



Legislation and Communications Committee

External Affairs Activities

Item 7a

June 10, 2024

Report on
Activities
from
External
Affairs

Subject

Report on Activities from External
Affairs

Purpose

To provide management
announcements and highlights for
External Affairs

Federal Funding Announcement

Strong media coverage of event with US Bureau of Reclamation to announce funding for large-scale water recycling projects



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Website: Focus on Water Quality



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Water Awareness Month

- Metropolitan and 17 member agencies posted social media about Tap Water Day
- Drinking Water Week video



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 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 is
not affordable

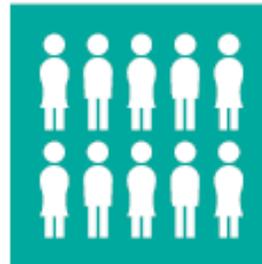
2024 Value of Water Index

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



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

Telling Our Stories

