

# The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

# Agenda

The mission of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California is to provide its service area with adequate and reliable supplies of high-quality water to meet present and future needs in an environmentally and economically responsible way.

## LRA&C Committee

F. Jung, Chair  
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## **Legislation, Regulatory Affairs, and Communications Committee**

Meeting with Board of Directors \*

**January 24, 2023**

**10:30 a.m.**

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**Tuesday, January 24, 2023  
Meeting Schedule**

**10:00 a.m. FAIRP  
10:30 a.m. LRAC  
11:30 a.m. Break  
12:00 p.m. Exec**

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## **1. Opportunity for members of the public to address the committee on matters within the committee's jurisdiction (As required by Gov. Code Section 54954.3(a))**

### **\*\* CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS -- ACTION \*\***

## **2. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS - ACTION**

- a. Approve creating the Subcommittee on Public Affairs [21-1891](#)  
Engagement and establish a two year term

**Attachments:** [01242023 LRAC 2a Presentation](#)

## **3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION**

NONE

### **\*\* END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS \*\***

Zoom Online and Boardroom

**4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION**

NONE

**5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS**

NONE

**6. COMMITTEE ITEMS**

- a Report on Activities from Washington, D.C. [21-1892](#)

**Attachments:** [01242023 LRAC 6a Presentation](#)

- b. Report on activities from Sacramento [21-1894](#)

**Attachments:** [01242023 LRAC 6b Presentation](#)

**7. MANAGEMENT REPORTS**

- a. External Affairs Management Report [21-1893](#)

**8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

NONE

**9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

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Legislation, Regulatory Affairs, and Communications Committee

# Subcommittee on Public Affairs Engagement

Item 2a

January 24, 2023

# Reports to Legislative, Regulatory Affairs and Communications Committee

Focus on devising strategies encouraging public confidence in safe drinking water, and public education to support progress for Climate Action programs and projects related to water supply and stewardship through the substantive engagement of key experts, decision makers around the state and region, diverse interested parties, industry groups, agriculture, and potential partners throughout the West

## Subcommittee on Public Affairs Engagement

Included in Board  
Letter 8-2 approved  
December 13, 2022





Legislation, Regulatory Affairs & Communications  
Committee

# Report on Activities from Washington, D.C.

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# FY 23 Funding.

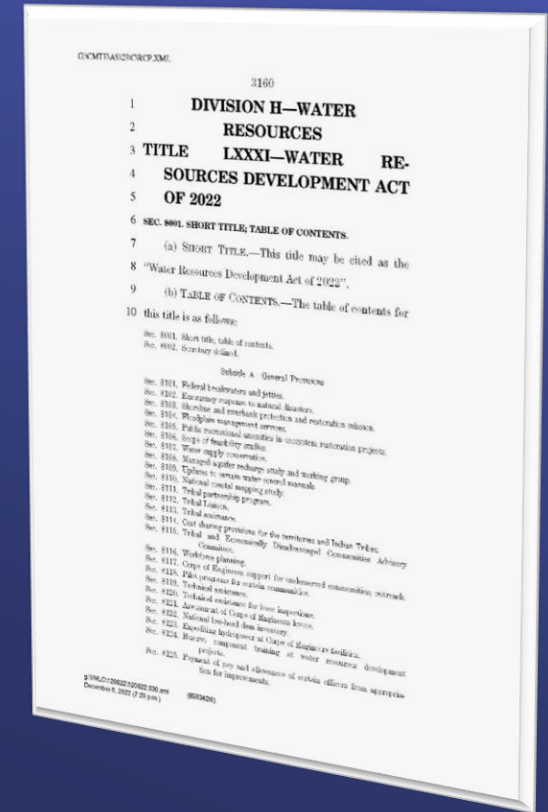


Agency	Appropriations	IIJA
<b>Reclamation</b>		
Water Recycling Competitive Grant	\$20 M	\$150 M
Safety of Dams	\$182.5 M	TBD
Lower CR DCP	\$50 M	\$25 M
Water Storage	\$134 M	\$95 M
CALFED	\$0	\$33 M
<b>EPA</b>		
Drinking Water SRF	\$1.1 B	\$2.2 B
Clean Water SRF	\$1.6 B	\$2.2 B
WIFIA	\$0	\$68 M

# Other Legislation.



- **Omnibus FY '23 Appropriations**
  - Salton Sea Projects Improvement Act
  - Colorado River Basin Conservation Act
- **FY '23 National Defense Authorization Act**
  - Water Resources and Development Act of 2022
  - Study on PFAS in drinking water



## Water Resources and Development Act of 2022



# Unified Agenda.



- **PFAS Drinking Water Standards**
  - Proposal March 2023
  - Final Fall 2024
- **PFOA and PFOS hazardous substance designation**
  - Proposed Nov. 2022
  - Final August 2023
- **New “Waters of the United States” Rule**
  - Final Dec 2022
  - Part 2 proposal Fall 2023
  - Part 2 final Summer 2024





Legislation, Regulatory Affairs and  
Communications Committee

# Report on Activities from Sacramento

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Board  
Activities from  
Sacramento

## Legislative Deadlines

January 10: Governor's Proposed Budget  
Submittal to the Legislature

January 20: Legislative Counsel Deadline

February 17: Bill Introduction Deadline



## Potential Bills of Interest

AB 30 (Ward, D-San Diego) – Research related to atmospheric rivers

ACA 2 (Alanis, R-Modesto) – Establish the Water and Wildfire Resiliency Fund (General Fund).

SB 3 (Dodd, D-Napa) – Expand “Water Shutoff Protection Act” to community water systems with 200 or fewer connections.

SB 23 (Caballero, D-Merced) – Improve the process for regulatory permits to develop water supply and flood risk reduction projects.

Board Activities  
from Sacramento  
Proposed  
Budget

# Proposed 2023-24 State Budget

Proposed \$297 billion spending plan with \$22.5 billion identified deficit

Prioritizes climate resiliency investments

Board Activities from  
Sacramento  
Committee  
Assignments

## Assembly Committee Assignments

Assembly Budget Subcommittee 3:  
Chair: Steve Bennett (D-Ventura)

Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxics Materials:  
Chair: Alex Lee (D-San Jose)  
Vice Chair: Josh Hoover (R-Folsom)

Assembly Water, Parks, and Wildlife:  
Chair: Rebecca Bauer-Kahan (D-San Ramon)  
Vice Chair: Devon Mathis (R-Visalia)

\*Existing Chair

Board Activities from  
Sacramento  
Committee  
Assignments

## Senate Committee Assignments

Senate Budget Subcommittee 2:  
Chair: Josh Becker (D-San Mateo)

Senate Environmental Quality:  
Chair: Ben Allen (D-Redondo Beach)  
Vice Chair: Brian Dahle (R-Redding)

Senate Natural Resources and Water:  
Chair: Dave Min (D-Irvine)  
Vice Chair: Kelly Seyarto (R-Murrieta)

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