies in the account are then continuously appropriated to the state board for specified cleanup programs. Requires 2/3 votes.</p>	<p>Int. 12/05/02 Location: Assembly Environmental Safety & Toxic Materials (01/13/02) Status: Amended by author (03/25/03); Hearing postponed to 04/29/03</p>	<p>Staff Rec: Watch ACWA: Support if Amended</p>
AB 66 Leslie	<p>Riparian Habitat: Adopt-A-Riverway Program. Authorizes the Department of Food and Agriculture to operate a government-volunteer partnership Adopt-A-Riverway Program. Program includes management of noxious and invasive weeds where present; planting of native seedling trees, shrubs, native grasses, and wildflowers; and improving enhancing riparian, aquatic, or fish habitats. Establishes an Adopt-A-Riverway Fund. Establishes guidelines for donor recognition signs.</p>	<p>Int. 12/09/02 Location: <i>Assembly Appropriations</i> Status: Amended by author (02/05/03, 03/26/03, 04/22/03); Passed out of Water, Parks & Wildlife (04/08/03); <i>Passed out of Assembly Environmental Safety & Toxic Materials as amended (04/29/03)</i></p>	<p>Staff Rec: Watch ACWA: Favor</p>
AB 83 Corbett	<p>Bottled water. Transfers regulations and licensure of bottled water from the Sherman Food, Drug and Cosmetic Law to the California Safe Drinking Water Law. Requires bottled water licensees to comply with provisions similar to those imposed on public water systems regarding emergency notification plans, consumer confidence reports, and annual inspections. Also requires the labeling on bottled water sold at retail or wholesale in a plastic beverage container to include specified information. Creates the Safe Bottled and Vended Water Account.</p> <p>Comments: Supported by NRDC, East Bay MUD, and Clean Water Action. Would require bottled water companies, like Coca Cola and Pepsi who market their own branded water, to comply with more stringent requirements listed in Consumer Confidence Reports.</p>	<p>Int. 01/06/103 Location: Assembly Appropriations suspense Status: Amended by author (03/13/03, 04/28/03); Passed out of Assembly Environmental Safety & Toxic Materials as amended (04/08/03)</p>	<p>Staff Rec: Support ACWA: Favor WRD Board: Support (04/02/03)</p>
AB 93 Canciamilla	<p>Safe, Clean, and Reliable Water Supply Water Bond Act of 2004. Authorizes the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$7.886 billion to finance water quality, security, and supply infrastructure improvement programs.</p> <p>Comments: This will be the 2004 or 2006 water bond.</p>	<p>Int. 01/08/03 Location: Assembly Environmental Safety & Toxic Materials Status: Amended by author (04/07/03, 0512/03); passed Water, Parks & Wildlife (04/08/03)</p>	<p>Staff Rec: Watch ACWA: Support if Amended</p>
AB 107	<p>Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002.</p>	<p>Int. 01/10/03</p>	<p>Staff Rec: Watch</p>

Corbett	Appropriates funds from Prop 50 for certain water security projects, including the Bay Area Regional Desalination Project, the construction of a water supply reliability project of the East Bay MUD and water agencies in certain counties for source water quality improvement projects.	Location: Assembly Appropriations Status: Amended by author (03/17/03); <i>Passed out of Assembly Water, Parks & Wildlife (04/22/03)</i>	ACWA: Oppose unless amended
AB 148 Dymally	Water replenishment districts. Authorizes a water replenishment district to construct necessary works to achieve groundwater replenishment.	Int. 01/21/03 Location: Assembly Rules (04/24/03)	Staff Rec: Watch ACWA: Watch
AB 314 Kehoe	Desalination. Declares that it is the policy of the state that desalination projects developed for public water entities be considered for assistance and funding on an equal basis with other water efficiency, supply, and reliability projects, and that desalination projects be consistent with all applicable environmental protection policies in the state. <i>Includes desalination of seawater, brackish water, and reclaimed water.</i>	Int. 02/07/03 Location: Assembly Floor Status: <i>Passed out of Assembly Water, Parks & Wildlife (04/22/03)</i>	Staff Rec: Watch ACWA: Watch
AB 386 Aghazarian	Drinking water: local primacy agencies. Requires DHS to meet and confer with representative of the California Conference of Directors of Environmental Health or the local primacy agencies, or both, to identify and provide adequate funds to local primacy agencies, prior to passing on any new mandates or expanding existing mandates.	Int. 02/14/03 Location: Assembly Environmental Safety & Toxic Materials (02/27/03) Status: <i>Hearing postponed</i>	Staff Rec: Watch ACWA: Watch
AB 536 Calderon	Water replenishment districts. Requires a water replenishment district to conduct a written cost-benefit analysis to determine the feasibility of a project before building, leasing, purchasing, or contracting for a capital improvement project. Comments: Spot bill	Int. 02/12/03 Location: Assembly Water, Parks & Wildlife (03/10/03) Status: <i>Hearing cancelled at author's request (04/29/03)</i>	Staff Rec: Watch ACWA: Watch
AB 562 Spitzer	2002 Recycled Water Task Force. Declares the Legislature's intent to implement the recommendations of the 2002 Recycled Water Task Force.	Int. 02/18/03 Location:	Staff Rec: Watch ACWA: Watch
AB 740 Pavley	Clean Air, Clean Water, and Coast Protection Act of 2004. Authorizes the issuance of \$2.9 billion in state bonds for air and water quality and coastal protection program.	Int. 02/19/03 Location: Assembly Appropriations Status: Passed out of Assembly Natural Resources (04/09/03); Amended by author (04/10/03); <i>Passed out of Assembly Environmental Safety & Toxic Materials (04/22/03)</i>	Staff Rec: Watch ACWA: Watch
AB 817 Pacheco	Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002: Water management. Appropriates \$15 million from Prop. 50 to the State Water Resources Control Board to finance the creation, coordination, and implementation of a statewide educational and outreach program related to water quality. Comments: The State Board has already determined that \$40 million should be available	Int. 02/20/03 Location: Assembly Environmental Safety & Toxic Materials Status: <i>Amended by</i>	Staff Rec: Watch ACWA: Oppose

	for the small community systems program under the Clean Water Act; an additional \$40 million would be available for nonpoint discharge water quality programs. This money has been included in the Governor's 2003-04 Budget. The remaining \$20 million would be available for a future fiscal year. ACWA opposes the bill because it is inconsistent with the State Board priorities, is outside of the Machado SB 21 stakeholder process, and would utilize Prop. 50 bond proceeds for an educational program that might not provide benefits for the entire 20-year period for retiring the debt incurred by the issuance of the bonds.	<i>author (04/21/03); Hearing cancelled at author's request (04/29/03)</i>	
AB 826 Jackson	The Perchlorate Contamination Prevention Act. Requires the Department of Toxic Substances Control to establish an integrated perchlorate survey program. Mandates the Department to prepare an inventory of perchlorate facilities or suspected perchlorate release sites and report to the Legislature. Requires existing groundwater monitoring wells to be used for early warning or sentinel wells to warn of impending threat to drinking water resources. Instructs the Department to develop protocols and procedures for conducting groundwater monitoring or perchlorate sentinel wells.	Int. 02/20/03 Location: Assembly Appropriations Status: Amended by author (04/10/03, 05/07/03); Passed out of Assembly Environmental Safety & Toxic Materials (04/29/03)	Staff Rec: Watch ACWA: Watch
AB 859 Nakano	Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002: water quality. Appropriates \$30 million from Prop. 50 to the State Coastal Conservancy to finance the establishment and operation of a regionally based collaborative network of ocean observing system to monitor the California coast for water management. Oceans. Requires the California Ocean Trust to develop an implementation plan that guides the development, funding, and operation of a network of regional, science-based ocean observing system for use throughout the state. Requires the Trust to report to the Governor and the State Legislature on the plan by July 1, 2004.	Int. 02/20/03 Location: Assembly Appropriations Status: Passed out of Assembly Natural Resources (04/28/03); Amended (05/01/03)	Staff Rec: Watch

<p>AB 1107 Liu</p>	<p>Groundwater: uniform data standards. Requires an interagency task force, already created by the State Water Resources Control Board, to develop uniform groundwater data standards including standards for uniform data collection, data management, and data transfer. Requires the state board, the Department of Water Resources, the State Department of Health Services, the Department of Pesticide Regulation, the Department of Toxic Substances Control, and the Department of Food and Agriculture to adopt any standards that are developed pursuant to the bill. Comments: Existing law requires the State Water Resources Control Board to integrate existing monitoring programs and design new program elements, as necessary, for the purpose of establishing a comprehensive monitoring program capable of assessing each groundwater basin in the state through direct and other statistically reliable sampling approaches, and to create an interagency task force composed of representatives of listed state agencies to identify actions necessary to establish the monitoring program and to identify measures that would increase coordination among state and federal agencies that collect groundwater contamination information.</p>	<p>Int. 02/21/03 Location: Assembly Appropriations suspense Status: Passed out of Assembly Water, Parks, & Wildlife (04/22/03); Passed out of Assembly Environmental Safety & Toxic Materials (04/22/03); On Assembly Appropriations consent calendar (04/30/03)</p>	<p>Staff Rec: Support ACWA Rec. Watch WRD Board: Support (04/16/03)</p>
<p>AB 1159 Liu</p>	<p>Groundwater data. Enacts the Groundwater Data Standards Act of 2003. Requires the state board, in consultation with a technical advisory group and other responsible agencies, to determine what constitutes core groundwater data, define structures and standards for core groundwater data, identify groundwater data collection standards, evaluate existing structures and standards for groundwater data, and user and custodian requirements, and propose standards for the storage and transfer of core groundwater data for comment by the public and the scientific community. The bill would require the state board, in consultation with the technical work group, to prepare and submit to the Governor and the Legislature a report that includes recommendations for groundwater database standards and for the collection and transfer of groundwater data. Comments: Existing law requires the State Water Resources Control Board, on or before March 1, 2003, to submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature that includes a detailed description of a comprehensive groundwater quality monitoring program capable of assessing each groundwater basin in the state through statistically reliable sampling approaches.</p>	<p>Int. 02/21/03 Location: Assembly Water, Parks & Wildlife (03/17/03) Status: Hearing on cancelled at author's request</p>	<p>Staff Rec: Support ACWA Rec. Watch WRD Board: Support (04/16/03)</p>
<p>AB 1517 Plescica</p>	<p>Stormwater. States the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would foster science-based, environmentally beneficial, results-oriented and cost-effective water quality programs that draw on the strengths of municipalities that administer stormwater permits and the state and regional water quality control boards. Comments: Sponsored by San Diego County. Bill is dead by San Diego's lobbyist.</p>	<p>Int. 02/21/03 Location: Assembly Environmental Safety & Toxic Status: Amended by author (04/07/03)</p>	<p>Staff Rec: Watch</p>
<p>SB 21 Machado</p>	<p>Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002. Enabling legislation for implementing Prop. 50 Comments: The author states that the purpose of the bill is to clarify specific provisions and terms in order to achieve the appropriate administration and implementation of Prop 50. The bill provides considerable detail regarding the administration of the bond.</p>	<p>Int. 12/05/02 Location: Senate Appropriations Status: Passed out of Senate Ag & Water (04/08/03); Amended 03/25/03, 04/09/03, 04/24/03; Passed out of</p>	<p>Staff Rec: Support ACWA: Favor if Amended</p>

		<i>Senate Environmental Quality (05/12/03); Hearing on 05/19/03</i>	
SB 50 Sher	Bottled water: regulatory program. Expresses the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to apply regulations to bottled water and vended water products similar to those imposed on tap water. Regulations include the preparation of annual consumer confidence reports, annual inspections, assessment of fees to fund a bottled water regulatory agency administered by DHS. Comments: Supported by NRDC, East Bay MUD, and Clean Water Action. Would require bottled water companies, like Coca Cola and Pepsi who market their own branded water, to comply with more stringent requirements listed in Consumer Confidence Reports.	Int. 01/09/03 Location: Senate Rules (01/27/03)	Staff Rec: Support ACWA: Watch WRD Board: Support (04/02/03)
SB 117 Machado	Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002: Quantification Settlement Agreement. Declares the Legislature's intent that Coachella Valley Water District, the Imperial Irrigation District, and the Metropolitan Water District approve the Quantification Settlement Agreement and that the Agreement be consistent with the state's commitment to the restoration of the Salton Sea. Establishes the Colorado River Quantification Settlement Agreement Account and transfers \$200 million of Prop 50 monies into the account for the purposes of facilitating the QSA transfers.	Int. 02/03/03 Location: Senate Appropriations Status: Amended by author (04/22/03, 05/08/03); Passed out of Senate Agriculture & Water; Hearing on 05/19	Staff Rec: Watch ACWA: Watch
SB 196 Kuehl	California regional water quality control boards. Requires that the next member of the regional water quality control boards upon vacancy be a city Councilmember or mayor. Also specifies that the county government representative of the regional boards upon vacancy be a county supervisor.	Int. 02/13/03 Location: Senate Rules (02/13/03)	Staff Rec: Watch ACWA: Watch
SB 214 Morrow	Waste discharge requirements: municipal separate storm sewer systems. Requires the State Water Resources Control Board and the regional water quality control boards to prescribe and enforce waste discharge requirements for municipal separate storm sewer systems to conform to the "maximum extent practicable" standard as set forth by the Clean Water Act.	Int. 02/13/03 Location: Senate Rules (02/13/03)	Staff Rec: Watch ACWA: Watch
SB 311 Sher	Environmental health: drinking water. Allows any person to request an external scientific peer review prior to the publication of a risk assessment if the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment has not submitted such assessment to an external scientific peer review. Comments: This legislation was prompted by a recent Superior Court decision which required OEHHA to send its draft PHG for perchlorate out for an additional peer review after one had already been completed.	Int. 02/19/03 Location: Assembly Status: Passed Senate Environmental Quality (05/07/03); Passed Senate Floor (05/12/03)	Staff Rec: Watch ACWA: Watch
SB 318 Alpert	Urban water suppliers: desalinated water. Requires a plan to describe the opportunities for development of desalinated water, including but not limited to ocean water, brackish water, and groundwater, as a long-term supply. Comments: Under current law, every urban water supplier must prepare and adopt an urban water management plan and update that plan at least once every 5 years. This bill would add desalination as a required element of the plan. Opponents argue that desalination should not be added until the Desalination Task Force submits its recommendations due by July 1, 2004.	Int. 02/19/03 Location: Assembly Status: Amended by author (04/08/03); Passed out of Senate Agriculture & Water (04/23/03); Passed Senate Floor (05/08/03)	Staff Rec: Watch ACWA: Watch
SB 411	Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002:	Int. 02/20/03	Staff Rec: Watch

Ducheny	<p>Quantified Settlement Agreement. Appropriates Prop. 50 funds to the Wildlife Conservation Board for land and water resource protection and restoration projects relating to the Quantification Settlement Agreement. <i>Provides bond funds for environmental mitigation measures necessary to preserve the Salton Sea pending the implementation of the QSA.</i></p> <p>Comments: The bill should be considered a placeholder should the QSA and all other actions gain all necessary approvals. The expenditure of Prop. 50 funds is one of the condition identified by the 4 parties as necessary to go forward on the proposed IID-San Diego water transfer. The proposed expenditure of Prop. 50 funds is not without controversy at this time.</p>	<p>Location: Senate Appropriations Status: Amended on 04/10/03, 05/07/03; Passed out of Senate Agriculture & Water (04/23/03); Passed out of Senate Natural Resource & Wildlife as amended (04/30/03); Hearing on 05/19/03</p>	ACWA: Watch
SB 479 Machado	<p>Water Transfers. Authorizes the Water Resources Control Board to approve a petition for a long-term transfer of water only if it determines that the proposed transfer would not cause substantial, negative third party impacts.</p>	<p>Int. 02/20/03 Location: Senate Ag & Water (03/06/03) Status: Hearing postponed (04/22/03)</p>	Staff Rec: Watch
SB 518 Escutia	<p>Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002. Requires agencies involved with administering Prop. 50 funding to consider adopting criteria that includes a preference for projects that benefit those areas with the highest population density and that face water supply shortages because their domestic water wells are located within 500 feet groundwater recharge areas, and projects that benefit severely economically disadvantaged areas or economically disadvantaged areas that will enhance environmental justice. Bill also exempts projects that benefit severely economically disadvantaged area from any matching fund requirements and prohibits administering agencies from imposing a matching fund requirement that exceeds 5% of the amount of grant awarded for a project that benefits an economically disadvantaged area.</p>	<p>Int. 02/20/03 Location: Senate Ag & Water Resources Status: Hearing postponed (04/22/03); Amended by author (04/08/03)</p>	Staff Rec: Watch ACWA: Watch
SB 543 Machado	<p>Water rights: groundwater cleanup operations. Requires the operator of a groundwater cleanup operation to hold any water produced by the operation in constructive trust for the benefit of any public water system that has suffered injury as a result of the contamination of that water, unless certain requirements are met. Prohibits the state board from granting a permit or license to appropriate water, or approving a transfer of water, that is produced and discharged by the operator to a body of surface or a subterranean stream unless the operator has agreed to provide replacement water to the public water system injured by the contamination.</p>	<p>Int. 02/21/03 Location: Senate Appropriations Status: Amended by author (03/28/03, 04/21/03); Passed out of Senate Agriculture & Water (04/23/03); Hearing rescheduled to 05/19/03</p>	Staff Rec: Watch
SB 750 Machado	<p>Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality, Flood Protection, and Water Reliability Act of 2004. Enacts the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality, Flood Protection, and Water supply Reliability Act of 2004. <i>Authorizes the issuance of \$5 billion in bonds to finance such programs.</i></p> <p>Comments: This is the next water bond bill. It is currently in intent language.</p>	<p>Int. 02/21/03 Location: Senate Rules Status: Amended by author (04/28/03, 05/12/03); Passed Senate Ag & Water (05/08/03)</p>	Staff Rec: Watch ACWA: Watch
SB 906 Escutia	<p>Water districts. Sets the WRD's reserve fund at \$15 million. Allows the GM or board authorized representative authority to sign contracts up to \$25,000; and approve and sign contracts up to \$10,000. Requires the West and Central Basin Municipal Water District to prepare a cost of service analysis that establish their rate and surcharge structure.</p>	<p>Int. 02/21/03 Location: Senate Local Government Status: Hearing in Local</p>	Staff Rec: Support ACWA: Oppose unless Amended

		Govt on May 7, 9:30 am; Amended by author (04/10/03); <i>Passed out of Senate Agriculture & Water with author's amendments (04/23/03)</i>	WRD Board: Support (04/02/03)
SB 922 Soto	Cleanup or abatement orders: contaminated drinking water supplies. Requires a discharger found to have contaminated a drinking water supply or potential drinking water supply to <i>reimburse the California regional water quality control board or the State Water Resources Control Board for any costs incurred by the boards in making</i> make certain calculations with regards to costs and clean-up. <i>The bill would also require the discharger to provide, or pay for, uninterrupted replacement water service to each affected public water supplier.</i> Civil penalties would be imposed for failure to meet the requirements. Comments: Although well intended, ACWA believes this bill to be too broadly written. Certain calculations would be nearly impossible and not very meaningful. ACWA staff believes it is far more practical for the affected public water system to secure needed replacement water supply and seek to recover costs through a civil action, as authorized pursuant to the Health and Safety Code. Nonetheless, ACWA staff concedes that amending Porter Cologne to recover costs through a cleanup and abatement order may expedite cost recovery.	Int. 02/21/03 Location: Senate Appropriations Status: Amended by author (03/25/03); Hearing on 04/28/03; <i>Passed out of Senate Environmental Quality (04/28/03); Hearing on 05/19</i>	Staff Rec: Watch ACWA: Watch
SB 923 Sher	Water quality. Removes current exemptions for discharge of specified substances including petroleum, acid, coal or oil tar, lampblack, aniline, asphalt, bitumen, or residuary product of petroleum, or carbonaceous material or substance. Also allows the state board or regional board to waive waste discharge requirements subject to conditions. The bill requires the conditions of the waivers to include payment of an annual fee and the performance of monitoring duties. Comments: This bill presents potential benefits and costs. Potential negative operational impacts due to the elimination of the exception under existing law regarding the deposit of certain materials. Potential negative fiscal impacts due to the imposition of civil penalties if the discharger is not notified of a waste discharge violation. Potential benefits to water quality due to elimination of the exception under existing law regarding the deposit of certain materials. Potential increased costs for waivers for specific types of discharges. ACWA staff does not believe it is necessary to reduce flexibility in existing that provides authority to state board and a regional board. In addition, ACWA believes that an amendment regarding quarterly monitoring is appropriate. The phrase "where appropriate" should be inserted so that certain discharges – hydrant flushing, for example – could maintain a waiver without a monitoring requirement.	Int. 02/21/03 Location: Senate Appropriations Status: <i>Passed out of Senate Environmental Quality (04/28/03); Amended 05/07/03; Hearing on 05/19</i>	Staff Rec: Watch ACWA: Oppose Unless Amended
SB 998 Bowen	California Economic Stimulus and Public Infrastructure. Enacts the California Economic Stimulus and Public Infrastructure Security and Investment Bond Act which would authorize the issuance of \$1.045 billion in state bonds. Comments: A total of \$80 million has been identified for water related infrastructure projects including \$20 million for the Contaminant Removal Program Subaccount. Loans and grants under the Contaminant Removal Program Subaccount may be used for pilot or demonstration projects for drinking water disinfection and removal of contaminants such as	Int. 02/21/03 Location: Senate Governmental Organization (03/13/03)	Staff Rec: Watch

	NDMA, perchlorate, arsenic, chromium, radionuclides, pharmaceuticals and endocrine disrupters. DHS administers the loans and grants under a competitive bidding process.		
SB 1000 Aanestad	Beneficial use: extension of time. Declares the nonuse of water as a result of conservation as good cause to extend the period specified in a permit for application of appropriated water to beneficial use. Requires the state board to extend the time for application of the water to beneficial use.	Int. 02/21/03 Location: Senate Agriculture & Water (03/13/03) Status: Amended by author (03/26/03); <i>Hearing cancelled at author's request (04/22/03)</i>	Staff Rec: Watch
SB 1004 Soto	Pechlorate. Requires each California regional water quality control board to publish and distribute to all public water system operators within the region a list of discharges of MTBE that occurred during the prior 3-month period and a list of locations where MTBE was detected in the groundwater within the region. Comments: <i>Requires companies who have possesses 500 or more pounds of perchlorate in the past 50 years to report it by 2005.</i>	Int. 02/21/03 Location: Senate Appropriations Status: Amended by author (04/07/03); <i>Passed out Senate Env. Quality of as amended (04/30/03); Hearing on 05/19</i>	Staff Rec: Watch
SBX1 4 Comm. on Budget and Fiscal Review	Waste discharge fees. Increases the waste discharge permit fees and the stormwater permit fees by removing the \$20,000 maximum. Comments: The additional amount raised from such increases in permit fees will be used to pay for the State Water Resources Control Board's core regulatory programs. Referenced programs are currently paid from of the General Fund.	Int. 01/27/03 Location: Assembly Budget (02/03/03) Status: Passed Sen. Budget and Fiscal Review (01/30/03); Ref. Assembly Comm. on Budget (02/03/03)	Staff Rec: Watch



Government and Public Affairs Report - May

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Government Affairs

- Continue attempt to schedule meetings with County Supervisors.
- Prepared testimony on SB 906 for Senate Agriculture & Water Committee and Senate Local Government Committee.
- Submitted letters of support on AB 93, (Canciamilla) - Safe, Clean, and Reliable Water Supply Water Bond Act of 2004; AB 1107 (Liu) - Groundwater: uniform data standards; and AB 1159 (Liu) - Groundwater data.
- Letters requesting time to provide an overview presentation on WRD mailed to city managers of remaining cities yet to receive such information.

Public Outreach

- *the Source* newsletter
 - Work is just about completed for the next publication. Waiting to complete story on water bottle contest. Winner will be announced soon.
- WRD Groundwater Tour Program
 - The next tour will be held June 19 with Director Bob Goldsworthy as host. The Torrance YMCA Senior Citizens group will be participating in this tour.
 - Working on a new date for another tour, which will be held during the summer.
- Educational Partnership Program
 - Division 1: Students at Monroe School in Inglewood have been involved in the annual state testing and will complete it next week. Teacher has agreed to let the students participate in a water-related drawing contest. Staff has met with educators from other schools regarding a new partnership program, which would begin in the next fiscal year.
 - Division 2: Students from Madrona School in Torrance are completing the T-shirt drawing contest and the teacher is reviewing them for awards. Educators in Harbor City have expressed an interest in being a partner with WRD. If they agree, the school would come on board possibly during the summer.
 - Division 3: Students at Colin Powell School are also involved in state testing and the teacher has yet to schedule a day for a field trip. Also working to add another school in this division, possibly a school in central Long Beach or Cerritos.
 - Division 4: Staff made presentations to students at South Gate Middle School and will take two classrooms of students on a field trip in early June. Staff has also met with students and a teacher at Florence School in Los Angeles about becoming a partnership school.
 - Division 5: Staff made presentation to students at North Park Middle school in Pico Rivera and is working with the teacher on a date to take students on a field trip. Staff is also working to add another school in the Carson area for the partnership program.

Public Outreach (cont.)

- WRD Speakers Bureau
 - Presentation made to the Rotary group in Torrance, Cerritos Rotary, Downey Optimist Club, Bell Gardens Lions Club, and Downey Citizens Group.
 - Attended a mixer at Cerritos College, which included chambers of commerce from several nearby cities.

Press Relations

- Press releases issued
 - “WRD Board Lowers Its Groundwater Assessment Rate” (05/05/03)
 - “WRD Board Remembers Former Director Charles D. Barker” (05/05/03)
- WRD in the news
 - *Whittier Daily News*
 - “District ponders rate hike for water” (04/30/03)
 - “Lower water rates likely” (05/03/03)
 - “It’s Politics” (05/10/03)
 - *Press Telegram*
 - “Board lowers water fees” (05/05/03)
 - “Mr. Smith gets results” (05/05/03), Opinion

Miscellaneous

- Conducted AGWA legislative workshop.
- Developed presentation responding to TAC comments on WRD budget.
- Continue FY03-04 budget development.
- Continue work on the public relations consultant RFP.
- Rewriting and updating copy for the WRD web site.
- Working on dedication event for Vander Lans facility.
- Writing and designing WRD brochures.
- Ongoing activities
 - Monitor county and council meetings
 - Press clippings