

Communications & Legislation Committee



Adopt Legislative Priorities & Principles for 2023

Item 7-2

December 13, 2022

2023 Legislative Priorities & Principles

Overview

- Recap of Purpose & Process
- High-level Summary of Legislative Priorities and Principles (LPP)
- Overview of Changes to Draft 2023 LPP from November 2022 version

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Purpose & Process

- Annual process to seek Board guidance and direction
- NEW: **Seven** MWD and regional priorities
- Seven policy areas
- One possible Metropolitan-sponsored legislative initiative

Current Actions & Next Steps

- Present and seek input:
 - Member Agency Legislative Coordinators (Oct 20)
 - Present to Member Agency General Managers (Oct 28)
 - Information Item to Board (Nov 2022)
 - 7 comments (by email/letter) received (see: Table 1)
- Action Item to Board (Dec 2022)

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Top
Legislative
Priorities

1. Imported water supply resiliency & reliability
2. Demand management and water use efficiency
3. Pure Water Southern California & long-term supply reliability improvements
4. Drinking water quality and access to safe and reliable water for all Californians; polluter pays principle
5. Ecosystem restorations in imported sources, taking into consideration evolving climate and risk analyses
6. Implement MWD Climate Action Plan
7. **New: Water Affordability**

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Possible MWD- sponsored Initiative

- Support administrative/legislative actions and funding for the long-term conversion of non-functional turf (NFT) in residential, commercial, industrial, and institutional (CII) existing landscapes and ban the installation of NFT in new construction

Note: bill sponsorship contingent on explicit Board authorization

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Strategic
Policy
Areas

- I. Drought
- II. Drinking Water
- III. Regional Water Resource Management
- IV. Imported Water Supply
- V. Sustainability, Resiliency & Innovation
- VI. Infrastructure
- VII. System Resiliency

I. Drought

- A. Local/regional drought resiliency projects
- B. Accelerate local supply development
- C. Imported source water protection
- D. Conservation and drought contingency planning
- E. Recognition of capacity differences & support for funding to help mitigate those differences

II. Drinking Water

- A. Water Quality & Treatment
- B. Water Governance & Funding

III. Regional Water Resource Management

General Principles

- A. Clear, concise, expedited regulations
- B. Expedite local resource development
- C. SGMA implementation

Specific Policy Principles for:

- D. Conservation
- E. Desalination and Groundwater Remediation
- F. Recycled Water
- G. Stormwater Capture
- H. Watershed Management

IV.
Imported
Water Supply

- A. Bay Delta Initiatives
- B. Colorado River Resources
- C. State Water Project

V.
Sustainability,
Resiliency,
& Innovation

- A. Climate Action and Adaptation
- B. Water/Energy Nexus
- C. Renewable Energy
- D. Environmental Stewardship
- E. Workforce Development
- F. Innovation

VI. Infrastructure

- A. Funding and financing tools
- B. Equitable cost-sharing
- C. Expansion of funding
- D. Expedite approvals/reporting
- E. Funding for public share of costs

VII. System Resiliency

- A. Emergency Preparedness
- B. Physical and Cyber Security
- C. Chemical Security

Board Options.

Option #1

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Option #2

Take no action

Staff Recommendation.

Option #1 Adopt Legislative Priorities and Principles for 2023

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