



Legislation and Communications Committee

# External Affairs Activities

Item 7a

May 13, 2024

Report on  
Activities  
from  
External  
Affairs

Subject

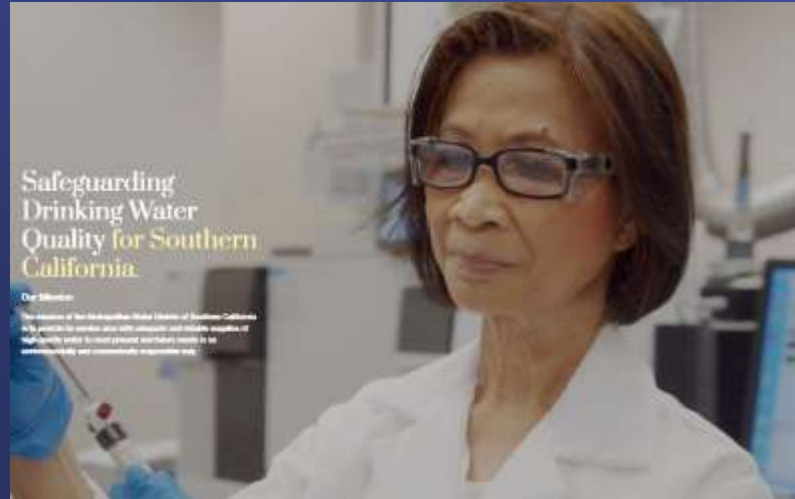
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Purpose

To provide management  
announcements and highlights for  
External Affairs

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# Website: Focus on Water Quality



# Water Awareness Month



- **One Water Awards**
  - Honored four projects that save 200 million gallons of water annually
- **Tap Water Day in California**
  - Metropolitan and 17 of our member agencies posted social media about the day and supported WeTap





# 2024 Value of Water Index

## Top Federal Priorities

**88%**  
say ensuring a  
reliable supply  
of water should  
be a priority for  
the federal  
government  
this year

## Drinking Water

**47%**  
drink filtered tap  
water

23% drink  
bottled water  
and 23% drink  
unfiltered water  
from tap

## Views of Local Infrastructure

**63%**  
say their local  
water  
infrastructure  
is good (down  
from 86% in  
2016)

27% say it is  
bad

## Affordability

**60%**  
say what they  
pay for water  
services is  
affordable

30% say it's not  
affordable

# 2024 Value of Water Index

**A majority of voters would pay modest rate increases to support local utility projects that improve water accessibility and community health.**

Despite affordability concerns, 61 percent of voters would pay 50 dollars more per year on their water bills if it helped fund projects that prioritized the safety and health of their area's drinking water and ensured that everyone in their community had basic water and sewer service.



61% of voters would pay \$50 more per year on their water bills if it:



ensured that everyone in their community had basic water services



helped make drinking water safer and healthier



helped reduce pollution

# Inspection Trips



First Spanish-language Inspection Trip  
State Water Project, May 3-5

**Upcoming:**

Hoover - Colorado River Inspection Trip for WELL  
(Water Education for Latino Leaders) May 31-June 2

