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PLANNING/LEGISLATIVE/ENGINEERING GRANT & SECURITY STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

BOARD MEETING OFFICE
1720 N. Cherokee Trail, Landers, CA 92285
Tuesday, February 17, 2015 - 9:15 a.m.

Committee Members: Director Corl-Lorono & Director Burkhart

The BDVWA Planning / Legislative / Engineering / Grant & Security Committee meeting will be conducted in strict compliance with the Brown Act. Members of the Board not assigned to this Committee who attend may do so only as observers and may not participate in the meeting.

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call**
4. **Approval of the Agenda**

Discussion and Action Items - The Committee and Staff will discuss the following items and provide direction to staff, if so inclined.

The Public is invited to comment on any item on the agenda during discussion of that item.

When giving your public comment, please have your information prepared. If you wish to be identified for the record then please state your name. Due to time constraints, each member of the public will be allotted three-minutes to provide their public comment.

5. Conference Call with Mojave Water Agency's Legal/Legislative and Public Information Committee

Committee to participate via teleconference for an update by the State Advocate of Issues at the State Level, as well as an update by the Federal Advocate of Issues at the Federal Level.

6. CSA 70 W-1 Update

7. Consent Items - The following is expected to be routine and non-controversial and will be acted on by the Committee members at one time without discussion, unless a member of the Public or a Committee member requests that an item be held for discussion or further action.

- a. Special PLEGS Committee Meeting Report, December 17, 2014

8. Public Comment Period

Any person may address the Committee on any matter within the Agency's jurisdiction on items not appearing on this agenda.

When giving your public comment, please have your information prepared. If you wish to be identified for the record then please state your name. Due to time constraints, each member of the public will be allotted three-minutes to provide their public comment. State Law prohibits the Committee from discussing or taking action on items not included on the agenda.

9. Verbal Reports

- a. Committee Member Comments/Reports
- b. General Manager Report

10. Items for Next Agenda

11. Adjournment

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Legal, Legislative and Public Information Committee

AGENDA

**Mojave Water Agency
Board Room
13846 Conference Center
Drive
Apple Valley, CA 92307**

February 17, 2015

09:30 a.m.

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- 1. Approve Agenda**

 - 2. Approve Meeting Summary from the Legal, Legislative, and Public Information Committee Meeting of January 20, 2015**
 - Ⓜ* Meeting Summary

 - 3. Update by State Advocate of Issues at the State Level (teleconference)**
 - Ⓜ* State Report
 - Ⓜ* Attachment A

 - 4. Update by Federal Advocate of Issues at the Federal Level (teleconference)**
 - Ⓜ* Federal Report

 - 5. Public Information Update**

6. General Manager's Report

7. Public Participation

8. Comments/Discussion Items for Next or Future Agendas

9. Adjournment

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LEGAL, LEGISLATIVE, AND PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE MEETING

MEETING SUMMARY January 20, 2015

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Doug Shumway called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

ATTENDANCE:

- ↓ Committee – Chairperson Doug Shumway, Director Kimberly Cox, and Director Carl Coleman
- ↓ Absent – None
- ↓ Staff – General Manager Kirby Brill, Community Liaison Officer Yvonne Hester, and Public Information Specialist Gloria Golike
- ↓ Consultants – State Advocates Ed Manning and Carolyn Jensen, KP Public Affairs and Federal Advocates Letitia White and Alex Shockey, Innovative Federal Strategies LLC joined by teleconference
- ↓ Others – Seven visitors were in the audience and five were online

1. **Approve Agenda**

The agenda was agreed upon as presented.

2. **Approve Meeting Summary from the Legal, Legislative, and Public Information Committee Meeting of December 17, 2014**

The meeting summary was agreed upon as presented.

3. **Update by State Advocate of Issues at the State Level**

Mr. Manning gave a brief report on the governor's proposed 2015-16 State Budget. He mentioned a chart regarding the proposed Water Bond expenditure plan that he would send to staff to disseminate. He also spoke about the current drought situation.

Ms. Jensen gave a brief update on some bills being introduced in the legislature. She also mentioned the wind down of the Redevelopment Agencies (RDA's).

4. **Update by Federal Advocate of Issues at the Federal Level**

Ms. White stated that Ms. Shockey was on the call today filling in since Ms. Hennessey no longer works for the company. Ms. White gave an update on some new legislative committee chairs and a few of the new members. She reported on the President's rating and also spoke briefly of the authorization bills.

5. **Public Information Update**

Ms. Hester gave a PowerPoint presentation reviewing the public outreach and education activities during the months of January – March, 2015.

6. **General Manager's Report**

Mr. Brill reported on the presentation he gave on January 16th in the Morongo Basin area sponsored by the Desert Institute. He stated that it was very well attended and the audience was very engaged in the discussion.

7. **Public Participation**

None.

8. **Comments/Discussion Items for Next or Future Agendas**

Director Coleman inquired about the status of the changes to the Mojave Water Agency Law. Mr. Brill replied that progress is being made, but staff is still working on it.

9. **Adjournment**

Chairperson Shumway adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Submitted by: _____
Gloria Golike
Senior Administrative Assistant,
Public Information

Attachments on-file:

Item No. 3 – KP Public Affairs Water Bond Document
Item No. 5 - Public Information Report - PowerPoint
Sign-in sheet

KP

**PUBLIC
AFFAIRS**

TO: Legal, Legislative and Public Information Committee

**FROM: Ed Manning
Carolyn Jensen**

RE: KP Public Affairs Agenda

1. Legislative Update:

A. Policy and Budget Committee Changes

B. Oversight Hearings

I. Assembly Water Parks and Wildlife Committee Oversight
Hearing on Prop. 1 Water Bond Implementation
(Agenda/Background – See Attachment A)

II. Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee
Oversight Hearing on State and Local Funding Relationship

2. 2015 - 2016 State Budget Update:

A. SWRCB Drinking Water Program

2/9/2015

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WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE

MARC LEVINE
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Tuesday, February 10, 2015
State Capitol, Room 437
9:30 a.m.

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BILL HEARING:

- 1. AJR 4 Dodd Berryessa Mountain National Monument

INFORMATIONAL & OVERSIGHT HEARING:

PROPOSITION 1, CALIFORNIA'S WATER BOND:
WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE AND
HOW WILL WE KNOW WE GOT THERE?

- I. OPENING COMMENTS
- II. BACKGROUND ON PROPOSITION 1 AND PRINCIPLES MOVING FORWARD
 Anton Favorini-Csorba, Fiscal and Policy Analyst, Legislative Analyst's Office
- III. FIRST OUT OF THE GATE: STATE ENTITIES WITH PROPOSED PROP. 1 FUNDING
 John Laird, Natural Resources Agency Secretary
 Mark Cowin, Director, Department of Water Resources
 Chuck Bonham, Director, Department of Fish and Wildlife
 Felicia Marcus, Chair, State Water Resources Control Board
 John Donnelly, Executive Director, Wildlife Conservation Board
 Joe Byrne, Chair, California Water Commission
- IV. LOOKING AHEAD: STAKEHOLDER RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MAXIMIZING
 OUR PUBLIC BENEFITS
 Lester Snow, Executive Director, California Water Foundation
 Cindy Tuck, Deputy Executive Director, Association of California Water Agencies
 Chris Scheuring, Managing Counsel, California Farm Bureau Federation
 Omar Carrillo, Senior Policy Analyst, Community Water Center
 Doug Obegi, Senior Attorney, Natural Resources Defense Council Water Program
- V. PUBLIC COMMENT

** Testimony may be subject to time limits **

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under the Hearings tab: <http://awpw.assembly.ca.gov/hearings>*

INFORMATIONAL & OVERSIGHT HEARING:
PROPOSITION 1, CALIFORNIA'S WATER BOND:
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BACKGROUND

FROM PROPOSITION TO PROJECT FUNDING

On November 4, 2014 voters approved Proposition 1 with 67 percent of the vote. Prop. 1, also referred to as the "Water Bond," provides \$7.545 billion in general obligation bond funding for various water-related projects and programs. Voter approval of Prop. 1 translates to permission for the State to sell general obligation bonds up to the total amount specified, and only for the purposes set out in, its chapters.¹

Those chapters are as follows (in millions):

Chapter 5 -	Clean Drinking Water	\$ 520
Chapter 6 -	Protecting Rivers, Lakes, Streams, Coastal Waters & Watersheds	\$ 1,495
Chapter 7 -	Regional Water Security, Climate, & Drought Preparedness	\$ 810
Chapter 8 -	Statewide Water System Operational Improvement (Storage)	\$ 2,700
Chapter 9 -	Water Recycling	\$ 725
Chapter 10 -	Groundwater Sustainability	\$ 900
Chapter 11 -	Flood Management	\$ 395

Proposition 1 bond funding is likely to stretch out over many years. For all chapters except the storage chapter, portions of the funding will be proposed each January in the Governor's budget and then responded to by the Legislature through the budget appropriation process where the amounts could be reduced, enlarged, accepted as-is, or provided additional parameters in budget language. This back-and-forth between the Legislature and the Governor can continue until the budget is revised in May and finalized in June.

Conversely, as occurred last year with Senate Bills 103 and 104, the Legislature and the Governor could agree to "expedite" some of the Prop. 1 funding through an urgency bill prior to the final budget in June. In SB 103 and 104, funds from Proposition 84, a bond passed in 2006, were expedited in order to finance projects and programs to address the drought. This year the Governor has already proposed to expedite funds from a different bond, Proposition 1E, which was also passed in 2006 and addresses flood-related projects and programs.

¹ For the full text of Proposition 1, see: <http://www.voterguide.sos.ca.gov/en/propositions/1/>

Even when expedited, bond dollars do not translate into real dollars for actual projects and programs until passing through several steps that are designed to ensure accountability. For bond funds that are required to be disbursed through a competitive process, the first of these steps is for the agency to develop guidelines it will use to solicit projects. The guidelines provide, among other information, the total amount of funding available and the criteria the agency will apply to evaluate and rank projects for funding. Under Proposition 1, agencies are required to solicit public input when developing their guidelines.

Once the guidelines are finalized, the agency uses them to attract and evaluate project proposals, sometimes in one or more phases. The agency then makes initial funding awards to various projects. Once the projects demonstrate they are either satisfactorily underway or completed (depending on the financing agreement), the state liquidates bonds (sells them on the market for cash) and reimburses the project proponent.²

Chapter 8, which will fund surface and groundwater storage projects, is the largest single chapter in Prop. 1 and also an exception to the usual budget and appropriations process. Chapter 8 is "continuously appropriated," meaning the Legislature cannot oversee it or condition it in the budget process. Instead, Chapter 8 funding, will go directly to the California Water Commission who is discussed in greater detail in the *Speakers and Affiliation* document for this hearing.

GOVERNOR'S JANUARY BUDGET

On January 9, 2015 the Governor released his proposed 2015-16 Budget. The Natural Resources section of the budget identifies \$532.5 million in initial proposed Prop. 1 spending and highlights the Governor's continuing strategy of making the *California Water Action Plan*, issued in January 2014, the "roadmap for the first five years of the state's journey toward sustainable water management."³

January 30, 2015, the Governor released the *California Water Action Plan Implementation Report*.⁴ The Report "details the origins of the Action Plan, highlights achievements to date, and outlines activities for the next four years." It also acknowledges that it was "developed in response to specific [Legislative] requirements included in the 2014-2015 Budget."

At our hearing the Legislative Analyst's Office will provide an overview of Prop. 1. We will then receive testimony from the agencies the Governor has identified in the proposed 2015-16 budget as implementing Prop. 1 funded projects and programs. Specifically, we have asked those agencies for insight on their proposed grant processes including the time lines and accountability metrics they will use. Our hearing will also be a forum to receive recommendations on how to best maximize the public benefits of our bond dollars from a panel that includes a foundation as well as water agency, agricultural, water quality and environmental advocates. Importantly, it is also provides us with an opportunity to hear from the public.

² This is a simplified explanation. Sometimes the State has pools of bond funds that it can more immediately access and then "backfill" with further bond sales.

³ The California Water Action Plan can be found at http://resources.ca.gov/california_water_action_plan/

⁴ The CWAP Implementation Report is at:

http://resources.ca.gov/docs/california_water_action_plan/CA_WAP_Impl_Rpt-150130.pdf

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MEMORANDUM

To: Mojave Water Agency Legal, Legislative and Public Information Committee

From: Letitia White

Date: January 30, 2015

Re: January Monthly Legislative Update

Welcome to the 114th Congress! The House and Senate officially convened in Washington on January 6th. Both the House and Senate are under Republican control for the first time since 2006, during the second term of President Bush. House Republicans quickly set votes to make changes to the Affordable Care Act and encourage the production of additional energy in the United States. The Senate has devoted much of the month to the consideration of the Keystone XL Pipeline. The new Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) has promised to have a more open amendment process, which has considerably drawn out consideration of the legislation on the Senate floor. This effort for bipartisan consideration of amendments could have a positive effect on the deliberation of Appropriations bills later this year. The House also got to work on a funding bill for the Department of Homeland Security to fund the agency through the end of the fiscal year. The House bill is not expected to pass the Senate and would certainly face a veto if it made it to the President's desk. The President has promised he will use his veto pen during his last two years in office. The 2016 Presidential cycle has already kicked off with several Republicans announcing they are considering running for office, which will have an impact on Senate votes, as several Senate Republicans will be traveling for campaign events.

Homeland Security Funding Early on the Agenda

The Consolidated and Furthering Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 appropriations package passed during December funded all agencies except the Department of Homeland Security through the end of the fiscal year (September 30, 2015). The DHS was funded under a continuing resolution that expires on February 27th. House Leaders wasted no time delivering on a promise to act on a measure to block the President's actions on immigration when they allowed amendments to the funding measure that came to the floor earlier this month. Conservatives voted to attach policy riders to undo the President's Executive Memorandum which expanded deferred action on undocumented immigrants.

The fight now moves to the Senate, where Democrats have already indicated they plan to block Republican efforts to bring the bill up for consideration unless the provisions are stripped out of the bill. Many conservative Republicans are still encouraging Majority Leader Mitch McConnell to bring up the measure, saying it deserves a vote on the floor. The latest showdown on the bill is expected to come up next week when the Senate has tentatively scheduled consideration of the bill.

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Blame Game over California Drought Bill

Senator Boxer and House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-CA) have publically traded blame over who is responsible for the failed effort to pass drought legislation at the end of last year. As we reported last month, the House passed a stand-alone California drought bill, which did not pass the Senate. Representative McCarthy told the Associated Press earlier this month that negotiations were heading in the right direction before objections from Senator Feinstein derailed consideration. For her part, Senator Boxer blamed the failure on House Republicans because negotiations left out parties that would be affected by the legislation.

With a new Congress comes another opportunity to pass drought legislation. Representative Grace Napolitano (D-CA) has already reintroduced her Water in the 21st Century bill—a bill she believes could garner support from other lawmakers this year. The Congresswoman believes that the effect of inconsistent water supplies on the nation's economy could foster support with Republicans. Her bill would create both a secured loan program and grants for water recycling, groundwater management, integrated regional water management, and water infrastructure projects. It would also improve water supply operations at dams managed by the Army Corps of Engineers, and improve drought resilience between the Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and Department of Interior. Representative McCarthy has said he remains committed to passing legislation that would be beneficial to the State as it continues to fight the historic drought, though he hasn't endorsed a specific plan in the 114th congress. Even with majorities in the House and Senate, Republicans might have trouble mustering up the votes if Senator Boxer opposes the final bill. In our conversations with the relevant water committees' staffs, we have learned that they believe a bill that focuses on the region or nation as a whole might be the bill that reaches the floor in the end, as other states, including Texas, have been suffering from drought conditions.

Sequestration in the Spotlight

The President gave his State of the Union Address on January 20th. While the address hinted at some specific program funding levels, we've started to see more information revealed leading up to the formal release of the President's budget on February 2nd. We already know that the President is going to propose doing away with the automatic budget cuts known as sequestration that were included in the Budget Control Act passed in 2011, which set spending caps for a 10-year period and triggered automatic cuts if spending levels exceeded those caps. The President is expected to propose an equal increase in both defense and non-defense spending, arguing that continued budget caps are hurting the economy and military readiness. In total, the President's budget to Congress will exceed the budget caps by \$74 billion. To pay for those increases, the plan will call for spending cuts elsewhere bundled with changes to the tax code that would close loopholes.

Lawmakers on both sides of the isle have come out in support of scrapping sequestration, but that doesn't mean it is going away anytime soon. Many Republicans favor removing those caps on the defense spending side, but aren't as keen as Democrats are on removing the caps for non-defense spending. The House and Senate Budget chairmen — Representative Tom Price (R-GA) and Senator Michael Enzi (R-WY), respectively, who will write their chamber's budget resolutions in March — have already indicated that their upcoming proposals are likely to focus on more spending cuts, not looking for additional revenue for additional spending. While a

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compromise doesn't look likely at this point, both sides could come together for a mix of entitlement reform, tax overhaul proposals, and spending adjustments as deadlines draw closer. We will know more as lawmakers begin to react to the President's proposal after it is released next week.

Outlook for February

The most pressing issue in February will be the passage of legislation to fund the Department of Homeland Security past February 27th. At this point, lawmakers would like to avoid the need for a Continuing Resolution, but a path forward that will appease enough Members on both sides of the isle has yet to emerge. As stated earlier the President's budget will be released on February 2nd, which will outline the President's agenda for the year and start the appropriations process on Capitol Hill. Lawmakers only have one district work week scheduled in February, giving them several weeks to clear legislation in DC. The House has announced its schedule for the month, which includes the following:

- Legislation for a full repeal of the Affordable Care Act, with instructions to Congressional Committees to develop alternative proposals to the law.
- A bill aimed at disclosing the cost of mandates on businesses.
- Charitable tax code provisions
- An overhaul of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (No Child Left Behind)

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Planning/Legislative/Engineering Grant & Security Committee Special Meeting Report

Board Meeting Office
1720 N. Cherokee Trail, Landers, CA 92285
Wednesday, December 17 2014 - 9:15 a.m.

Committee Members: Director Corl-Lorono & Director Burkhart

Call to Order

Director Corl-Lorono called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Phil Johnson

Roll Call

Directors: Judy Corl-Lorono
Terry Burkhart

Staff: Marina West
Michelle Corbin

Approval of the Agenda

Director Burkhart and Director Corl-Lorono approved the agenda as presented.

Dissolution of CSA 70/W-1 and Annexation to BDVWA

General Manager West reported the hearing notice of the San Bernardino Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) will be published on December 30, 2014. The hearing is scheduled to be held at the San Bernardino City Council Chambers on January 21, 2015. Per Tom Dodson, the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) will be completed as a Categorical Exemption. To date LAFCO has not received the audited financials for last fiscal year ending June 2014 from Special Districts. West also stated

LAFCO will not insist on the financial numbers regarding the installation and reinstallation of new meters that were found to not work in the Landers area.

No public comment.

Ames/Reche Groundwater Storage Program

General Manager West reported 50 acre feet were recharged this last year. Mojave Water Agency (MWA) is continuing to work towards making the site more efficient. For the current fiscal year West is calling for an additional 50 acre feet to be recharged into the Agency bank. West is working with MWA to identify how the monitoring program will be done. West also reported the Ames/ Reche Judgment has been approved.

Anonymous made suggestions on how to keep off roaders out of the site.

Conference Call with Mojave Water Agency's Legal/Legislative and Public Information Committee

Carolyn Jenson of KP Public Affairs reported on the November election results and how it will affect taxes. The Democratic Party failed to achieve the two-thirds majority in each house which will largely impact their ability to pursue tax increases through the legislature. The State will be facing tax issues as the Governors temporary taxes, Proposition 30 will end soon.

Ed Manning of KP Public Affairs gave a brief update on the budget and the water bond. Carolyn also reported on a sustainable groundwater management plan, and various bills recently introduced that may affect property taxes.

Letitia White Innovative Federal Strategies reported Paul Cook is actively seeking a position on the House Resources Committee.

Heather Hennessey reported on grant opportunities and the California Drought Bill.

Letitia White also spoke briefly about water authorization bills and concluded her report with the announcement that Heather Hennessey is leaving Innovative Federal Strategies.

Anonymous asked about the new groundwater legislation process and the nitrate tax.

West responded stating that all the water basins within the State were ranked. The basin located within Landers as well as the basin located within Joshua Tree were ranked low. The thought is that the basins most threatened are the ones that are located in areas more populated. Regarding the nitrate tax, West stated she believes it will only affect agriculture.

Anonymous asked about the slush fund regarding fuel.

Hazard Mitigation Plan

General Manager West reviewed the purpose of the Hazard Mitigation Plan and reviewed the rankings of the hazards suggested by the participants of the Hazard Mitigation Workshops. Only the top ranked items were included in the final plan. West gave a brief overview of these potential hazards and explained why they made the cut. Earthquakes topped the list and included possible actions to mitigate, such as the installation of flexible joints or seismic shut off vales for the reservoirs. Another possible issue, flash flooding could be mitigated with diversion walls.

Threats from freezing could be remedied with automatic heaters or housing the wells and booster pumps. Also, the lowering of pipes would help protect infrastructure from damage caused by freezing. Video monitoring, training the public to report suspicious activity and enclosure of wells would help mitigate the threat of terrorism. West closed her report with the topic of long term drought reminding the Board the Agency has already begun to address this with increased water storage via Ames/Reche Recharge and Storage Facility.

No public comment.

Consent Items

- a. Regular PLEGS Meeting Report, October 21, 2014

Public comment:

Director Burkhart and Director Corl-Lorono approved the report.

Public Participation

No public comment.

Verbal Reports

Committee Member Comments/Reports

No Director Reports.

General Manager Report

General Manager West stated that going forward into the new year the routine PLEGS meetings will be held the third Tuesday of the even months.

West also reported on the Small Water Systems Committee. West went over the types of water and waste water systems that make up the Committee. On behalf of these systems, Mojave Water Agency is actively searching for funding to help pay for much needed upgrades and repairs. Cal Rural (CRWA) is working on the needs assessments for these small systems.

Minor grants take much effort and larger grants take the same amount of effort. The thought process of this Committee would be to search for large grants that could pay towards combined projects of the small systems.

West reported the Agency's new software system implementation is going well.

Lastly West mentioned she will be speaking at the Black Rock Institute Lecture Series on January 16, 2015 and also the Morongo Basin Conservation Association will be holding its annual meeting January 24, 2015.

Items for Next Agenda – None suggested.

Adjournment - Director Corl-Lorono adjourned the meeting at 10:47 a.m.