

LAS VIRGENES TRIUNFO JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
Las Virgenes Municipal Water District Board Room, 4232 Las Virgenes Road,
Calabasas, CA 91302

AGENDA
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY - REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 1, 2024 – 5:00 PM

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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4. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine, non-controversial and normally approved with one motion. If discussion is requested by a member of the Board on any Consent Calendar item, or if a member of the public wishes to comment on an item, that item will be removed from the Consent Calendar for separate action.

4.A **Minutes: Special Meeting of May 28, 2024 and Regular Meeting of June 3, 2024**
Approve. (Pg. 4)

4.B **Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position: May 2024 (Pg. 13)**
Receive and file the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position for the period ending on May 31, 2024.

5. **ILLUSTRATIVE AND/OR VERBAL PRESENTATION OF AGENDA ITEMS**

5.A **State and Federal Legislative Update (Pg. 16)**

5.B **Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo: Update (Pg. 61)**

6. **ACTION ITEMS**

6.A **Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo: Update on Public Outreach Plan (Pg. 65)**
Receive and file an update on the Public Outreach Plan and provide feedback on new or additional outreach activities for the Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo.

6.B **Purchase and Sale Agreement for Solar Renewable Energy Credits: Authorization (Pg. 82)**

Authorize the Administering Agent/General Manager to execute a purchase and sale agreement for the sale of Solar Renewable Energy Credits generated by the JPA's four-megawatt solar energy generation facility.

6.C **Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo: Second Grant Application for U.S. Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART Title XVI WIIN Act Funding (Pg. 87)**

Pass, approve, and adopt proposed Resolution No. 34, authorizing the submittal of a grant funding application to and execution of a grant funding agreement with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation for the Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo.

RESOLUTION NO. 34

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF LAS VIRGENES – TRIUNFO JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTERING AGENT/GENERAL MANAGER, OR DESIGNEE, TO APPLY FOR, RECEIVE FUNDS, ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT, AND ADMINISTER A GRANT FOR THE WATERSMART: TITLE XVI WIIN ACT WATER RECLAMATION AND REUSE PROJECTS GRANT

(Reference is hereby made to Resolution No. 34 on file in the JPA's Resolution Book and by this reference the same is incorporated herein.)

7. **BOARD COMMENTS**

8. **ADMINISTERING AGENT/GENERAL MANAGER REPORT**

9. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

10. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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11. **ADJOURNMENT**

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**LAS VIRGENES – TRIUNFO
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MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING**

10:00 AM

May 28, 2024

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Oliver Slosser.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at **10:00 a.m.** by Chair Jay Lewitt in the Board Room at Las Virgenes Municipal Water District headquarters at 4232 Las Virgenes Road, Calabasas, CA 91302. Josie Guzman, Clerk of the Board, conducted the roll call.

Present: Directors Burns, Caspary, Coradeschi (arrived at 10:09 a.m.),
Jarecky, Lewitt, Nye, Polan, Shapiro, Tjulander, and Wall

Absent: None

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Director Wall moved to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Director Polan. Motion carried 9-0 by the following vote:

AYES: Burns, Caspary, Jarecky, Lewitt, Nye, Polan, Shapiro, Tjulander, Wall

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Coradeschi

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

4. PURE WATER PROJECT LAS VIRGENES-TRIUNFO WORKSHOP

A Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo: Special Workshop No. 1 on Architectural Elements

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen and Oliver Slosser, Engineering Program Manager, provided introductory remarks.

Director Coradeschi arrived at 10:09 a.m.

The Walsh Team, including RRM Design, provided a presentation of the architectural elements for the Advanced Water Purification Facility, and asked for the JPA Board's input regarding different styles, deal breakers, and features to be incorporated into the final architectural design.

The JPA Board provided comments, and no actions were taken.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly adjourned at **1:34 p.m.**

Jay Lewitt, Chair

ATTEST:

James Wall, Vice Chair

**LAS VIRGENES – TRIUNFO
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REGULAR MEETING**

5:00 PM

June 3, 2024

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Debbie Rosales.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at **5:00 p.m.** by Chair Jay Lewitt in the Board Room at Triunfo Water & Sanitation District headquarters at 370 N. Westlake Boulevard, Westlake Village, California, 91362. Josie Guzman, Clerk of the Board, conducted the roll call.

Present: Directors Burns, Caspary, Coradeschi, Jarecky, Lewitt, Nye, Polan, Shapiro, Tjulander (arrived at 5:12 p.m.), and Wall

Absent: None

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Director Wall moved to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Director Polan. Motion carried 9-0 by the following vote:

AYES: Burns, Caspary, Coradeschi, Jarecky, Lewitt, Nye, Polan, Shapiro, Wall

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Tjulander

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

A Minutes: Special Meeting of May 13, 2024: Approve

Director Caspary moved to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion seconded by

Director Coradeschi. Motion carried 9-0 by the following vote:

AYES: Burns, Caspary, Coradeschi, Jarecky, Lewitt, Nye, Polan, Shapiro, Wall

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Tjulander

5. **ILLUSTRATIVE AND/OR VERBAL PRESENTATION AGENDA ITEMS**

A State and Federal Legislative Update

Ana Schwab, federal lobbyist for the JPA with Best Best & Krieger LLP (BBK), accompanied by Madeline Voitier, Chris Keosian, and Lowry Crook, reported that there would be very few days for legislation to be passed for the Fiscal Year 2025 appropriations due to Legislators' attendance at political conventions, and a continuing resolution was expected to be passed prior to the November 5, 2024 Presidential Election. She stated that the Legislature would need to pass tax provisions that would sunset at the end of the year, and a year-end tax package was expected. She noted that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) was working with the Department of Homeland Security to develop best practices for cybersecurity safety of water and wastewater systems. She mentioned that the House of Representatives would be out in August and October, and there were concerns with passing farm bills that have a provision to give an exemption to use fire-fighting foam, which has a large containment of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). She stated that the exemption would allow the use of fire-fighting foams and be free of liability from regulations.

Lowry Crook, federal lobbyist for the JPA with BBK, provided an update regarding the Water Resources Development Act, which is usually passed biannually and would likely pass after Election Day.

Ms. Schwab responded to a question regarding H.R. 7525, Special Districts Grant Accessibility Act, by stating that the bill would codify the definition of a special district for the purposes of federal grants and provide for equity when applying for federal grants.

Director Tjulander arrived at 5:12 p.m.

Ms. Schwab also responded to a question regarding possible impacts from H.R. 872, FISH Act, and H.R. 873, Water Quality and Environmental Innovation Act, by stating that this bill would be codified by Fish and Wildlife Service over anadromous species. She noted that the bill was introduced; however, it had not been taken up by the House Natural Resources Committee. She also responded to a question regarding an artificial intelligence requirement in H.R. 873 regarding emerging technologies by stating that this bill had not yet been taken up by Committees. She noted that this bill would create a new Water Quality and Innovation Act Fund. She

also responded to a question regarding the status of the EPA extending the National Pollution Discharge Elimination Program (NPDES) permit terms for public works from five years to ten years by stating that this provision was attached to H.R. 7023, Creating Confidence in Clean Water Permitting Act, which passed in the House of Representatives; however, the bill would not have viability in the Senate and the provision would need to be moved to another bill. She also responded to a question regarding the status of H.R. 4052, National Infrastructure Bank Act, by stating that this bill was introduced over one year ago; however, it had not yet been taken up by Committees.

Syrus Devers, state lobbyist for the JPA with Syrus Devers Advocacy LLC, provided an update regarding potential education, housing, and climate resource bonds for the November 5, 2024 election. He stated that it was likely there would only be two bonds on the ballot. He also provided an update regarding voluntary agreements, and stated that the Assembly and Senate eliminated funding voluntary agreements in the budget. He also provided an update regarding budget bond legislation, and noted that AB 2614 (Ramos), Water Policy California Tribal Communities regarding beneficial use for Tribal Water Rights was held in suspense. He noted that the proposed bill regarding voluntary contributions by ratepayers to fund low-income rate assistance would seek to have ratepayers opting out as opposed to opting in.

Director Caspary stated that Assemblymember Ramos also introduced AB 1284, Tribal Ancestral Lands and Waters, Co-governance and Co-management Agreements, and stated that this bill would authorize co-governance agreements between the government and tribes so that tribes may have some autonomy. He asked Mr. Devers to monitor this bill. He addressed the proposed low-income rate assistance legislation and stated the bill was making the assumption that 60 percent of water customers would not choose to opt out. He also addressed AB 460 (Bauer-Kahan), State Water Resources Control Board, Water Rights and Usage, Civil Penalties, and stated that the author proposed to remove everything from the bill except fines and penalties for violating curtailment orders.

Mr. Devers responded to a question regarding the amount proposed for voluntary contributions for low-income rate assistance by stating that there was discussion regarding an amount not to exceed the amount of the bill.

Director Caspary provided additional information regarding the Tribal Water Rights, and noted that the bill was supported by the Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indian Tribe. He stated that it was announced last week that the Miwok Indian Tribe purchased a project that was 20 years on the drawing board invested by an \$84 million public employees' pension fund, and the Miwok Indian Tribe purchased the project for \$17 million. He suggested that Mr. Devers continue to monitor AB 2614 and AB 1284.

B Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo: Update

Oliver Slosser, Engineering Program Manager, acknowledged the Board for their participation at the Architectural Theme Workshop held on May 28th. He stated that he would work with the Walsh Team and RRM Design regarding the Board's input, and would schedule another workshop in August. He reported that staff met with representatives from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation regarding the upcoming reapplication of the Title XVI grant. He noted that the JPA received \$10.2 million for the planning stages of the project, and the JPA could apply for another \$19.8 million grant for construction. He also reported that he provided a project update to the City of Agoura Hills City Council on May 22nd, and an internal workshop was held with city staff regarding the Advanced Water Purification Facility process. He also reported that a two-day partnering session was held on May 22nd and 23rd with the Walsh Team, Jacobs, Carollo Engineers, and Brown and Caldwell. He stated that staff would continue to implement the 90-day schedule with the Walsh Team, continue to work with the Regional Water Quality Control Board, continue to work with the Division of Drinking Water, work to finalize the reservoir testing work plan for the dye tracer testing reservoir modeling, and convene the Independent Advisory Panel. He responded to questions and comments regarding a funding allocation to provide a public benefit at the west side of the Advanced Water Purification Facility; providing additional Board input to the Walsh Team on the architectural theme; development of a cost delivery model; coordination with OceanWell's deep water life protection filtration systems for testing at Las Virgenes Reservoir; and providing a list of grants and loans for the project.

6. ACTION ITEMS

A Fiscal Years 2024-26 Proposed Biennial Budget

Approve the proposed Fiscal Years 2024-26 Biennial JPA Budget Plan, and adopt the proposed Fiscal Year 2024-25 JPA Budget.

Debbie Rosales, Financial Analyst II, presented the report.

Director Coradeschi moved to approve Item 6A. Motion seconded by Director Caspary.

Motion carried 10-0 by the following vote:

AYES: Burns, Caspary, Coradeschi, Jarecky, Lewitt, Nye, Polan, Shapiro, Tjulander, Wall

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

7. BOARD COMMENTS

Director Polan stated that customers should be made aware that the cost of recycled water was projected to increase, and customers should continue to conserve water.

8. ADMINISTERING AGENT/GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen reported that the flow in Malibu Creek measured 6.83 cubic feet per second (CSF) and there was no need for fish flow augmentation. He also reported that recycled water demands had normalized, and discharge of excess recycled water was easier to manage. He noted that staff participated in the Love Run in Westlake Village on June 1st, where samples of pure water were distributed. He also noted that a Pure Water Tasting Event would be held on June 29th at LVMWD headquarters, where pizza and shaved ice made with pure water would be provided.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly adjourned at **5:54 p.m.**

Jay Lewitt, Chair

ATTEST:

James Wall, Vice Chair

DATE: July 1, 2024
TO: JPA Board of Directors
FROM: Finance and Administration

SUBJECT: Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position: May 2024

SUMMARY:

This report provides a year-to-date summary of unaudited Fiscal Year 2023-24 financial results for the JPA.

Through 11 months of Fiscal Year 2023-24, the JPA generated operating revenues of \$2.1 million, 21.5 percent below prior year operating revenues of \$2.6 million. Operating revenues were also below budget expectations through 92 percent of the fiscal year. Year-to-date operating expenses were \$22.4 million for the current fiscal year, 5.7 percent above prior year expenses of \$15.2 million and closely aligned with budget expectations through May 2024.

As of May 31, 2024, the JPA's net position (excess of assets over liabilities) was \$100 million. The entirety of the net position consisted of the JPA's investment in capital assets by its participants, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District (LVMWD) and Triunfo Water & Sanitation District (TWSD).

RECOMMENDATION(S):

Receive and file the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position for the period ending on May 31, 2024.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact associated with the report.

DISCUSSION:

JPA operating revenues, comprised primarily of wholesale recycled water sales, were \$2.1 million through May 31, 2024, 21.5 percent below prior year sales of \$2.6 million for the same period. JPA recycled water deliveries to its customers, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District and Triunfo Water & Sanitation District, were down 22.8 percent year-over-year through 11 months of the fiscal year, driving the decrease in revenues year-over-year.

JPA operating expenses year-to-date through May 2024 were \$22.4 million, which were \$1.2 million (or 5.7 percent) above the prior year's operating expenses of \$21.2 million. Actual expenses encompassed 92.1 percent of the \$24.3 million annual operating budget, in line with expectations through 92 percent of the fiscal year.

Tapia Water Reclamation Facility operating expenses of \$4.7 million in the current fiscal year were \$0.5 million (or 12.4 percent) above prior year expenses of \$4.2 million through May. The increase was driven mainly by increased costs for the purchase of sodium hypochlorite in the current fiscal year versus the prior year.

Recycled water transmission and distribution costs of \$1.8 million were down \$0.3 million year-to-date through May 2024 versus the prior year's expenses of \$2.1 million. Though energy rates have increased year-over-year, the JPA has experienced lower deliveries to its customers in Fiscal Year 2023-24 versus the prior year, resulting in lower transmission and distribution energy costs.

Expenses of \$2.8 million year-to-date through May 2024 at the Rancho Las Virgenes Composting Facility were down \$0.2 million versus the prior year's expenses of \$3.0 million. The decrease was driven mainly by a one-time cost of \$110,000 for the purchase and replacement of biofilter media in the prior year along with less outside service repair costs incurred during Fiscal Year 2023-24 versus the prior year.

General and administrative (G&A) expenses were \$12.5 million through 11 months of the fiscal year, which equated to 91.2 percent of the \$13.7 million budgeted for Fiscal Year 2023-24, consistent with expectations through 92 percent of the fiscal year.

In the non-operating section of the statement, "other revenues" decreased by approximately \$505,000 through May 2024 versus the prior year. The decrease in revenues year-over-year was due mainly to a one-time insurance claim payment of \$581,000 received by the JPA in August of the prior year. The payment reimbursed the JPA for building damage repair costs at the Rancho Las Virgenes Composting Facility that resulted from the Woolsey Fire in 2018.

As of May 31, 2024, the JPA's net position (excess of assets over liabilities) was \$100 million. The entirety of the net position consisted of the JPA's investment in capital assets by its participants, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District and Triunfo Water & Sanitation District.

Attached is a statement that summarizes the JPA's Fiscal Year 2023-24 year-to-date financial results through May 31, 2024.

GOALS:

Ensure Effective Utilization of the Public's Assets and Money

Prepared by: Brian Richie, Finance Manager

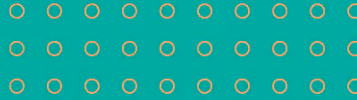
ATTACHMENTS:

[Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position: May 2024](#)

LAS VIRGENES-TRIUNFO JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
Statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position
For the Months Ended May 31, 2024 (Preliminary) and 2023
(dollars in thousands)



	Annual Budget 2023/24	Through 92% of fiscal year Actual Year-to-Date		Variance with Prior Year Positive (Negative) 2023/24 to 2022/23
		2023/24	2022/23	
OPERATING REVENUES:				
Wholesale recycled water sales	\$ 2,734	\$ 2,053	\$ 2,615	\$ (562)
Other income	65	50	50	-
Total operating revenues	2,799	2,103	2,665	(562)
OPERATING EXPENSES:				
Treatment Plant	4,574	4,765	4,240	525
Recycled water transmission and distribution	2,121	1,774	2,087	(313)
Compost Plant	3,539	2,831	3,061	(230)
Sewer	175	285	185	100
General and administrative	13,666	12,470	11,357	1,113
Other operating expenses	271	297	286	11
Total operating expenses	24,346	22,422	21,216	1,206
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE BILLING TO PARTICIPANTS	(21,547)	(20,319)	(18,551)	(1,768)
Billing to Participants	21,547	19,486	17,664	1,822
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	-	(833)	(887)	54
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES):				
Interest income (expense)	-	376	230	146
Other revenues (expenses)	-	85	590	(505)
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	-	461	820	(359)
CHANGES IN NET POSITION	-	(372)	(67)	(305)
NET POSITION:				
Beginning of fiscal year	100,333	100,333	101,133	(800)
Ending Net Position	\$ 100,333	\$ 99,961	\$ 101,066	\$ (1,105)



Las Virgenes-Triunfo Joint Powers Authority

June 21, 2024

Ana Schwab, Lowry Crook, Chris Keosian, Madeline Voitier, and Alex Dunn

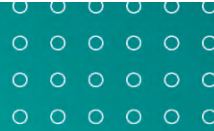
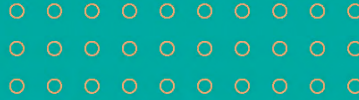
Congress

The typical busy-season that defines a Congressional Summer is in full swing. Of note, Congress is currently considering the 2024 Farm Bill, 2024 Water Resources Development Act (WRDA), 2024 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), and FY25 Appropriations. Election year activities will soon dominate much of the Congressional schedule – Congress will be out of session in mid-July (in addition to the usual July 4th week recess) for the Democratic National Convention, while the Republican National Convention will take place in August, over the traditional 5-week “August Recess.” Congress will return for three weeks in September, and then begin a 6-week recess during October and early November, leading up to the 2024 election.

After the November election, in the “lame duck” session, Congressional action is expected on a bipartisan tax reform bill, as many current tax credits sunset this year, a final FY25 government funding package, a federal lands package, and perhaps Congressional action dealing with the debt ceiling, which has been suspended through January 1, 2025. The productivity of lame duck period will largely hinge on the outcome of the election, as the political dynamics of a potential Presidential and Congressional transfer of power play out.

House Holds Attorney General Garland in Contempt of Congress

On June 12, 2024, the U.S. House of Representatives voted 216-207 to hold Attorney Merrick General Garland in Contempt of Congress over the Department of Justice’s (DOJ) refusal to turn over audio recordings of Special Counsel Robert Hur’s interview with President Biden in Special Council Hur’s probe related to the mishandling of classified documents. The DOJ had already provided Congress with a transcript of the interview. The contempt vote comes after the House impeachment inquiry into President Biden has failed to produce any evidence of wrongdoing by the President. No congressional Democrats supported the contempt resolution – and only one Republican voted against it.



Attorney General Garland becomes just the third Attorney General to ever held in Contempt of Congress, and the case is likely to end up in Federal Court as the DOJ announced they do not plan to peruse charges or prosecute the Attorney General in the criminal referral.

House Passes Federal Disaster Tax Relief Bill

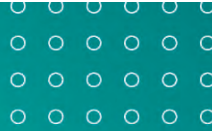
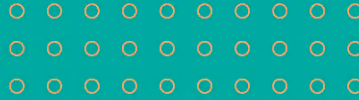
On May 21, 2024, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the bipartisan H.R. 5863, *Federal Disaster Tax Relief Act of 2023*; the vote was an overwhelming 382 Yeas to 7 Nays. The legislation, sponsored by Rep. Greg Steube (R-FL-17), is intended to allow individuals to deduct financial losses derived from the recovery process of federally declared disasters, such as hurricanes, floods, or wildfires, without itemizing their deductions, and to exclude certain federal disaster relief payments for wildfire losses from annual gross income. The bill sponsors argue the legislation would provide necessary relief to families as they recover and rebuild after increasingly frequent and severe disasters in recent years.

Similar provisions were included in the House-passed bipartisan tax package in early 2024. However, that tax package has since stalled in the Senate. Likewise, Sen. Bill Cassidy (R-LA) and Sen. Laphonza Butler (D-CA) introduced similar legislation in the Senate—S. 3678, the *Federal Disaster Tax Relief Act of 2024*—on January 25, 2024. To date, the Senate Finance Committee has not taken up the legislation for consideration.

House Passes FY25 National Defense Authorization Act

Following a May 22, 2024, near-unanimous 57-1 vote by the House Armed Services Committee (HASC), approved H.R. 8070, the *Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025* (NDAA), the U.S. House of Representatives passed the \$883.7 billion NDAA on June 14, 2024, with a narrow 217-199 party line vote. This marked a departure from the bill's usual bipartisan support, influenced by amendments approved on the House floor relating to abortion, climate, DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion), and LGBTQ issues.

In this iteration of the NDAA, the House emphasized quality of life enhancements for servicemembers, including a significant 19.5% pay raise for junior enlisted personnel, augmented military base housing allowances, and investments in improving maintenance at military installations. Additionally, the bill incorporated measures addressing PFAS contamination within the Department of Defense (DoD), spearheaded by Rep. Lisa McClain (R-MI-09). These measures included provisions for exploring effective disposal methods for PFAS-containing materials, tightening stormwater discharge permits to reduce PFAS emissions from DoD facilities, mandating PFAS health effects training for DoD healthcare providers, and promoting the use of PFAS-free cleaning products in DoD operations.



Notably, several proposed PFAS-related amendments were not made in order to receive consideration during the House floor debate.

On June 13, 2024, the Senate Armed Services Committee approved their version of the NDAA with a substantial \$25 billion increase, setting the total authorization at \$923.3 billion. The committee's vote was 22-3 in favor, with Committee Chair Sen. Jack Reed (D-RI) voting "no" despite his overall support for the bill due to concerns over potential fiscal impacts and the requirement of a sequester under the *Fiscal Responsibility Act* if appropriators proceeded with the funding increase for the Pentagon. Both the House and Senate versions of the NDAA will need to be reconciled before final passage and submission to President Biden for enactment into law.

House Passes Bill Mandating "Do Not Flush" Labels on Wet Wipes

On June 11, 2024, the House of Representatives passed H.R. 2964, the *Wastewater Infrastructure Pollution Prevention and Environmental Safety Act* (WIPPES), by a vote of 351-56. This bill directs the Federal Trade Commission – with guidance from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) – to issue regulations requiring wipes manufacturers to include clear 'Do Not Flush' labeling on the packaging of wet wipes that are not designed to be flushed. The National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) has estimated that these improperly labeled wipes result in about \$441 million a year in additional operating costs for U.S. clean water utilities. The bill will now await consideration in the Senate, where Senators Susan Collins (R-ME) and Jeff Merkley (D-OR) are lead sponsors of S. 1350, similar legislation with the same name as H.R. 2964.

Water Conservation Rebate Tax Parity Act Introduced in U.S. House of Representatives

On June 10, 2024, U.S. Representatives Jared Huffman (D-CA-02) and John Curtis (R-UT-03) re-introduced their legislation, the *Water Conservation Rebate Tax Parity Act*. They were joined in the bipartisan bill introduction by Representatives Judy Chu (D-CA-28) and Doug LaMalfa (R-CA-01). The *Water Conservation Rebate Tax Parity Act* would amend federal tax law so that individuals receiving rebates from their water utilities for water conservation improvements are not taxed on these rebates. Many water utilities, particularly in drought-prone areas like California, offer such rebates to incentivize homeowners to invest in appliances and make landscape improvements which reduce water use. Currently, these rebates are treated as taxable income by the IRS. The Act clarifies that these rebates, similar to energy conservation incentives, should not be taxed as income. The bill sponsors suggest the legislation would incentivize water-saving investments, which would benefit public health, the environment, and local economies by conserving water resources.

U.S. House Committee on Natural Resources Approves Bills for Colorado River Conservation and Improvement

On June 12, 2024, the House Committee on Natural Resources held a full committee markup where the committee unanimously passed both H.R. 7776, the *Help Hoover Dam Act*, and H.R. 7872, the *Colorado River Salinity Control Fix Act*. Both pieces of legislation now await consideration on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives.

The *Help Hoover Dam Act*, led by Rep. Susie Lee (D-NV-03), would enable the Bureau of Reclamation to access \$45 million in previously unavailable funds from the Colorado River Dam Fund. The bill sponsors say these funds will be used for Hoover Dam operations, maintenance, and improvements, benefiting the 40 million people who rely on the Colorado River for water and the 1.3 million who depend on the Hoover Dam for electricity. S. 4016, the Senate version of this legislation, led by Senator Kyrsten Sinema (I-AZ), is currently awaiting markup in the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Rep. John Curtis' *Colorado River Salinity Control Fix Act* would increase the federal cost-share percentage for salinity control projects within the Colorado River Basin. This increase is necessary as climate change and droughts have raised water treatment costs, placing a greater burden on states. Consequently, this has created an imbalance between funding and cost-share requirements within the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Program. Senator Michael Bennett (D-CO) has introduced companion legislation, S. 2514, which has been referred to the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry for consideration.

Rep. Josh Harder Introduces *Modernizing Wildfire Safety and Prevention Act*

On June 10, 2024, Rep. Josh Harder (D-CA-09), along with Reps. Scott Franklin (R-FL-18) and Joe Neguse (D-CO-2), introduced the *Modernizing Wildfire Safety and Prevention Act*, a "first of its kind" bill aimed at modernizing how the United States addresses wildfires. The legislation, Rep. Harder says, was developed with input from wildfire experts and firefighting agencies, and marks the first federal initiative to take a comprehensive approach to the wildfire crisis. The legislation was written in response to the USDA's Wildland Fire Mitigation and Management Commission's September 2023 [report](#) entitled, "ON FIRE", which recommended policies to end the wildfire crisis parts of the U.S. are currently experiencing.

The *Modernizing Wildfire Safety and Prevention Act* offers a four-part strategy to combat rising wildfires: establishing a new "Middle Fire Leaders Academy" and grant programs to address firefighter shortages, improving benefits and conditions to retain experienced

firefighters, updating fire response technology like risk maps, and creating a national real-time air quality monitoring system to address public health concerns from wildfire smoke.

House Farm Bill Includes PFAS Provisions

The proposed House Farm Bill, approved by the U.S. House Committee on Agriculture last month includes measures supporting research on the effects of PFAS and microplastics on agricultural land. Specifically, it includes a section titled "High Priority Research and Extension Initiatives," which authorizes grants that can be allocated for research on the impacts of microplastics and PFAS in farming and food production, including those deriving from biosolids or compost used on farmland.

Additionally, the bill authorizes research to develop methods for filtering or breaking down PFAS and microplastics from biosolids intended for agricultural use, possibly through wastewater treatment or composting. It also authorizes research to understand how wastewater processing affects these substances and their movement on farmland. Moreover, the bill allows exploration of techniques for remediating PFAS or microplastics contaminated soil and water systems – with the goal of eventually removing these substances from the food and waste streams.

The legislation will next be considered whole House. The Senate is expected to consider its own version of the Farm Bill later this Summer. Both versions will need to be reconciled via Conference Committee before being submitted to President Biden to be signed into law.

Upper Basin Senators Introduce Legislation to Extend Colorado River System Conservation Pilot Program

On June 18, 2024, Upper Basin Senators Mitt Romney (R-UT), John Hickenlooper (D-CO), Michael Bennet (D-CO), John Barrasso (R-WY), and Cynthia Lummis (R-WY) introduced the *Colorado River Basin System Conservation Extension Act*, a bipartisan bill to extend the Colorado River System Conservation Pilot Program through 2026. The \$125 million pilot program, launched in 2022, is an Inflation Reduction Act funded initiative which paid Upper Basin water rights holders to forego use of their full allocations at a rate of \$150 per acre-foot. The opt-in program was established during the intense 2022 drought to test the effectiveness of voluntary water conservation programs, in response to a demand from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation for Basin States—including Lower Basin States—to severely reduce their water use.

Established in 2022 and rolled out in 2023, the program had only a limited time to work, during which time it saved 38,000 acre-feet of water. In 2024, with more time for users to plan, it is expected to save nearly 64,000 acre-feet of water.

Federal Budget/Appropriations

The House Appropriations Committee is in the midst of its busiest time of year, drafting and “marking up” all 12 FY25 government funding bills at both the subcommittee and full committee level by the end of June, before their consideration on the House Floor in July. Under the leadership of new Appropriations Committee Chairman Tom Cole, the Committee has continued the same posture it struck in the FY24 appropriations cycle, releasing bills featuring heavy spending cuts and controversial policy riders, which the House Republican Conference considers to be a “starting point” in negotiations. This posture is a departure from the historically bipartisan and cordial nature of the Appropriations Committee process, and assures these versions of the FY25 Appropriations bills will receive significant pushback from the Democratic controlled Senate and White House.

Moreover, these developments set the stage for another year of government funding fights, and increase the likelihood that final FY25 Appropriations negotiations will occur after the November election. The federal government is currently funded through September 30, 2024, however it is expected that Congress will work to pass a Continuing Resolution to avoid a government shutdown before the election. Conversely, given the uncertain dynamics of this Congress and election year political pressures, Congress’ ability to avert a shutdown is not guaranteed.

On June 5, 2024, House Republicans successfully passed their first government funding bill of the year, the Military Construction-VA appropriations bill, with a vote of 209-197. Four Democrats voted in favor, while two Republicans opposed the bill. The bill’s passage represents a positive first step for Republicans, who need near-unanimity to pass spending bills over Democratic opposition. The bill is part of a broader plan by Republicans to boost defense spending by 1% from FY24 levels, and cut nondefense programs by 6% (and sometimes by as much as 11%) from FY24 levels, despite Congress voting to approve these FY24 levels in March of this year. The spending cuts renege on a previous handshake deal to allow for an across-the-board funding boost. The bill includes \$147.5 billion in funding, about \$6 billion less than allocated for FY24. The legislations \$18 billion appropriation for military construction represents a \$718 million cut.

Concurrently, the Senate Appropriations Committee is working its way through a series of hearings reviewing the President’s FY25 budget requests, and will be releasing and marking up their own appropriations bills this Summer. These bills must be reconciled with the House legislation, as all government spending legislation must originate in the House, before being passed in a final FY25 Omnibus Appropriations package and sent to the President to be enacted into law.

Administration/Regulatory

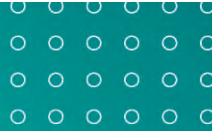
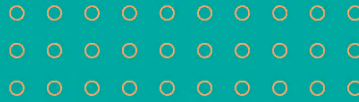
U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Awards \$99 Million to PureWater Southern California Project

On May 28, 2024, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Commissioner Camille Touton announced a \$99+ million grant for planning and designing the Pure Water Southern California facility at the Metropolitan Water District. The funding is part of the Department of Interior’s new Large-Scale Water Recycling Program, launched in 2023 under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. This program encourages large conservation projects to create local, drought-resistant water supplies by recycling unusable sources; without funding constraints. The PureWater project aims to produce 118,590 acre-feet of recycled water annually, enough to serve the annual needs of over 470,000 people, and reduce reliance on imported, and increasingly limited, Colorado River water.

Biden Administration Announces \$242 Million for Western Water Storage and Conveyance

On May 30, 2024, the Department of Interior announced \$242 million in funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) to support five water storage and conveyance projects across the west, with the stated goal of building more climate resilient water infrastructure in the midst of historic drought and climate change. Combined, the projects are expected to add 1.6 million acre-feet of water storage capacity; enough to supply 6.4 million people annually.

In California, the B.F. Sisk Dam Raise and Reservoir Expansion Project secured \$75 million to bolster off-stream storage capabilities, enabling the creation of 130,000 acre-feet of additional water storage. Similarly, the Sites Reservoir Project received \$67.5 million for its off-stream storage initiative along the Sacramento River system, aimed at developing up to 1.5 million acre-feet of new water storage and establishing critical cold water habitats for endangered salmon populations.



U.S. EPA Braces for Budget Cuts

After receiving a \$1 billion cut in FY24 from Congress in FY24, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is seeking to “do more with less” amid potential further reductions in FY25. Most of the cuts targeted the EPA's Superfund program, but \$745 million has been offset by tax receipts under CERCLA's "Polluter Pays" law, with more funds possibly available. No layoffs are expected, as the EPA plans to cover the shortfall with tax revenue. However, the EPA's union argues that the agency is already understaffed, and maintaining current staffing levels fails to address the need for thousands of additional hires.

Colorado River Talks Continue between States, Tribes, and Administration

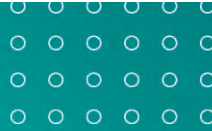
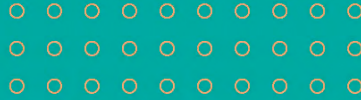
U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Commissioner Camille Touton said this month that despite tense negotiations over the future management of the Colorado River, and the millions of lives and livelihoods it supports, she remains confident that an agreement will be reached. The current agreements, rules, and regulations that govern water use along the Colorado River expire in 2026. Commissioner Touton noted that all sides are continuing to listen to one-another. The Administration has also increased its focus on including Native American water users in these negotiations—voices which have historically been excluded from Colorado River water use decisions. However, tribal leaders have suggested that while having a seat at the table is a significant improvement, their roll is still not on equal footing with the States.

White House Begins Review U.S. EPA's Draft PFAS Discharge Rule

On June 14, 2024, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) sent a proposal to limit PFAS effluent discharges from chemical manufacturing facilities to the White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for interagency review. More specifically, the proposal would cover PFAS discharges from the organic chemicals, plastics, and synthetic fibers (OCPSF) industry. After OMB review, the proposal will be published in the Federal Register for public comment.

This proposal marks the first time EPA is setting effluent limitations guidelines (ELGs) for PFAS. ELGs are “national, technology-based regulations developed to control industrial wastewater discharges to surface waters and into publicly owned treatment works (POTWs).” This move is in line with EPA's overarching PFAS strategy under the Effluent Guidelines Programs Plan 15 (Plan 15) as well as the PFAS Strategic Roadmap.

The Effluent Guidelines Program Plan is published every two years and identifies specific industry sectors requiring additional study or a rulemaking process to limit pollutant discharges. Plan 15 calls for developing PFAS ELGs for additional industry sectors



including metal finishing and electroplating as well as landfills. This OCPSF proposal comes shortly after EPA finalized a new analytical method for measuring 40 PFAS in wastewater surface water, groundwater, soil, biosolids, sediment, landfill leachate, and fish tissue.

Separately, EPA is also gathering data from POTWs on PFAS discharges from upstream industrial facilities as well as the presence of PFAS in influent, effluent, and sewage sludge. It is clear that dealing with PFAS continues to be a priority for the EPA.

Judicial/Courts

Lawsuit Filed Against U.S. EPA Seeking Rules On PFAS In Biosolids

On June 6, 2024, Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility (PEER), representing five farmers in Grandview, TX, filed a lawsuit against the EPA seeking rules regulating the presence of PFAS in biosolids; a substance derived from human waste during the wastewater treatment process, which is recycled and sold as agricultural fertilizer. Although the spreading of biosolids is an efficient way to convert human waste into a useful resource, and an effective source of nutrients for crops, public health advocates have begun strongly criticizing using biosolids as fertilizers on croplands.

The complaint alleges that the five farmers and ranchers have already suffered direct harm from PFAS laden biosolids due to the EPA's lack of regulation. Specifically, the plaintiffs soil became contaminated with high levels of PFAS after a neighbor spread sludge on their property in 2022. They allege this contamination has prevented their vegetables from growing, and that they have experienced the deaths of various animals without apparent cause, along with health issues like high blood pressure, lung and heart problems, and skin irritations—all of which are alleged to be associated with PFAS exposure.

The plaintiffs argue that ratepayers invest billions of dollars annually in treating wastewater, only to then re-introduce the toxic byproducts of wastewater treatment into the environment; thus re-contaminating water sources, food supplies, people, and animals which come into contact with the potentially harmful substances.

Other groups around the country have issued a notice of intent to join the suit against the EPA over its alleged failure to enforce the Clean Water Act, granting the agency a 60-day

window to initiate action. If the EPA takes no action during that window, the groups can join PEER's lawsuit.

Water Associations Challenge EPA PFAS National Primary Drinking Water Regulations

On June 7, 2024, the American Water Works Association (AWWA) and the Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies (AMWA) sued the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) over its recent rule regulating six PFAS under the Safe Drinking Water Act. The suit alleges inadequacies with the rule's estimated costs, use of a novel "hazard index" approach, and the issuance of a preliminary determination to regulate certain PFAS concurrently with the final rule.

The final rule, published on April 26, 2024, regulates six PFAS including PFOA, PFOS, PFNA, PFHxS, PFBS and GenX Chemicals. More specifically, the rule sets an enforceable Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) of 4 parts per trillion (ppt) individually for PFOA and PFOS, an MCL of 10 ppt for GenX Chemicals, PFNA and PFHxS, as well as a "hazard index" approach for regulating any combination of PFHxS, GenX Chemicals, PFNA, and PFBS. Although EPA has used a Hazard Index approach under other statutes, its use is new under the Safe Drinking Water Act.

Public details on legal arguments to be presented are scarce. However, the challengers broadly assert that the final rule is "arbitrary and capricious or otherwise contrary to law, in excess of statutory authority, unreasonable, not feasible, and not supported by the best available health effects and occurrence data and science." Additionally, the National Association of Manufacturers and the American Chemistry Council filed a separate challenge to the drinking water regulation on June 10, 2024 alleging that rule is "arbitrary, capricious, and an abuse of discretion."

- AWWA/AMWA petition linked [here](#).
- National Association of Manufacturers/American Chemistry Council petition linked [here](#).

Chamber of Commerce Challenges CERCLA PFAS Rule

On June 10, 2024, a coalition of industry groups led by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce filed a lawsuit challenging EPA's rule designating PFOA and PFOS as "hazardous substances" under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation & Liability Act (CERCLA). This controversial rule marks the first time EPA used its authority to designate a "hazardous substances" directly under CERCLA, and not through another statute. The suit was filed in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

The petition does not lay out detailed legal arguments, however, the Chamber has previously raised issues with the rule’s cost assessment. Namely, the Chamber argued that EPA had not sufficiently assessed the direct and indirect costs of the rule including potential litigation costs.

In response, EPA undertook a “totality of the circumstances” analysis that includes a formal cost-benefit analysis of the rule. EPA concluded that under CERCLA the designation is warranted regardless of cost considerations because the releases of these PFAS “may present substantial danger to public health, welfare or the environment.”

Supreme Court Ruling Could Alter Federal Regulatory Powers of Intra-Basin River Flows

In a recent 5-4 decision, the U.S. Supreme Court rejected a proposed settlement between several western states on how they allocate water from the Rio Grande. The waters of the Rio Grande are governed by the 1938 Rio Grande Compact, which apportions the waters of the Rio Grande River among Colorado, New Mexico, and Texas. The Compact relies on the Bureau of Reclamation’s operation of the Rio Grande Project to function. This case, *Texas v. New Mexico and Colorado*, is the latest development in a dispute dating back over a decade.

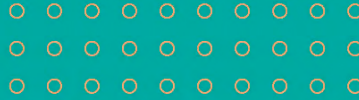
In 2013, Texas filed a lawsuit in the Supreme Court alleging that excessive groundwater pumping in New Mexico was depleting Texas’ supply of Rio Grande water – the federal government intervened in the case in 2018. Eventually the states came to an agreement and sought approval of the proposed settlement to resolve the case. The Special Master in the case recommend approval of the settlement, but the federal government objected citing impacts to federal facility operations on the Rio Grande. The Supreme Court held that the federal government has valid claims in the Rio Grande Compact and overruled the proposed settlement among the states. The case will now return to the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

This case will undoubtedly impact future interstate water cases by potentially requiring states to also earn the Federal Government’s approval when ratifying intra-basin agreements. Of particular interest are the agreements managing the Colorado River, which expire in 2026. The seven Colorado River Basin states and federal government are currently in negotiations for a new deal.



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Federal Funding Opportunities



FY24 Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Reuse Municipal Grants Program

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has now opened their Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Reuse Municipal Grants Program for FY24. This is a government initiative aimed at addressing the challenges associated with sewer overflows and stormwater management in municipalities. This program focuses on providing financial assistance and resources to local governments and communities to implement effective solutions for controlling and mitigating sewer overflows, as well as promoting the sustainable reuse of stormwater. California received an allocation of \$4.31 million from the total pool of funding. Regions must obligate funds under interagency agreements or direct grants to state entities by **September 30, 2025**, or the funds may be subject to Congressional rescission. More information can be found [here](#).



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June 2024 Bill Tracking Matrix

Legislation	Summary	Status	Cosponsors	# of Cosponsors
H.R. 186 Water Supply Permitting Coordination Act	This bill would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to coordinate Federal and State permitting processes related to the construction of new surface water storage projects on lands under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture and to designate the Bureau of Reclamation as the lead agency for permit processing, and for other purposes.	01/09/2023 Introduced by Rep. Tom McClintock (R-CA-4) 2/21/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife, and Fisheries.	Rep. Doug LaMalfa (R-CA-1); Rep. David Valadao (R-CA-21); Rep. Cliff Bentz (R-OR-2); Rep. Burgess Owens (R-UT-4); Rep. Pete Stauber (R-MN-8);	5
H.R. 215 WATER for California Act	This bill would provide long-term water supply and regulatory reliability to drought-stricken California, and for other purposes.	1/09/2023 Introduced by Rep. David Valadao (R-CA-21) 10/26/2023 Passed House within H.R. 4394, Energy and Water Appropriations Act. Awaiting consideration in the Senate.	Rep. Ken Calvert (R-CA-42); Rep. John Duarte (R-CA-13); Rep. Mike Garcia (R-CA-25); Rep. Darrell Issa (R-CA-50); Rep. Kevin Kiley (R-CA-3); Rep. Young Kim (R-CA-39); Rep. Doug LaMalfa (R-CA-1); Rep. Kevin McCarthy (R-CA-23);	11
H.R. 250 Clean Water SRF Parity Act	This bill expands the state revolving fund established under the Clean Water Act, including by allowing low-interest loans to be given to privately owned treatment works to address wastewater. Currently, loans are given to wastewater systems that are publicly owned.	01/10/2023 Introduced by Rep. John Garamendi (D-CA-8) 02/01/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.	Rep. Mike Bost (R-IL-12); Rep. Donald Norcross (D-NJ-1); Rep. Donald Payne (D-NJ-10); Rep. Mary Peltola (D-AK-1); Rep. Hillary Scholten (D-MI-3); Rep. Abigail Spanberger (D-VA-7)	6
H.R. 369 NIST Wildland Fire Communications and Information Dissemination Act	This bill would require the National Institute of Standards and Technology to conduct research on public safety communication coordination standards among wildland firefighters and fire management response officials.	01/17/2023 Introduced by Rep. Young Kim (R-CA-40) 09/01/2023 09/01/2023 Reported by the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology	Rep. Mike Garcia (R-CA-25); Rep. Teresa Leger Fernandez (D-NM-3); Rep. Joe Neguse (D-CO-2); Rep. Melanie Ann Stansbury (D-NM-1); Rep. Jeff Jackson (D-NC-14)	5
S.21 Community Wildfire Protection Act	This bill would amend the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 to modify the definition of the term "at-risk community".	01/23/2023 Introduced by Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) 01/23/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.	Sen. Daines, Steve (R-MT)	1
H.R. 480 Wildfire Recovery Act	This bill makes changes with respect to the federal cost share for Fire Management Assistance Grants and provides that the federal share shall be not less than 75% of the eligible cost.	01/24/2023 Introduced by Rep. Joe Neguse (D-CO-2) 02/01/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.	Rep. Salud Carbajal (D-CA-24); Rep. Jim Costa (D-CA-16); Rep. Mark DeSaulnier (D-CA-11); Rep. Anna Eshoo (D-CA-18); John Garamendi (D-CA-3); Rep. Josh Harder (D-CA-10); Rep. Jared Huffman (D-CA-2); Rep. Doug LaMalfa (R-CA-1);	32
H.R. 482 Western Wildfire Support Act	The bill requires the Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Department of the Interior to establish spatial fire management plans before the end of FY2026. <i>This bill is the House companion to S.1764.</i>	01/24/2023 Introduced by Rep. Joe Neguse (D-CO-2) 02/21/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands.	Rep. Doris Matsui (D-CA-6); Rep. Jimmy Panetta (D-CA-20); Rep. Adam Schiff (D-CA-28); Rep. Steven Horsford (D-NV-4)	4
S. 64 Water Rights Protection Act of 2023	A bill to prohibit the conditioning of any permit, lease, or other use agreement on the transfer of any water right to the United States by the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture, and for other purposes.	01/25/2023 Introduced by Senator John Barrasso (R-WY) 01/25/2023 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.	Sen. Mike Crapo (R-ID); Sen. James Risch (R-ID)	2
S.115 Clean Water Allotment Modernization Act	This bill revises the formula the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) uses to determine how to distribute funds from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) program. Under the program, the EPA allocates funding to states for water quality infrastructure projects, such as wastewater systems and stormwater management projects. <i>This bill is the Senate companion to H.R. 3167.</i>	01/26/2023 Introduced by Sen. Marco Rubio (R-FL) 01/26/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works	Sen. Mark Kelly (D-AZ); Sen. Rick Scott (R-FL)	2



S. 188 Wildfire Emergency Act of 2023	A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to select and implement landscape-scale forest restoration projects, to assist communities in increasing their resilience to wildfire, and for other purposes.	01/31/2023 Introduced by Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) 01/31/2023 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.	Sen. Alex Padilla (D-CA) ; Sen. Steve Daines (R-MT); Sen. Ron Wyden (D-OR)	3
H.R.676 Coastal Communities Ocean Acidification Act	This bill requires the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the Ocean Acidification Advisory Board to collaborate with various entities affected by ocean acidification and coastal acidification (i.e., the decrease in pH and changes in water chemistry of certain bodies of water and waterways).	01/31/2023 Introduced by Rep. Chellie Pingree (D-ME-1) 05/10/2023 Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation	Rep. Mike Thompson (D-CA-5) ; Rep. Adam Schiff (D-CA-28) ; Rep. Ted Lieu (D-CA-33) ; Rep. Jared Huffman (D-CA-2) ; Rep. Jimmy Panetta (D-CA-20) ; Rep. Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR-1); Rep. Andre Carson (D-IN-7); Rep. Kathy Castor (D-FL-14);	21
H.J.Res 27 Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, Department of Defense and the Environmental Protection Agency relating to 'Revised Definition of 'Waters of the United States'.	This joint resolution nullifies the rule titled Revised Definition of "Waters of the United States," which was submitted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Environmental Protection Agency on January 18, 2023. The rule specifies which bodies of water fall under the scope of the Clean Water Act and are thereby under federal jurisdiction and protected. For example, the definition in the 2023 rule includes certain wetlands and ephemeral waters (e.g., waters that flow intermittently). The 2023 rule replaced the 2020 Navigable Waters Protection Rule that included a narrower definition of waters of the United States.	02/02/2023 Introduced by Rep. Sam Graves (R-MO-06). 04/18/2023 The Chair directed the Clerk to notify the Senate of the action of the House.	Rep. Ken Calvert (R-CA-42) ; Rep. John Duarte (R-CA-13) ; Rep. Mike Garcia (R-CA-25) ; Rep. Darrell Issa (R-CA-50) ; Rep. Kevin Kiley (R-CA-3) ; Rep. Doug LaMalfa (R-CA-1) ; Rep. Tom McClintock (R-CA-4) ; Rep. David Valadao (R-CA-21) ; Rep. Robert Aderholt (R-AL-4); Rep. Mark Alford (R-MO-4); Rep. Rick Allen (R-GA-12); Rep. Mark Amodei (R-NV-2); Rep. Kelly Armstrong (R-ND-1); Rep. Jodev	170
S.J. Res. 7 A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, Department of Defense and the Environmental Protection Agency relating to 'Revised Definition of 'Waters of the United States'.	This joint resolution nullifies the rule titled Revised Definition of "Waters of the United States," which was submitted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Environmental Protection Agency on January 18, 2023. The rule specifies which bodies of water fall under the scope of the Clean Water Act and are thereby under federal jurisdiction. The 2023 rule replaced a 2020 rule that included a narrower definition of waters of the United States.	02/02/2023 Introduced By Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV). 02/13/2023 Star Print ordered on the joint resolution.	Sen. John Barrasso (R-WY); Sen. Marsha Blackburn (R-TN); Sen. John Boozman (R-AR); Sen. Mike Braun (R-IN); Sen. Katie Britt (R-AL); Sen. Ted Budd (R-NC); Sen. Bill Cassidy (R-LA); Sen. Susan Collins (R-ME); Sen. John Cornyn (R-TX); Sen. Thomas Cotton (R-AR); Sen. Kevin Cramer (R-ND); Sen. Mike Crapo (R-ID); Sen. Ted Cruz (R-TX); Sen. Steve Daines (R-MT); Sen. Joni Ernst (R-IA);	49
H.R. 872 FISH Act	This bill gives the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) the sole authority to protect endangered or threatened species that are anadromous species (species of fish that spawn in fresh or estuarine waters and that migrate to ocean waters) or catadromous species (species of fish that spawn in ocean waters and migrate to fresh or estuarine waters). Currently, the FWS shares this authority with the National Marine Fisheries Service.	02/08/23 Introduced by Rep. Ken Calvert (R-CA-41) 02/21/23 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife, and Fisheries.	Rep. Jim Costa (D-CA-16) ; Rep. Darrell Issa (R-CA-50) ; Rep. Doug LaMalfa (R-CA-1) ; Rep. Tom McClintock (R-CA-4) ; Rep. Jay Obernolte (R-CA-8) ; Rep. Michelle Steel (R-CA-48) ; Rep. Mike Simpson (R-ID-2);	7
H.R. 873 Water Quality and Environmental Innovation Act	This bill establishes and transfers funds to the Water Quality and Environmental Innovation Fund. Until September 30, 2028, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) may use the fund to award grants and contracts to carry out projects (1) that use emerging technologies (e.g., artificial intelligence or quantum information science) to address threats to water quality; or (2) for the research, development, or design of such technologies.	2/8/2023 Introduced by Rep. Byron Donalds (R-FL-19) 02/17/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment, Manufacturing, and Critical Materials	Rep. Josh Gottheimer (D-NJ-5); Rep. Anna Paulina-Luna (R-FL-13); Rep. Troy Nehls (R-TX-22); Rep. Paul Gosar (R-AZ-9); Rep. Michael Lawler (R-NY-17); Rep. Carlos Gimenez (R-FL-28)	6
H.R.934 To require the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out activities to suppress wildfires, and for other purposes	This bill sets out requirements for wildfire suppression and management activities carried out by the Forest Service. These requirements apply to Forest Service land that (1) has a severe, extreme, or exceptional drought intensity rating; and (2) has a National Wildland Fire Preparedness level of 5 (i.e., the highest level of wildland fire activity) or is located in a fireshed ranked in the top 10% of wildfire exposure.	02/09/2023 Introduced by Rep. Tom McClintock (R-CA-5) 09/20/2023 Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.	Rep. Ken Calvert (R-CA-42) ; Rep. John Duarte (R-CA-13) ; Rep. Darrell Issa (R-CA-50) ; Rep. Doug LaMalfa (R-CA-1) ; Rep. Jay Obernolte (R-CA-8) ; Rep. Daniel Newhouse (R-WA-4)	7
H.R. 1049 Protecting Airport Communities from Particle Emissions Act	This bill directs the Federal Aviation Administration and the Environmental Protection Agency to jointly contract with an institution of higher education to study the characteristics, distributions, sources, and potential human health effects of airborne ultrafine particles.	02/14/2023 Introduced by Rep. Adam Smith (D-WA-9) 02/24/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment, Manufacturing, and Critical Materials	Rep. Pramila Jayapal (D-WA-7); Rep. Grace Meng (D-NY-6); Rep. Eleanor Norton (D-DC-1); Rep. Suzan DelBene (D-WA-1)	4



S.466 Federal PFAS Research Evaluation Act	This bill requires various studies and reports on the exposure, hazards, and management of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, commonly referred to as PFAS. These substances are man-made and may have adverse human health effects. A variety of products contain the compounds, such as nonstick cookware or weatherproof clothing.	02/16/2023 Introduced by Sen. Gary Peters (D-MI) 02/16/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation	Sen. Richard Durbin (D-IL); Sen. Jerry Moran (R-KS); Sen. Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH)	3
H.R. 1142 To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require consideration of economic impact in making a listing decision with respect to the list of threatened and endangered species, and for other purposes.	This bill limits when the Department of the Interior or the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) may add a species to the endangered or threatened species list and revises the process to list species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973.	02/21/2023 Introduced by Rep. August Pfluger (R-TX-11) 03/22/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife, and Fisheries.	Rep. Tom McClintock (R-CA-4) ; Rep. Ronny Jackson (R-TX-13); Rep. Tracey Mann (R-KS-1); Rep. Greg Steube (R-FL-17)	4
H.R.1152 Water Quality Certification and Energy Project Improvement Act	This bill revises the water quality certification process under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (CWA) for any activity that requires a federal license or permit and may result in a discharge of pollutants into waters of the United States. Activities that require such federal licenses or permits include hydropower, natural gas pipeline, or mining projects.	02/24/2023 Introduced by Rep. David Rouzer (R-NC-7) 03/17/2023 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 5	Rep. Garret Graves (R-LA-6); Rep. Scott Perry (R-PA-10)	2
H.R.1181 To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act with respect to permitting terms, and for other purposes	This bill extends the maximum term for certain permits issued under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program. Specifically, the bill extends the maximum term for NPDES permits issued to states or municipalities from 5 to 10 years. Under the program, the Environmental Protection Agency issues permits to discharge pollutants from point sources, such as pipes, into waters of the United States.	02/24/2023 Introduced by Rep. John Garamendi (D-CA-8) 02/27/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment	Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-CA-15) ; Rep. Ken Calvert (R-CA-42) ; Rep. Andre Carson (D-IN-7); Rep. Garret Graves (R-LA-6); Rep. David Rouzer (R-NC-7)	5
H.R.1367 Water System Threat Preparedness and Resilience Act	This bill requires the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to create a program to support increased membership and involvement of certain smaller water utilities and water treatment works (e.g., wastewater systems) in the Water Information Sharing and Analysis Center (WaterISAC). <i>This bill is the House companion to S. 660.</i>	03/03/2023 Introduced by Rep. Janice Schakowsky (D-IL-8) 03/10/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment, Manufacturing, and Critical Materials		0
S.660 Water System Threat Preparedness and Resilience Act	This bill requires the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to create a program to support increased membership and involvement of certain smaller water utilities and water treatment works (e.g., wastewater systems) in the Water Information Sharing and Analysis Center (WaterISAC). As background, WaterISAC is a group of water and wastewater systems and associations that coordinate with the EPA and other federal agencies to collect and analyze data on water security and threats. WaterISAC also provides analysis and resources to support response, mitigation, and resilience initiatives. <i>This bill is the Senate companion to H.R. 1367.</i>	03/06/2023 Introduced by Sen. Edward Markey (D-MA) 03/06/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works		0
H.R.1430 Determination of NEPA Adequacy Streamlining Act	This bill requires the Department of the Interior and the National Forest Service to use previously completed environmental assessments and environmental impact statements to satisfy requirements under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 if the agency determines that a new proposed action and its effects are substantially the same as a previously analyzed proposed action and its effects.	03/07/2023 Introduced by Rep. David Valadao (R-CA-22) 04/25/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Forestry		0
S.702 Urban Waters Federal Partnership Act	This bill provides statutory authority for the Urban Waters Federal Partnership Program. Under the program, the Environmental Protection Agency and other specified agencies must reconnect urban communities, particularly urban communities that are overburdened or economically distressed, with their waterways by improving coordination among federal agencies.	03/08/2023 Introduced by Sen. Kysten Sinema (I-AZ) 03/08/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works	Sen. John Cornyn (R-TX); Sen. Mark Kelly (D-AZ)	2



H.R.1517 Relief for Farmers Hit with PFAS Act	This bill directs the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to establish a grant program to help states and other entities address contamination by perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, commonly referred to as PFAS, on agricultural land and commercial farms. <i>This bill is the House companion to S. 747.</i>	03/09/2023 Introduced by Rep. Chellie Pingree (D-ME-1) 03/09/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture	Rep. Becca Balint (D-VT-1); Rep. Joe Courtney (D-CT-2); Rep. Teresa Leger Fernandez (D-NM-3); Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA-1); Rep. Jared Golden (D-ME-2); Rep. Val Hoyle (D-OR-4); Rep. Ann Kuster (D-NH-2); Rep. Marie Perez (D-WA-3); Rep.	9
S.747 Relief for Farmers Hit with PFAS Act	This bill directs the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to establish a grant program to help states and other entities address contamination by perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, commonly referred to as PFAS, on agricultural land and commercial farms. <i>This bill is the Senate companion to H.R. 1517 .</i>	03/09/2023 Introduced by Sen Susan Collins (R-ME) 03/09/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry	Sen. Tammy Baldwin (D-WI); Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY); Sen. Maggie Hassan (D-NH); Sen. Martin Heinrich (D-NM); Sen. Angus King (I-ME); Sen. Ben Lujan (D-NM); Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-VT); Sen. Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH); Sen. Peter	11
H.R. 1586 Forest Protection and Wildland Firefighter Safety Act of 2023	This bill authorizes the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture to discharge a fire retardant, a chemical, or water for fire suppression, control, or prevention activities.	3/14/2023 Introduced by Rep. Doug LaMalfa (R-CA-1) 11/15/2023 Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute by Voice Vote	Rep. Jay Obernolte (R-CA-8); Rep. David Valadao (R-CA-21); Rep. Ken Calvert (R-CA-42); Rep. Jim Costa (D-CA-16); Rep. Rick Crawford (R-AR-1); Rep. John Duarte (R-CA-13); ; Rep. John Garamendi (D-CA-	37
H.R. 1 Lower Energy Costs Act	To lower energy costs by increasing American energy production, exports, infrastructure, and critical minerals processing, by promoting transparency, accountability, permitting, and production of American resources, and by improving water quality certification and energy projects, and for other purposes.	03/14/2023 Introduced by Rep. Steve Scalise (R-LA-1) 03/30/2023 The Clerk was authorized to correct section numbers, punctuation, and cross references, and to make other necessary technical and conforming corrections in the engrossment of H.R. 1 .	Rep. Tom McClintock (R-CA-4); Rep. Robert Aderholt (R-AL-4); Rep. Rick Allen (R-GA-12); Rep. Kelly Armstrong (R-ND-1); Rep. Troy Balderson (R-OH-12); Rep. Lauren Boebert (R-CO-3); Rep. Michael Burgess (R-TX-26); Rep. Kat Cammack (R-FL-3); Rep. Mike Carey (R-OH-15); Rep. Buddy Carter (R-GA-1); Rep. Dan Crenshaw (R-TX-2);	49
S.806 Healthy H2O Act	This bill directs the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to establish a program under which USDA awards grants for improving the quality of drinking water in certain rural areas. Grants may be given to individuals or entities, such as home owners, renters, and licensed child-care facilities, that have demonstrated the presence of one or more health contaminants in their drinking water. Grants may also be given to nonprofit organizations to help individuals and entities test their water, analyze the results of the tests, and reduce the contamination. <i>This bill is the Senate companion to H.R. 1721.</i>	03/15/2023 Introduced by Sen. Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) 03/15/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry	Sen. Alex Padilla (D-CA); Sen. Susan Collins (R-ME); Sen. Angus King (I-ME); Sen. Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH); Sen. Tina Smith (D-MN); Sen. Ron Wyden (D-OR); Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY); Sen. Ben Ray Lujan (D-NM);	11
S. 820 Protecting Consumers from PFAS Act	This bill adds the Consumer Product Safety Commission to the interagency working group to coordinate federal activities related to research about perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances, commonly referred to as PFAS.	03/15/2023 Introduced by Sen. Gary Peters (D-MI) 11/27/2023 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 250	Sen. Susan Collins (R-ME); Sen. Cynthia Lummis (R-WY); Sen. Peter Welch (D-VT)	3
H.R.1721 Healthy H2O Act	This bill directs the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to establish a program under which USDA awards grants for improving the quality of drinking water in certain rural areas. <i>This bill is the House companion to S. 806.</i>	03/22/2023 Introduced by Rep. Chellie Pingree (D-ME-1) 04/25/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Commodity Markets, Digital Assets, and Rural Development	Rep. Mike Levin (D-CA-49); Rep. Josh Harder (D-CA-10); Rep. David Valadao (R-CA-21); Adam Schiff (D-CA-28); Rep. Doris Matsui (D-CA-7) Rep. Shontel Brown (D-OH-11); Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA-1); Rep. Mike Gallagher (R-WI-8); Rep.	31
H.R.1729 Water Affordability, Transparency, Equity, and Reliability Act	This bill increases funding for water infrastructure, including funding for several programs related to controlling water pollution or protecting drinking water.	03/22/2023 Introduced by Rep. Bonnie Watson Coleman (D-NJ-12) 04/25/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Commodity Markets, Digital Assets, and Rural Development.	Rep. Raul Ruiz (D-CA-25); Rep. Kevin Mullin (D-CA-15); Rep. Jimmy Panetta (D-CA-20); Rep. Ro Khanna (D-CA-17); Rep. Barbara Lee (D-CA-13); Rep. Ted Lieu (D-CA-33); Rep. Doris Matsui (D-CA-6); Rep. Sara Jacobs (D-CA-53); Rep.	91



H.R. 1740 To amend the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act of 2014 to establish payment and performance security requirements for projects, and for other purposes.	This bill establishes bonding requirements for the recipient of a water infrastructure construction loan under the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA). A borrower must secure the financed project with payment and performance bonds in minimum amounts set out in the bill.	3/23/2023 Introduced by Rep. Mike Bost (R-IL-12). 03/31/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment, Manufacturing, and Critical Materials.	Rep. Julia Brownley (D-CA-26) ; Rep. Colin Allred (D-TX-32); Rep. Jake Auchincloss (D-MA-4); Rep. Troy Balderson (R-OH-12); Rep. Josh Gottheimer (D-NJ-5); Rep. Tom Kean (R-NJ-7); Rep. Stephen Lynch (D-MA-8); Rep. Chris Pappas (D-NH-1); Rep. Robert Wittman (D-VA-1)	12
S. 1022 Define WOTUS Act	This bill describes which bodies of water fall under federal jurisdiction for purposes of the Clean Water Act. Specifically, the bill redefines navigable waters and establishes a process for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to determine, upon request, whether certain waters are navigable waters.	03/29/2023 Introduced by Sen. Mike Braun (R-IN) 03/29/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.	Sen. Joni Ernst (R-IA); Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-IA)	2
S. 1023 Farmer-Informed WOTUS Act	This bill requires the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to establish an advisory committee that is representative of the U.S. farming and ranching sectors to make recommendations on the impact of waters of the United States (WOTUS) regulations on U.S. agriculture and environmental protection. <i>This bill is the Senate companion to H.R. 4956.</i>	03/29/2023 Introduced by Sen. Mike Braun (R-IN) 03/29/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.	Sen. John Kennedy (R-LA); Sen. Pete Ricketts (R-NE); Sen. Mike Rounds (R-SD); Sen. Rick Scott (R-FL); Sen. Tommy Tuberville (R-AL)	5
H.R. 2419 Canal Conveyance Capacity Restoration Act	This bill authorizes the Bureau of Reclamation to provide financial assistance for various projects in California to mitigate the sinking or settling of the ground (i.e., subsidence mitigation), specifically for projects related to the Friant-Kern Canal, the Delta-Mendota Canal, and certain parts of the San Luis Canal/California Aqueduct. <i>This bill is the House companion to S.2161.</i>	03/30/2023 Introduced by Rep. Jim Costa (D-CA-16) 05/08/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife, and Fisheries.	Rep. John Garamendi (D-CA-3) ; Rep. Josh Harder (D-CA-10)	2
S.1164 Seedlings for Sustainable Habitat Restoration Act	This bill provides support for the collection and maintenance of native seeds and production of tree seedlings. <i>This bill is the Senate companion to H.R. 5015.</i>	03/30/2023 Introduced by Sen. Ben Ray Lujan (D-NM) 03/30/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.	Sen. John Cornyn (R-TX); Sen. Martin Heinrich (D-NM); Sen. Peter Welch (D-VT)	3
H.R.2521 Clean Drinking Water Equity Act	This bill revises the drinking water state revolving fund (SRF) program to increase the cap on the total amount of loan subsidies that states may give to assist disadvantaged communities. The drinking water SRF program is a financial assistance program to help water systems and states achieve the health protection objectives of the Safe Drinking Water Act.	04/06/2023 Introduced by Rep. Raul Ruiz (D-CA-25) 04/14/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment, Manufacturing, and Critical Materials.		0
H.R.2670 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024	This bill authorizes FY2024 appropriations and sets forth policies for Department of Defense (DOD) programs and activities, military construction, and the national security programs of the Department of Energy (DOE). The bill authorizes appropriations, but does not provide budget authority, which is provided by appropriations legislation. <i>This is the House counterpart to S.2226.</i>	04/18/2023 Introduced by Rep. Mike Rogers (R-AL-3) 12/22/2023 Became Public Law No: 118-31	Rep. Adam Smith (D-WA-9)	1
H.R. 2735 Coastal State Climate Preparedness Act of 2023	This bill directs the Department of Commerce to establish a coastal climate change adaptation preparedness and response program. Under the program, Commerce must (1) assist coastal states with voluntarily developing coastal climate change adaptation plans, and (2) provide financial and technical assistance as well as training for coastal states to implement the adaptation plans.	04/20/2023 Introduced by Rep. Salud Carbajal (D-CA-24) 05/22/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife, and Fisheries	Rep. Ted Lieu (D-CA-33) ; Rep. Adam Schiff (D-CA-30) ; Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA-1); Rep. Michael Lawler (R-NY-17); Rep. Marc Molinaro (R-NY-19)	5
H.R. 2811 Limit, Save, Grow Act of 2023	This bill increases the federal debt limit and decreases spending. It also repeals several energy tax credits, modifies the permitting process and other requirements for energy projects, expands work requirements for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and other programs, and nullifies regulations for the cancellation of federal student loan debt.	04/25/2023 Introduced by Rep. Jodey Arrington (R-TX-19) 05/04/2023 Committee on the Budget. Hearings held.	Rep. Rep. Tom McClintock (R-CA-4) ; Rep. Stephanie Bice (R-OK-5); Rep. Michael Burgess (R-TX-26); Rep. Buddy Carter (R-GA-1); Rep. James Comer (R-KY-1); Rep. Chuck Edwards (R-NC-11); Rep. Virginia Foxx (R-NC-5);	19



S.1350 WIPPE Act	This bill would require the Federal Trade Commission to issue regulations requiring certain products to have "Do Not Flush" labeling, and for other purposes. <i>This bill is the Senate companion to H.R. 2964.</i>	04/27/2023 Introduced by Sen. Jeff Merkley (D-OR) 04/27/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation	Sen. Alex Padilla (D-CA); Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA); Sen. Richard Blumenthal (D-CT); Sen. Susan Collins (R-ME); Sen. Angus King (I-ME); Sen. Edward Markey (D-MA); Sen. Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH); Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-MA); Sen. Ben Ray Lujan (D-NM)	9
S.1360 PFAS Exposure Assessment and Documentation Act	This bill would require DOD to ensure that any periodic health assessment, physical assessment for recently separated members, pre-deployment medical examination, post-deployment medical examination, and post-deployment health reassessment provided to a member of the Armed Forces includes an evaluation of whether the member has been exposed to PFAS or was based or stationed at a military installation with a known or suspected release of PFAS during the period the member was there.	04/27/2023 Introduced by Sen. Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) 04/27/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services		0
H.R.2964 WIPPE Act	This bill require the Federal Trade Commission to issue regulations requiring certain products to have "Do Not Flush" labeling, and for other purposes. <i>This bill is the House companion to S.1350.</i>	04/27/2023 Introduced by Rep. Lisa McClain (R-MI-9) 06/11/2024 Passed in the House, received in the Senate	Rep. Julia Brownley (D-CA-26); Rep. Mary Peltola (D-AK-1); Rep. Marie Perez (D-WA-3)	3
H.R.3027 Reclamation Climate Change and Water Program Reauthorization Act	This bill reauthorizes through FY2033 the Bureau of Reclamation's climate change and water program. Under the program, Reclamation assesses the effects of global climate change on the quantity of water resources in certain western states and develops strategies to address potential water shortages, conflicts, and other impacts to such water resources.	04/28/2023 Introduced by Rep. Katie Porter (D-CA-47) 06/14/2023 Subcommittee Hearings Held	Rep. Sydney Kamlager (D-CA-37); Rep. Mike Levin (D-CA-49); Rep. Zoe Lofgren (D-CA-19); Rep. Grace Napolitano (D-CA-32); Rep. Matsui, Doris O. (D-CA-7); Rep. Melanie Ann Stansbury (D-NM-1); Rep. Earl Blumenauer (D-OR-2); Rep. Gabe Giron (D-OR-5); Rep. Markwayne Mullin (R-OK); Sen. Markwayne Mullin (R-OK); Sen. Pete Ricketts (R-NE); Sen. Dan Sullivan (R-AK); Sen. Roger Wicker (R-MS)	9
S.1427 Agriculture PFAS Liability Protection Act	This bill would exempt certain entities from liability under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 with respect to releases of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, and for other purposes.	05/03/2023 Introduced by Sen. Cynthia Lummis (R-WY) 05/03/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.	Sen. John Boozman (R-AR); Sen. Kevin Cramer (R-ND); Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC); Sen. Markwayne Mullin (R-OK); Sen. Pete Ricketts (R-NE); Sen. Dan Sullivan (R-AK); Sen. Roger Wicker (R-MS)	7
S. 1429 Resource Management PFAS Liability Protection Act	This bill would exempt certain entities from liability under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 with respect to releases of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, and for other purposes.	05/03/2023 Introduced by Sen. Cynthia Lummis (R-WY) 05/03/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.	Sen. John Boozman (R-AR); Sen. Kevin Cramer (R-ND); Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC); Sen. Markwayne Mullin (R-OK); Sen. Pete Ricketts (R-NE); Sen. Dan Sullivan (R-AK); Sen. Roger Wicker (R-MS)	7
S. 1430 Water Systems PFAS Liability Protection Act	This bill would exempt certain entities from liability under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 with respect to releases of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, and for other purposes. <i>This bill is the Senate companion to H.R. 7944.</i>	05/03/2023 Introduced by Sen. Cynthia Lummis (R-WY) 05/03/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.	Sen. John Boozman (R-AR); Sen. Kevin Cramer (R-ND); Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC); Sen. Markwayne Mullin (R-OK); Sen. Pete Ricketts (R-NE); Sen. Dan Sullivan (R-AK); Sen. Roger Wicker (R-MS); Sen. James Risch (R-ID)	8
S.1432 Fire Suppression PFAS Liability Protection Act	This bill would exempt certain entities from liability under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 for the release of certain perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances, and for other purposes.	05/03/2023 Introduced by Sen. Cynthia Lummis (R-WY) 05/03/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works	Sen. John Boozman (R-AR); Sen. Kevin Cramer (R-ND); Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC); Sen. Markwayne Mullin (R-OK); Sen. Pete Ricketts (R-NE); Sen. Dan Sullivan (R-AK); Sen. Roger Wicker (R-MS)	7
S.1433 Airports PFAS Liability Protection Act	This bill would exempt certain aviation entities from liability under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 for the release of certain perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances, and for other purposes.	05/03/2023 Introduced by Sen. Cynthia Lummis (R-WY) 05/03/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works	Sen. John Boozman (R-AR); Sen. Kevin Cramer (R-ND); Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC); Sen. Markwayne Mullin (R-OK); Sen. Pete Ricketts (R-NE); Sen. Dan Sullivan (R-AK); Sen. Roger Wicker (R-MS)	7



S. 1449 RESTART Act	This bill limits, accelerates timelines under, or otherwise modifies several environmental laws. Specifically, it accelerates, coordinates, and limits the environmental review of federal actions under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.	05/04/2023 Introduced by Sen. Shelley Capito (R-WV) 05/04/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.	Sen. John Barrasso (R-WY); Sen. John Boozman (R-AR); Sen. Kevin Cramer (R-ND); Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC); Sen. James Lankford (R-OK); Sen. Cynthia Lumms (R-WY); Sen. Pete Ricketts (R-NE); Sen. James Risch (R-ID); Sen. Dan Claitor (R-KS)	12
S.1456 SPUR Act	This bill (1) accelerates the environmental review of certain federal actions related to energy; (2) modifies various laws pertaining to energy and mineral development; (3) establishes requirements related to the supply and delivery of electricity and natural gas; and (4) makes requirements concerning other natural resources.	05/04/2023 Introduced by Sen. John Barrasso (R-WY) 05/04/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.	Sen. Shelley Capito (R-WV); Sen. Bill Cassidy (R-LA); Sen. Steve Daines (R-MT); Sen. Josh Hawley (R-MO); Sen. John Hoeven (R-ND); Sen. Cindy Hyde-Smith (R-MS); Sen. James	12
H.R.3167 Clean Water Allotment Modernization Act	This bill revises the formula the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) uses to determine how to distribute funds from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) program. Under the program, the EPA allocates funding to states for water quality infrastructure projects, such as wastewater systems and stormwater management projects. <i>This bill is the House companion to S.115.</i>	05/09/2023 Introduced by Rep. Michael Waltz (R-FL-6) 05/10/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.	Rep. Vern Buchanan (R-FL-16); Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart (R-FL-25); Rep. Anna Luna (R-FL-13); Rep. Brian Mast (R-FL-18); Rep. John Rutherford (R-FL-4); Rep. Maria Elvira Salazar (R-FL-27); Rep. Daniel Webster (R-FL-10)	7
H.R.3192 PFAS Registry Act	This bill directs the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to establish a registry for current or past members of the Armed Forces who may have been exposed to per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, commonly known as PFAS, due to the environmental release of aqueous film-forming foam at a military installation or other Department of Defense (DOD) location.	05/10/2023 Introduced by Rep. Chris Pappas (D-NH-1) 05/26/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Health	Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA-1); Rep. Ann Kuster (D-NH-2); Rep. Mike Lawler (R-NY-17); Rep. Elissa Slotkin (D-MI-7); Rep. Angie Craig (D-MN-2)	5
H.R.3316 To amend titles 46 and 49, United States Code, to streamline the environmental review process for major projects, and for other purposes.	This bill applies the expedited environmental review processes for major infrastructure projects under FAST-41 to federal actions involving certain port, aviation, and pipeline projects. Specifically, this bill requires, to the greatest extent feasible, the Department of Transportation (DOT) to conduct efficient environmental reviews for port infrastructure projects, pipeline projects, and airport or aviation projects that require DOT's approval under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA).	05/15/2023 Introduced by Rep. Rick Crawford (R-AR-1) 05/23/2023 Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.	Rep. John Garamendi (D-CA-3); Rep. David Rouzer (R-NC-7); Rep. Chuck Edwards (R-NC-11);	3
H.R.3389 Emergency Wildfire Fighting Technology Act	This bill requires the Forest Service and the Department of the Interior to jointly evaluate the container aerial firefighting system to assess its use to mitigate and suppress wildfires and report to Congress.	05/16/2022 Introduced by Rep. David Valadao (R-CA-22) 09/13/2023 Received in Senate after passing House on suspension of rules.	Rep. Jim Costa (D-CA-16); Rep. Mike Garcia (R-CA-25); Rep. Josh Harder (D-CA-10); Rep. Darrell Issa (R-CA-50); Rep. Kevin Kiley (R-CA-3); Rep. Doug Lamborn (R-CO-5); Rep. Daniel Newhouse (R-WA-4);	9
H.R.3396 Fire Department Repayment Act	This bill requires standard operating procedures for reciprocal fire suppression cost share agreements.	05/17/2023 Introduced by Rep. Josh Harder (D-CA-10) 12/06/2023 Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Unanimous Consent	Rep. Young Kim (R-CA-40); Rep. Julia Brownley (D-CA-26); Rep. Jim Costa (D-CA-16); Rep. Jared Huffman (D-CA-2); Rep. Sydney Kamlager (D-CA-37); Rep. Kevin Kiley (R-CA-3);	29
H.R.3439 Emergency Wildfire Act of 2023	This bill provides for programs and activities in support of forest restoration, wildfire mitigation, and energy resilience.	05/17/2023 Introduced by Rep. Jimmy Panetta (D-CA-20) 06/23/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Forestry	Rep. Adam Schiff (D-CA-28); Rep. Mike Thompson (D-CA-5); Rep. Salud Carbajal (D-CA-24); Rep. Jim Costa (D-CA-16); Rep. Mark DeSaulnier (D-CA-11); Rep. John Garamendi (D-	8
H.R.3457 SUPERSAFE Act	This bill requires the Environmental Protection Agency to form the Supercomputing for Safer Chemicals (SUPERSAFE) Consortium to, among other purposes, establish rapid approaches for the development of safer alternatives to toxic substances.	05/18/2023 Introduced by Rep. Zoe Lofgren (D-CA-18) 05/19/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment, Manufacturing, and Critical Materials		0
H.R.3490 Water Infrastructure Modernization Act	This bill establishes grants for owners and operators of publicly owned wastewater treatments systems and community water systems to support planning and other aspects of implementing smart water network technologies.	05/18/2023 Introduced by Rep. Ruben Gallego (D-AZ-3) 05/19/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment	Rep. John Duarte (R-CA-13)	1



H.R.3499 Direct Hire to Fight Fires Act	This bill would amend title 5, United States Code, to provide direct hire authority to appoint individuals to Federal wildland firefighting and firefighting support positions in the Forest Service or the Department of the Interior, and for other purposes.	05/18/2023 Introduced by Rep. Darrell Issa (R-CA-50) 07/26/2023 Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 32 - 0.	Rep. Doug LaMalfa (R-CA-1); Rep. Kiley, Kevin (R-CA-3)	2
S.1715 Wildfire Emergency Act of 2023	This bill would direct the Secretary of Agriculture to select and implement landscape-scale forest restoration projects, to assist communities in increasing their resilience to wildfire, and for other purposes.	05/18/2023 Introduced by Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) 05/18/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry	Sen. Alex Padilla (D-CA); Sen. Laphonza Butler (D-CA); Sen. Steve Daines (R-MT); Sen. Ron Wyden (D-OR)	4
S.1718 Primacy Certainty Act of 2023	This bill modifies provisions of the underground injection control program established under the Safe Drinking Water Act related to the review of state applications to obtain responsibility for regulating Class VI wells, which are used to store captured carbon. The bill sets forth a process to give states primary enforcement responsibility for such wells if the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) fails to meet specified deadlines. <i>This bill is the Senate companion to H.R. 3568.</i>	05/18/2023 Introduced by Sen. Dan Sullivan (R-AK) 05/18/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works	Sen. Cynthia Lummis (R-WY); Sen. Pete Ricketts (R-NE)	2
H.R.3568 Primacy Certainty Act	This bill modifies provisions of the underground injection control program established under the Safe Drinking Water Act related to the review of state applications to obtain responsibility for regulating Class VI wells, which are used to store captured carbon. <i>This bill is the House companion to S. 1718.</i>	05/22/2023 Introduced by Rep. Dan Crenshaw (R-TX-2) 05/26/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment, Manufacturing, and Critical Materials	Rep. John Curtis (R-UT-3); Rep. Debbie Lesko (R-AZ-8); Rep. August Pfluger (R-TX-11); Rep. Randy Weber (R-TX-14); Rep. Juan Ciscomani (R-AZ-6); Rep. Nathaniel Moran (R-TX-1); Rep. Buddy Carter (R-GA-1)	7
H.R.3675 Western Water Accelerated Revenue Repayment Act	This bill permanently authorizes a provision under the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act that (1) allows certain water users (e.g., agriculture and municipal water users) in western states to prepay what they owe under contracts with the Bureau of Reclamation for the storage and supply of water resources; and (2) requires a specified portion of the receipts generated from such prepayments be directed to the Reclamation Water Storage Account for the construction of water storage.	05/25/2023 Introduced by Rep. Lauren Boebert (R-CO-3) 07/26/2023 Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 22 - 14	Rep. Tom McClintock (R-CA-4); Rep. Paul Gosar (R-AZ-4); Rep. Harriet Hageman (R-WY-1); Rep. Doug Lamborn (R-CO-5); Rep. Mike Lawler (R-NY-17); Rep. Troy Nehls (R-TX-22); Rep. Daniel Newhouse (R-WA-4); Rep. Matt Rosendale (R-MT-1); Rep. Ryan Zinke (R-MT-1)	9
H.R. 3746 Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023	This bill would provide for a responsible increase to the debt ceiling.	05/29/2023 Introduced by Rep. Patrick McHenry (R-NC-10) 06/03/2023 Became Public Law No: 118-5.		0
S.1764 Western Wildfire Support Act	The bill requires the Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Department of the Interior to establish spatial fire management plans before the end of FY2026. <i>This bill is the Senate companion to H.R. 482.</i>	05/31/2023 Introduced by Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto (D-NV) 10/25/2023 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining. Hearings held.		0
H.R.3809 Cybersecurity for Rural Water Systems Act	This bill amends the Department of Agriculture (USDA) Circuit Rider Program to include cybersecurity technical assistance for rural water systems serving fewer than 10,000 people. Under the program, USDA provides technical assistance to rural water systems that are experiencing day-to-day operational, financial, or managerial issues.	06/05/2023 Introduced by Rep. Donald David (D-NC-1) 07/10/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Commodity Markets, Digital Assets, and Rural Development.	Rep. Jim Costa (D-CA-16); Rep. Angie Craig (D-MN-2); Rep. Zach Nunn (R-IA-3); Rep. Abigail Spanberger (D-VA-7); Rep. Mike Gallagher (R-WI-8); Rep. David Rouzer (R-NC-7); Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA-1)	8
H.R.3871 Research for Healthy Soils Act	This bill includes research on the agricultural impacts of microplastics in land-applied biosolids on farmland as a department of Agriculture (USDA) high-priority research and extension area. Microplastic is a plastic or plastic-coated particle that is less than 5 millimeters in size. <i>This bill is the House companion to S.3623.</i>	06/06/2023 Introduced by Rep. Marie Perez (D-WA-3) 07/28/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation, Research, and Biotechnology.	Rep. Young Kim (R-CA-40); Rep. Mike Lawler (R-NY-17); Rep. Mikie Sherrill (D-NJ-11); Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA-1)	4



S.1853 Headwaters Protection Act	This bill would amend the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 to reauthorize and improve the Water Source Protection Program, and for other purposes. <i>This bill is the Senate companion to H.R. 4018.</i>	06/07/2023 Introduced by Sen. Michael Bennet (D-CO) 06/07/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.	Sen. Feinstein, Dianne (D-CA); Sen. Crapo, Mike (R-ID); Sen. Risch, James E. (R-ID); Sen. Lujan, Ben Ray (D-NM); Sen. Kelly, Mark (D-AZ); Sen. Hickenlooper, John W. (D-	9
H.R.3954 Water and Agriculture Tax Reform Act	This bill would amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to facilitate water leasing and water transfers to promote conservation and efficiency.	06/09/2023 Introduced by Rep. Ken Buck (R-CO-4) 06/09/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means	Rep. John Curtis (R-UT-3); Rep. Joe Neguse (D-CO-2); Rep. Daniel Newhouse (R-WA-4)	3
H.R.4018 Headwaters Protection Act	This bill would amend the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 to reauthorize and improve the Water Source Protection Program, and for other purposes. <i>This bill is the House companion to S.1852.</i>	06/12/2023 Introduced by Rep. Jim Costa (D-CA-21) 07/28/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Forestry.	Rep. David Valadao (R-CA-21); Rep. Earl Blumenauer (D-OR-3); Rep. Brittany Pettersen (D-CO-7); Rep. Kim Schrier (D-WA-8); Rep. Melanie Ann Stansbury (D-NM-1)	7
H.R.4052 National Infrastructure Bank Act	This bill creates the National Infrastructure Bank to facilitate the long-term financing of infrastructure projects.	06/13/2023 Introduced by Rep. Danny Davis (D-IL-7) 06/16/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Innovation, Data, and Commerce.	Rep. Barbara Lee (D-CA-13); Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-CA-15); Rep. John Garamendi (D-CA-3); Rep. Jimmy Panetta (D-CA-20); Rep. Zoe Lofgren (D-CA-18); Rep. Chellie Pingree (D-ME-	31
H.R.4235 Wildfire Technology Demonstration, Evaluation, Modernization, and Optimization Act	This bill would direct the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to establish a wildfire technology testbed pilot program, and for other purposes.	06/21/2023 Introduced by Rep. Young Kim (R-CA-40) 11/14/2023 Hearing held in Subcommittee on Federal Lands.	Rep. Ken Calvert (R-CA-42); Rep. Jim Costa (D-CA-16); Rep. John Duarte (R-CA-13); Rep. Josh Harder (D-CA-10); Rep. Darrell Issa (R-CA-50); Rep. David Valadao (R-CA-21); Rep. Doug Lamborn (R-CO-5); Rep. Mike Lee (D-UT-4)	11
H.R.4247 Flood Prevention and Snowpack Management Act	This bill would direct the Secretary of the Army to establish a task force on the California snowpack and flood mitigation.	06/21/2023 Introduced by Rep. Josh Harder (D-CA-9) 06/22/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.	Rep. Barbara Lee (D-CA-13); Rep. Zoe Lofgren (D-CA-19); Rep. Eshoo, Anna G. (D-CA-16)	3
S.2102 Water for Conservation and Farming Act	This bill would provide for drought preparedness and improved water supply reliability.	06/21/2023 Introduced by Sen. Ron Wyden (D-OR) 07/19/2023 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power. Hearings held	Sen. Jeff Merkley (D-OR)	1
S.2127 Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024	This bill provides FY2024 appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), and related agencies. <i>This is the Senate counterpart to H.R. 4366.</i>	06/22/2023 Introduced by Sen. Patty Murray (D-WA) 03/09/2024 Became Public Law No: 118-42		0
S.2130 PFAS Community Engagement and Transparency Act	This bill would require community engagement and reporting relating to activities of the Department of Defense with respect to perfluoroalkyl substances and polyfluoroalkyl substances, and for other purposes.	06/22/2023 Introduced by Sen. Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) 06/22/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services		0
S.2131 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024	This bill provides FY2024 appropriations for the Department of Agriculture (USDA), the Food and Drug Administration, and related agencies. <i>This is the Senate counterpart to H.R.4368.</i>	06/22/2023 Introduced by Sen. Martin Heinrich 03/09/2024 Became Public Law No: 118-42		0
S.2161 Canal Conveyance Capacity Restoration Act	This bill would provide financial assistance for projects to address certain subsidence impacts in the State of California, and for other purposes. <i>This bill is the Senate companion to H.R. 2419.</i>	06/22/2023 Introduced by Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) 07/19/2023 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power. Hearings held		0



S.2162 STREAM Act.	This bill would support water infrastructure in Reclamation States, and for other purposes.	06/22/2023 Introduced by Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) 07/19/2023 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power. Hearings held	Sen. Mark Kelly (D-AZ); Sen. Kyrsten Sinema (I-AZ)	2
S.2169 Watershed Results Act	This bill would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to carry out watershed pilots, and for other purposes.	06/22/2023 Introduced by Sen. Ron Wyden (D-OR) 07/19/2023 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power. Hearings held.		0
S.2203 ARROW Act	This bill requires the 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron of the Air Force Reserve Command and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to provide aircraft, personnel, and equipment to meet the mission requirements for winter season atmospheric river reconnaissance on the U.S. west coast annually from November 1 through March 31. Among other activities, the squadron must improve the accuracy and timeliness of atmospheric river forecasts and warning services on the west coast.	06/22/2023 Introduced by Sen. Alex Padilla (D-CA) 06/22/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services		0
H.R.4368 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024	This bill provides FY2024 appropriations for the Department of Agriculture (USDA), the Food and Drug Administration, and related agencies. <i>This is the House counterpart to S.2131.</i>	06/22/2023 Introduced by Rep. Andy Harris (R-MD-1) 03/09/2024 Became Public Law No: 118-42		0
H.R.4365 Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2024	This bill provides FY2024 appropriations to the Department of Defense (DOD) for military activities. <i>This is the House counterpart to S.2587.</i>	06/27/2023 Introduced by Rep. Ken Calvert (R-CA-42) 03/23/2024 Became Public Law No: 118-47		0
H.R.4366 Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024	This bill provides FY2024 appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), and related agencies. <i>This is the House counterpart to S.2127.</i>	06/27/2023 Introduced by Rep. John Carter (R-TX-31) 03/09/2024 Became Public Law No: 118-42		0
H.R.4385 Drought Preparedness Act	This bill reauthorizes through FY2028 the Reclamation States Emergency Drought Relief Act of 1991, which allows the Bureau of Reclamation to provide drought assistance to Hawaii or certain western states. <i>This is the House counterpart to S.4242.</i>	06/27/2023 Introduced by Rep. Joe Neguse (D-CO-2) 02/06/2024 Passed the House and Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources	Rep. Juan Ciscomani (R-AZ-6); Rep. Susie Lee (D-NV-3)	2
H.R.4394 Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024	This bill provides FY2024 appropriations for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers civil works projects, the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Reclamation, the Department of Energy (DOE), and several independent agencies. <i>This is the House counterpart to S.2443.</i>	06/30/2023 Introduced by Rep. Chuck Fleischmann (R-TN-3) 03/09/2024 Became Public Law No: 118-42		0
S.2226 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024	This bill authorizes FY2024 appropriations and sets forth policies for Department of Defense (DOD) programs and activities, military construction, and the national security programs of the Department of Energy (DOE). The bill authorizes appropriations, but does not provide budget authority, which is provided by appropriations legislation. <i>This is the Senate counterpart to H.R. 2670.</i>	07/11/2023 Introduced by Sen. Jack Reed (D-RI) 07/20/2023 S.Amdt.685 Amendment SA 685 agreed to in Senate by Voice Vote		0



H.R.4540 Water Infrastructure Enhancement Act of 2023	This bill would amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to establish a program to provide grants to suppliers of water for the purpose of making infrastructure improvements to public water systems, and for other purposes.	07/11/2023 Introduced by Rep. Henry Cuellar (D-TX-28) 07/14/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment, Manufacturing, and Critical Materials.	Rep. Chris Smith (R-NJ-4); Rep. Melanie Ann Stansbury (D-NM-1); Rep. Monica De La Cruz (R-TX-15); Rep. Michael Lawler (R-NY-17); Rep. Andre Carson (D-IN-7); Rep. Gabe Vasquez (D-NM-2)	6
H.R.4584 National Wildland Fire Risk Reduction Program Act	This bill would improve the Federal effort to reduce wildland fire risks, and for other purposes.	07/12/2023 Introduced by Rep. Zoe Lofgren (D-CA-18) 07/13/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management	Rep. Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR-1); Rep. Andrea Salinas (D-OR-6)	2
S.2272 - Wildland Firefighter Paycheck Protection Act	This bill provides for a specialized pay schedule for wildland firefighters in the Forest Service and the Department of the Interior. The specialized pay schedule is based on the General Schedule, increased by a specified percentage depending on the position grade (the higher the grade, the lower the percentage adjustment). <i>This is the Senate counterpart to H.R. 5169.</i>	07/12/2023 Introduced by Sen. Kyrsten Sinema (I-AZ) 09/11/2023 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 205.	Sen. Alex Padilla (D-CA) ; Sen. John Barrasso (R-WY); Sen. Steve Daines (R-MT); Sen. Joe Manchin (D-WV); Sen. Jon Tester (D-MT); Sen. Cynthia Lummis M. (R-WY); Sen. Heinrich, Martin (D-NM)	7
H.R.4717 Locally Led Restoration Act	This bill would amend the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 with respect to third-party contracts for wildfire hazard fuel removal, to amend the National Forest Management Act with respect to the threshold for advertised timber sales, and for other purposes.	07/18/2023 Introduced by Rep. Doug Lamborn (R-CO-5) 11/14/2023 Subcommittee Hearings Held	Rep. Jim Costa (D-CA-16) ; Rep. Doug LaMalfa (R-CA-1) ; Rep. Lauren Boebert (R-CO-3); Rep. Lori Chavez-DeRemer (R-OR-5)	5
S.2337 Plastic Pellet Free Waters Act	This bill requires the Environmental Protection Agency to issue a final rule that prohibits certain discharges of plastic pellets and other preproduction plastic into waters of the United States. <i>This is the Senate counterpart to H.R. 7634.</i>	07/18/2023 Introduced by Sen. Richard Durbin (D-IL) 07/18/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.	Sen. Alex Padilla (D-CA) ; Sen. Richard Blumenthal (D-CT); Sen. Ben Cardin (D-MD); Sen. Edward Markey (D-MA); Sen. Jeff Merkley (D-OR); Sen. Chris Van Hollen (D-MD); Sen. Tammy Duckworth (D-IL)	8
S.2353 Responsible Wildland Fire Recovery Act	This bill would provide for cost-share waivers for projects carried out in response to wildland fires caused by certain Government actions, and for other purposes. <i>This bill is the Senate companion to H.R. 4920.</i>	07/18/2023 Introduced by Sen. Ben Ray Lujan (D-NM) 07/18/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.	Rep. Melanie Ann Stansbury (D-NM-1)	1
S.2388 Cybersecurity for Rural Water Systems Act	This bill would amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to establish a cybersecurity circuit rider program to provide cybersecurity-related technical assistance to certain entities that operate rural water or wastewater systems.	07/19/2023 Introduced by Sen. Catherine Cortez-Masto (D-NV) 07/19/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry	Sen. Mike Rounds (R-SD); Sen. Angus King (I-ME)	2
H.R.4769 PFAS Alternatives Act	This bill seeks to drive innovation in developing next-generation protection for firefighters by accelerating the development of PFAS-free turnout gear, and for other purposes.	07/20/2023 Introduced by Rep. Debbie Dingell (D-MI-6) 07/21/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.	Rep. Raul Ruiz (D-CA-25) ; Rep. Adam Schiff (D-CA-30) ; Rep. Salud Carbajal (D-CA-24) ; Rep. Jared Huffman (D-CA-2) ; Rep. Ro Khanna (D-CA-17) ; Rep. Mike Levin (D-CA-49) ; Rep. Don Bacon (R-NE-2); Rep. Jim	75
S.2443 Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024	This bill provides FY2024 appropriations for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers civil works projects, the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Reclamation, the Department of Energy (DOE), and several independent agencies. <i>This is the Senate counterpart to H.R.4394</i>	07/20/2023 Introduced by Sen. Dianne Feinstein 03/09/2024 Became Public Law No: 118-42		0



H.R.4821 Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024	This bill provides FY2024 appropriations for the Department of the Interior, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and several related agencies. <i>This is the House counterpart to S.2605.</i>	07/24/2023 Introduced by Rep. Mike Simpson (R-ID-2) 03/09/2024 Became Public Law No: 118-42		0
H.R.4831 Fair Pay for Federal Firefighters Act	This bill would provide a special rate of basic pay for Federal wildland firefighters during fiscal years 2024 and 2025, and for other purposes.	07/24/2023 Introduced by Rep. Doug LaMalfa (R-CA-1) 09/19/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Forestry.	Rep. Ken Calvert (R-CA-42); Rep. John Curtis (R-UT-3); Rep. Kevin Kiley (R-CA-3); David Valadao (R-CA-21) Rep. John Duarte (R-CA-13); Rep. Chuck Edwards (R-NC-11); Rep. Scott Franklin (R-FL-15); Rep. Mike Garcia (D-CA-25); Rep.	16
H.R.4866 Fire Weather Development Act	This bill establishes several programs and requirements to address wildfire forecasting, detection, and management, particularly with respect to interagency collaboration.	07/25/2023 Introduced by Rep. Mike Garcia (R-CA-27) 09/22/2023 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 174.	Rep. Young Kim (R-CA-39); Rep. Yadira Caraveo (D-CO-8)	2
H.R.4890 Urban Waters Federal Partnership Act	This bill provides statutory authority for the Urban Waters Federal Partnership Program. Under the program, the Environmental Protection Agency and other specified agencies must reconnect urban communities, particularly urban communities that are overburdened or economically distressed, with their waterways by improving coordination among federal agencies.	07/25/2023 Introduced by Rep. Greg Stanton (D-AZ-4) 07/26/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment	Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA-1); Rep. Michael Lawler (R-NY-17)	2
H.R.4913 To establish in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration a program to improve precipitation forecasts, and for other purposes	This bill would establish in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration a program to improve precipitation forecasts, and for other purposes.	07/26/2023 Introduced by Rep. Jeff Jackson (D-NC-14) 07/26/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology		0
H.R.4920 Responsible Wildland Fire Recovery Act	This bill would provide for cost-share waivers for projects carried out in response to wildland fires caused by certain Government actions, and for other purposes. <i>This bill is the House companion to S.2353.</i>	07/26/2023 Introduced by Rep. Teresa Leger Fernandez (D-NM-3) 09/25/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Forestry.	Rep. Melanie Ann Stansbury (D-NM-1)	1
H.R.4956 Farmer-Informed WOTUS Act of 2023	This bill requires the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to establish an advisory committee that is representative of the U.S. farming and ranching sectors to make recommendations on the impact of waters of the United States (WOTUS) regulations on U.S. agriculture and environmental protection. <i>This bill is the House companion to S. 1023.</i>	07/27/2023 Introduced by Rep. Rudy Yakym (R-IN-2) 07/28/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment	Rep. Tracey Mann (R-KS-1); Rep. Erin Houchin (R-IN-9)	2
S.2587 Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2024	This bill provides FY2024 appropriations to the Department of Defense (DOD) for military activities. <i>This is the Senate counterpart to H.R.4365.</i>	07/27/2023 Introduced by Sen. John Tester (D-MT) 03/23/2024 Became Public Law No: 118-47		0
S.2605 Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024	Making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes. <i>This is the Senate counterpart to H.R.4821.</i>	07/27/2023 Introduced by Sen. Jeff Merkley (D-OR) 03/09/2024 Became Public Law No: 118-42		0



S.2636 Healthy Watersheds, Healthy Communities Act	This bill would amend the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act to improve that Act, and for other purposes. <i>This bill is the Senate companion to H.R. 6497.</i>	07/27/2023 Introduced by Sen. Michael Bennett (D-CO) 07/27/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry	Sen. Deb Fischer (R-NE); Sen. Jeff Merkley (D-OR); Sen. Jon Tester (D-MT)	3
S.2697 Clean Drinking Water for Rural Communities Act	This bill would amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to modify the definitions of the terms "rural" and "rural area" for purposes of grants and loans to remedy a lack of compliance with certain drinking water standards, and for other purposes.	07/27/2023 Introduced by Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) 07/27/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry	Sen. Alex Padilla (D-CA)	1
H.R.5015 Seedlings for Sustainable Habitat Restoration Act	This bill would amend the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Chief of the Forest Service, to enter into contracts, grants, and agreements to carry out support for the collection and maintenance of native seeds and production of tree seedlings. <i>This bill is the House companion to S. 1164 .</i>	07/27/2023 Introduced by Rep. Teresa Leger Fernandez (D-NM-3) 09/25/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Forestry.		0
H.R.5016 Water Efficiency, Conservation, and Sustainability Act	This bill would increase efficiency and conservation in public water systems, and for other purposes.	07/27/2023 Introduced by Rep. Mike Levin (D-CA-49) 07/28/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment, Manufacturing, and Critical Materials		0
H.R.5153 To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to employ veterans in certain wildland firefighting activities	This bill would direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to employ veterans in certain wildland firefighting activities.	08/04/2023 Introduced by Rep. Joe Neguse (D-CO-2) 09/19/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Forestry	Rep. John Rutherford (R-FL-4); Rep. Marcus Molinaro (R-NY-19)	2
H.R.5169 Wildland Firefighter Paycheck Protection Act	This bill would amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for special base rates of pay for wildland firefighters, and for other purposes. <i>This bill is the House companion to S.2272.</i>	08/08/2023 Introduced by Rep. Joe Neguse (D-CO-2) 09/25/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Forestry	Rep. Adam Schiff (D-CA-28); Rep. Mike Thompson (D-CA-5); Rep. David Valadao (R-CA-21); Rep. Katie Porter (D-CA-45); Rep. Josh Harder (D-CA-10); Rep. Mike Garcia (R-CA-25); Rep. Grace Napolitano (D-CA-	24
H.R.5259 PFAS Exposure Assessment and Documentation Act	This bill requires the Department of Defense (DOD) to include in various health evaluations an assessment of whether a member of the Armed Forces has been exposed to perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances, commonly referred to as PFAS.	08/22/2023 Introduced by Rep. Elissa Slotkin (D-MI-7) 08/22/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services	Rep. Bill Posey (R-FL-8); Rep. Michael Turner (R-OH-10); Rep. Lawler, Michael (R-NY-17); Rep. David Rouzer (R-N-7)	4
H.R.5260 PFAS Free Military Purchasing Act	This bill would amend the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021, to modify the prohibition on the acquisition by the Department of Defense of certain items containing a perfluoroalkyl substance or polyfluoroalkyl substance.	08/22/2023 Introduced by Rep. Elissa Slotkin (D-MI-7) 08/22/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services	Rep. Bill Posey (R-FL-8); Rep. Michael Lawler (R-NY-17)	2
H.R.5261 PFAS Training For DoD Providers and Servicemembers Act	This bill requires the Department of Defense to provide its health care providers with mandatory training regarding the potential health effects of PFAS.	08/22/2023 Introduced by Rep. Elissa Slotkin (D-MI-7) 08/22/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services	Rep. Jack Bergman (R-MI-1); Rep. Bill Posey (R-FL-8); Rep. Michael Turner (R-OH-10); Michael Lawler (R-NY-17)	4
H.R.5262 DoD PFAS Cleanup Transparency Act	This bill would require the Secretary of Defense to publish information regarding the status of certain cleanup efforts of the Department of Defense, and for other purposes.	08/22/2023 Introduced by Rep. Elissa Slotkin (D-MI-7) 08/22/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services	Rep. Jack Bergman (R-MI-1); Rep. Chrissy Houlahan (D-PA-6); Rep. Bill Posey (R-FL-8); Michael Lawler (R-NY-17)	4



H.R.5263 PFAS Strictest Standard Act	DOD must conduct response actions to achieve a level of PFAS in the environmental media that meets or exceeds the most stringent of the following standards for each applicable PFAS:	08/22/2023 Introduced by Rep. Elissa Slotkin (D-MI-7) 08/25/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment, Manufacturing, and Critical Materials	Rep. Ro Khanna (D-CA-17); Rep. Bill Posey (R-FL-8); Michael Lawler (R-NY-17)	3
H.R.5329 Wildfire Smoke Emergency Declaration Act	This bill would authorize the President to declare a smoke emergency, and for other purposes.	09/01/2023 Introduced by Rep. Josh Harder (D-CA-9) 09/05/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management	Rep. Mark DeSaulnier (D-CA-11); Rep. Robert Garcia (D-CA-42); Rep. Ted Lieu (D-CA-33); Rep. Zoe Lofgren (D-CA-19); Rep. Kevin Mullin (D-CA-15); Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-CA-15); Rep. Mark Takano (D-CA-41); Rep. Mike Thompson (D-CA-5); Rep. Raul Grijalva (D-AZ-3)	11
H.R.5325 Domestic Water Protection Act	This bill would amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to impose an excise tax on water use during droughts, and for other purposes.	09/01/2023 Introduced by Rep. Ruben Gallego (D-AZ-3) 09/01/2023 Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources	Rep. Raul Grijalva (D-AZ-3)	1
S.2749 Wildfire Resilient Communities Act	This bill would provide mandatory funding for hazardous fuels reduction projects on certain Federal land, and for other purposes. <i>This bill is the Senate companion to H.R 6525.</i>	09/07/2023 Introduced by Sen. Jeff Merkley (D-OR) 09/07/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry	Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA); Sen. Alex Padilla (D-CA); Sen. Ron Wyden (D-OR)	3
H.R.5355 Save Our Airports Reporting Act	This bill would require the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to submit to Congress progress reports on the development and implementation of a national plan to transition to the use of a fluorine-free firefighting foam, and for other purposes.	09/08/2023 Introduced by Rep. Salud Carbajal (D-CA-24) 09/11/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation	Rep. Mike Lawler (R-NY-17); Rep. Derrick Van Orden (R-WI-3); Rep. Marc Molinaro (R-NY-19)	3
H.R.5356 PFAS Act	This bill would require the Secretary of Transportation to establish a PFAS replacement program at certain airports, and for other purposes.	09/08/2023 Introduced by Rep. Salud Carbajal (D-CA-24) 09/11/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation	Rep. David Valadao (R-CA-22); Rep. Julia Brownley (D-CA-26); Rep. Mike Lawler (R-NY-17); Rep. Derrick Van Orden (R-WI-3)	4
H.R.5483 Securing Access for the central Valley and Enhancing (SAVE) Water Resources Act	This bill would promote water supply reliability and improved water management for rural communities, the State of California, and the Nation, and for other purposes.	09/14/2023 Introduced by Rep. Josh Harder (D-CA-9) 09/14/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources	Rep. Jim Costa (D-CA-16); Rep. John Garamendi (D-CA-3); Rep. Jimmy Panetta (D-CA-20); Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-CA-15)	4
H.R.5509 Electronic Permitting Modernization Act	This bill seeks to modernize permitting systems at the Department of the Interior, and for other purposes.	09/14/2023 Introduced by Rep. Katie Porter (D-CA-47) 11/15/2023 Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by Unanimous Consent.	Rep. Doug LaMalfa (R-CA-1); Rep. Mary Peltola (D-AK-1); Rep. Byron Donalds (R-FL-19); Rep. Marc Molinaro (R-NY-19)	4
H.R.5664 Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act Amendments	This bill would reauthorize the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act of 2014, and for other purposes.	09/21/2023 Introduced by Rep. Kim Schrier (D-WA-8) 09/22/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment	Rep. Jim Costa (D-CA-16); Rep. John Garamendi (D-CA-3); Rep. Josh Harder (D-CA-10); Rep. Doug LaMalfa (R-CA-1); Rep. Daniel Newhouse (R-WA-4); Rep. Lori Chavez-DeRemer (R-OR-5); Rep. Sharice	7
H.R.5691 Drought Assistance Improvement Act	This bill would improve drought related disaster assistance programs of the Department of Agriculture, and for other purposes.	09/26/2023 Introduced by Rep. Julia Letlow (R-LA-5) 09/26/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture	Rep. Michael Guest (R-MS-3); Rep. Garret Graves (R-LA-6); Rep. Troy Carter (D-LA-2)	3



S.2917 Rural Water System Disaster Preparedness and Assistance Act	This bill would amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to establish an emergency preparedness and response technical assistance program to assist entities that operate rural water or wastewater systems in preparing for and responding to natural or man-made disasters.	09/26/2023 Introduced by Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto (D-NV) 09/26/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry	Sen. Cindy Hyde-Smith (R-MS); Sen. Tammy Baldwin (D-WI)	2
S.2928 Water Infrastructure Subcontractor and Taxpayer Protection Act	This bill would amend the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act of 2014 to establish payment and performance security requirements for projects, and for other purposes.	09/26/2023 Introduced by Sen. Mark Kelly (D-AZ) 09/26/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works	Sen. Kevin Cramer (R-ND); Sen. Chris Van Hollen (D-MD)	2
H.R.5764 Support Water-Efficient Strategies and Technologies Act	This bill would amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to increase payments for drought-resilient or water-saving practices and to provide additional payments for perennial production systems, and for other purposes.	09/27/2023 Introduced by Rep. Teresa Leger Fernandez (D-NM-3) 01/17/2024 Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation, Research, and Biotechnology	Rep. David Valadao (R-CA-21); Rep. Chellie Pingree (D-ME-1)	2
H.R.5770 Water Data Improvement Act	This bill would reauthorize certain United States Geological Survey water data enhancement programs. <i>This bill is the House companion to S. 4245.</i>	09/27/2023 Introduced by Rep. Joe Neguse (D-CO-2) 01/17/2024 Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Unanimous Consent	Rep. Juan Ciscomani (R-AZ-6); Rep. Dina Titus (D-NV-1)	2
H.R.5793 Water Access Act	This bill provides \$500 million in FY2024 appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services for the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program. The program provides grants to assist low-income households with water and wastewater bills.	09/28/2023 Introduced by Rep. Debbie Dingell (D-MI-6) 09/28/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Appropriations	Rep. Lisa Rochester (D-DE-1); Rep. Rashida Tlaib (D-MI-13); Rep. Shri Thanedar (D-MI-13); Rep. Morgan McGarvey (D-KY-3); Rep. Kim Schrier (D-WA-8); Rep. Patrick Ryan (D-NY-18); Rep. Lauren Underwood (D-IL-	7
S.2994 Maintaining and Enhancing Hydroelectricity and River Restoration Act	This bill would amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to support upgrades at existing hydroelectric dams in order to increase clean energy production, improve the resiliency and reliability of the United States electric grid, enhance the health of the Nation's rivers and associated wildlife habitats, and for other purposes.	09/28/2023 Introduced by Sen. Maria Cantwell (D-WA) 09/28/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance	Sen. Susan Collins (R-ME); Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY); Sen. Angus King (I-ME); Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK); Sen. Gary Peters (D-MI); Sen. Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH); Sen. Debbie Stabenow (D-MI); Sen. Dan	9
H.R.5983 Clean Water Act of 2023	This bill would amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to restore a national minimum standard of protection for the water resources of the United States while providing certainty to regulated entities.	10/18/2023 Introduced by Rep. Rick Larsen (D-WA-2) 10/27/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.	Rep. Peter Aguilar (D-CA-31); Rep. Nanette Barragan (D-CA-44); ; Rep. Julia Brownley (D-CA-26); Rep. Salud Carbajal (D-CA-24); Rep. Tony Cardenas (D-CA-29); Rep. Mark DeSaulnier (D-CA-11); Rep. Debbie Dingell	130
S.3082 Water Quality Certification Improvement Act	This bill would amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to make changes with respect to water quality certification, and for other purposes.	10/19/2023 Introduced by Sen. John Barrasso (R-WY) 10/19/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works	Sen. Steve Daines (R-MT); Sen. Cynthia Lummis (R-WY); Sen. Kevin Cramer (R-ND); Sen. Pete Ricketts (R-NE)	4
H.R.6024 PFAS Health Study Act	This bill extends through FY2024 the authority of the Department of Defense to transfer funds for the required study on the human health implications of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) contamination in drinking water, groundwater, and any other sources of water and relevant exposure pathways, including the cumulative human health implications of multiple types of PFAS contamination at levels above and below health advisory levels.	10/24/2023 Introduced by Rep. Madeline Dean (D-PA-4) 10/25/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services	Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA-1)	1



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H.R.6053 Break Free From Plastic Pollution Act	This bill would amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to reduce the production and use of certain single-use plastic products and packaging, to improve the responsibility of producers in the design, collection, reuse, recycling, and disposal of consumer products and packaging, to prevent pollution from consumer products and packaging from entering into animal and human food chains and waterways, and for other purposes. <i>This bill is the House companion to S.3127.</i>	10/25/2023 Introduced by Rep. Jared Huffman (D-CA-2) 01/18/2024 Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation, Research, and Biotechnology	Rep. Nanette Barragan (D-CA-44); Rep. Salud Carbajal (D-CA-24); Rep. Judy Chu (D-CA-27); Rep. Mark DeSaulnier (D-CA-11); Rep. Robert Garcia (D-CA-42); Rep. Jimmy Gomez (D-CA-34); Rep. Ro Khanna (D-CA-17); Rep. Barbara Lee (D-CA-13); Rep. Mike Levin (D-CA-49); Rep. Ted Lieu (D-CA-33); Rep. Stephen Lynch (D-MA-9);	73
S.3123 Modernizing Access to Our Public Waters Act	This bill would provide for the standardization, consolidation, and publication of data relating to public outdoor recreational use of Federal waterways among Federal land and water management agencies, and for other purposes.	10/25/2023 Introduced by Sen. John Barrasso (R-WY) 10/25/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.	Sen. Angus King (I-ME)	1
S.3127 Break Free From Plastic Pollution Act	This bill would amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to reduce the production and use of certain single-use plastic products and packaging, to improve the responsibility of producers in the design, collection, reuse, recycling, and disposal of consumer products and packaging, to prevent pollution from consumer products and packaging from entering into animal and human food chains and waterways, and for other purposes. <i>This bill is the Senate companion to H.R. 6053.</i>	10/25/2023 Introduced by Sen. Jeff Merkley (D-OR) 10/25/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.	Sen. Richard Blumenthal (D-CT); Sen. Cory Booker (D-NJ); Sen. Richard Durbin (D-IL); Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY); Sen. Edward Markey (D-MA); Sen. Patty Murray (D-WA); Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-VT); Sen. Chris Van Hollen (D-MD); Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-MA); Sen. Peter Welch (D-VT); Sen. Ron Wyden (D-OR)	11
H.R.6093 Weather Act Reauthorization Act	This bill seeks to improve the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's weather research, support improvements in weather forecasting and prediction, expand commercial opportunities for the provision of weather data, and for other purposes.	10/26/2023 Introduced by Rep. Frank Lucas (R-OK-3) 04/30/2024 Passed in the House and received in the Senate	Rep. Jay Obernolte (R-CA-8); Rep. Zoe Lofgren (D-CA-19) Rep. Mike Garcia (R-CA-25); Rep. Darrell Issa (R-CA-48); Rep. Brian Babin (R-TX-36); Rep. Jim Baird (R-IN-4); Rep. Stephanie Bice (R-OK-5); Rep. Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR-1); Rep. Mike Collins (D-CA-10);	29
H.R.6095 Department of Defense PFAS Discharge Prevention Act	This bill would require the Secretary of Defense to request modifications relating to certain permits issued under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, and for other purposes.	10/26/2023 Introduced by Rep. Jennifer McClellan (D-VA-4) 10/27/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.	Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA-1); Rep. Jen Kiggans (R-VA-2); Rep. Mike Lawler (R-NY-17); Rep. Nancy Mace (R-SC-1); Rep. Chris Pappas (D-NH-1); Rep. Deborah Ross (D-NC-2); Rep. Bobby Scott (D-VA-3); Rep. Derrick Van Orden (R-WI-3)	12
S.3147 Flood Protection and Infrastructure Resilience Act	This bill would modify Department of Agriculture programs to improve flood protection and infrastructure resiliency, and for other purposes.	10/26/2023 Introduced by Sen. Pete Ricketts (R-NE) 10/26/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry	Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY)	1
H.R.6129 Studying NEPA's Impact on Projects Act	This bill would require the Council on Environmental Quality to publish an annual report on environmental reviews and causes of action based on compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, and for other purposes.	11/01/2023 Introduced by Rep. Rudy Yakym (R-IN-2) 11/02/2023 Sponsor introductory remarks on measure.	Rep. Jimmy Panetta (D-CA-20); Rep. John Duarte (R-CA-13); Rep. Doug LaMalfa (R-CA-1); Rep. Sam Graves (R-MO-6); Rep. Matt Rosendale (R-MT-2); Rep. Chuck Edwards (R-NC-11); Rep. Tracey Mann (R-KS-1); Rep. Ryan Zinke (R-MT-1)	11
H.R.6195 Wildland Firefighter Fair Pay Act	This bill would amend title 5, United States Code, to establish a special limitation on pay for wildland fire responders, and for other purposes.	11/02/2023 Introduced by Rep. Zoe Lofgren (D-CA-18) 03/01/2024 Referred to the Subcommittee on Forestry	Rep. Nanette Barragan (D-CA-44); Rep. Julia Brownley (D-CA-26); Rep. Mark DeSaulnier (D-CA-11); Rep. Jared Huffman (D-CA-2); Rep. Ted Lieu (D-CA-33); Rep. Jimmy Panetta (D-CA-20); Rep. Scott Peters (D-CA-52); Rep. Katie Porter (D-CA-45); Rep. Adam Schiff (D-CA-8);	11



H.R.6411 Innovative Materials for America's Growth and Infrastructure Newly Expanded Act	This bill would encourage the research and use of innovative materials and associated techniques in the construction and preservation of the domestic transportation and water infrastructure system, and for other purposes. <i>This bill is the House companion to S.3292.</i>	11/14/2023 Introduced by Rep. Seth Magaziner (D-RI-2) 11/20/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.		0
S.3292 IMAGINE Act	This bill would encourage the research and use of innovative materials and associated techniques in the construction and preservation of the domestic transportation and water infrastructure system, and for other purposes. <i>This bill is the Senate companion to H.R.6411.</i>	11/14/2023 Introduced by Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI) 11/14/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works	Sen. Susan Collins (R-ME);	1
H.R.6497 Healthy Watersheds, Healthy Communities Act	This bill would amend the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act to improve that Act, and for other purposes. <i>This bill is the House companion to S.2636.</i>	11/29/2023 Introduced by Rep. Juan Ciscomani (R-AZ-6) 01/24/2024 Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation, Research, and Biotechnology	Rep. Yadira Caraveo (D-CO-8); Rep. Mike Flood (R-NE-1); Rep. Harriet Hageman (R-WY-1); Rep. Joe Neguse (D-CO-2); Rep. Brittany Pettersen (D-CO-7); Rep. Michael Lawler (R-NY-17)	6
H.R.6519 No PFAS in Cosmetics Act	This bill would amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to ban the use of intentionally added perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances in cosmetics, and for other purposes.	11/30/2023 Introduced by Rep. Debbie Dingell (D-MI-6) 11/30/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.	Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA-1); Rep. Ann Kuster (D-NH-2); Rep. Chris Pappas (D-NH-1); Rep. Lori Trahan (D-MA-3); Rep. Steve Cohen (D-TN-9); Rep. Hillary Scholten (D-MI-3); Rep. Patricia Schroeder (D-MO-2)	7
H.R.6525 Wildfire Resilient Communities Act	This bill would provide mandatory funding for hazardous fuels reduction projects on certain Federal land, and for other purposes. <i>This bill is the House companion to S.2749.</i>	11/30/2023 Introduced by Rep. Val Hoyle (D-OR-4) 01/24/2024 Referred to the Subcommittee on Forestry	Rep. Josh Harder (D-CA-9); Rep. Jared Huffman (D-CA-2); Rep. Adam Schiff (D-CA-30); Rep. Mike Thompson (D-CA-4); Rep. Joe Neguse (D-CO-2); Rep. Andrea Salinas (D-OR-6); Rep. Melanie Stansbury (D-NM-1)	7
H.R.6805 PFAS Action Act	This bill would require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to designate per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances as hazardous substances under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980.	12/14/2023 Introduced by Rep. Debbie Dingell (D-MI-6) 01/02/2024 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment	Rep. Grace Napolitano (D-CA-32); Rep. Brendan Boyle (D-PA-2); Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA-1); Rep. Lizzie Fletcher (D-TX-7); Rep. Ro Khanna (D-CA-17); Rep. Daniel Kildee (D-MI-5); Rep. Ann Kuster (D-NH-2); Rep. Rick Larsen (D-WA-2); ; Rep. Frank Pallone (D-NJ-6); Rep. Chris Roche (D-NH-1); Rep. Paul Ryan (R-WI-1)	25
H.R.6808 PFAS Risk-Communication Strategy Act	This bill would require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to develop a risk-communication strategy to inform the public about the hazards or potential hazards of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, and for other purposes.	12/14/2023 Introduced by Rep. Lizzie Fletcher (D-TX-7) 01/02/2024 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment	Rep. Michael Lawler (R-NY-17); Rep. Betty McCollum (D-MN-4)	2
H.R.6861 SAFE HOME Act	This bill would amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a refundable credit against tax for wildfire mitigation expenditures.	12/19/2023 Introduced by Rep. Kevin Kiley (R-CA-3) 12/19/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means		0
H.R.6946 To direct the Secretary of Defense to establish a compensation fund for military firefighters exposed to PFAS	This bill would direct the Secretary of Defense to establish a compensation fund for military firefighters exposed to PFAS.	01/10/2024 Introduced by Rep. Marilyn Strickland (D-WA-10) 01/10/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services	Rep. Salud Carbajal (D-CA-24); Rep. Ro Khanna (D-CA-17); Rep. Bill Posey (R-FL-8); Rep. Jeff Van Drew (R-NJ-2); Rep. Suzan DelBene (D-WA-1)	5



H.R.7008 Judicial Review Timeline Clarity Act	This bill would amend section 404 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act relating to judicial review of a permit issued under such section, and for other purposes.	01/17/2023 Introduced by Rep. Eric Burlison (R-MO-7) 01/19/2024 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment	Rep. David Rouzer (R-NC-7)	1
H.R.7013 Confidence in Clean Water Permits Act	This bill would amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act with respect to the scope of national pollutant discharge elimination system permit discharge authorizations and the expression of effluent limitations, and for other purposes.	01/17/2024 Introduced by Rep. John Duarte (R-CA-13) 01/19/2024 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment	Rep. David Rouzer (R-NC-7)	1
H.R.7021 Water Quality Criteria Development and Transparency Act	This bill would amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act with respect to the procedure for the development of water quality criteria, and for other purposes.	01/17/2024 Introduced by Rep. Burgess Owen (R-UT-4) 01/19/2024 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment	Rep. David Rouzer (R-NC-7)	1
H.R.7023 Creating Confidence in Clean Water Permitting Act	This bill modifies requirements under the Clean Water Act, including requirements concerning water quality criteria, the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program, the permit program for discharging dredged or fill material into waters of the United States, and the meaning of waters of the United States. It also limits the issuance of permits under the act.	01/17/2024 Introduced by Rep. David Rouzer (R-NC-7) 03/22/2024 Passed the House and Received in the Senate. Referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.	Rep. David Rouzer (R-NC-7)	0
H.R.7026 Reducing Permitting Uncertainty Act	This bill would amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to clarify when the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency has the authority to prohibit the specification of a defined area, or deny or restrict the use of a defined area for specification, as a disposal site under section 404 of such Act, and for other purposes.	01/17/2024 Introduced by Rep. Pete Stauber (R-MN-8) 01/19/2024 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment	Rep. David Rouzer (R-NC-7)	1
S.3623 Research for Healthy Soils Act	This bill would amend the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 to include as a high-priority research and extension area research on microplastics in land-applied biosolids on farmland. <i>This bill is the Senate companion to H.R. 3871.</i>	01/18/2024 Introduced by Sen. Jeff Merkley (D-OR) 01/18/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry	Sen. Ron Wyden (D-OR); Sen. Cory Booker (D-NJ); Sen. Chris Van Hollen (D-MD); Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI)	4
H.R.7065 Priority for Water Supply and Conservation Act	This bill seeks to include water supply and water conservation as a primary mission of the Corps of Engineers in planning, designing, constructing, modifying, operating, and maintaining water resources development projects, and for other purposes.	01/22/2024 Introduced by Rep. Grace Napolitano (D-CA-31) 01/22/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure	Rep. Doug LaMalfa (R-CA-1); Del. James Moylan (R-GU)	2
H.R.7070 Wildfire Response Improvement Act	This bill would direct the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to conduct a review of the criteria for evaluating the cost-effectiveness of certain mitigation projects, and for other purposes.	01/22/2024 Introduced by Rep. Greg Stanton (D-AZ-4) 01/31/2024 Ordered to be Reported (Amended)	Rep. Doug LaMalfa (R-CA-1); Rep. Dina Titus (D-NV-1)	2
H.R.7178 Water Conservation Economic Adjustment Act	This bill would amend the Public Works and Economic Development Act (PWEDA) to clarify the eligible uses of Economic Adjustment Assistance (EAA) to include assistance for limiting industrial consumptive water use in areas impacted by decreased water supplies as a result of drought and extreme heat.	01/31/2024 Introduced by Rep. Dina Titus (D-NV-1) 01/31/2024 Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Financial Services	Rep. David Valadao (R-CA-21);	1



H.R.7194 PFAS Accountability Act	This bill would establish a cause of action under the Toxic Substances Control Act for those who have been significantly exposed to PFAS against manufacturers, make it easier for courts to award medical monitoring for victims of significant PFAS exposure, and Incentivize industry to fund PFAS safety research. <i>This bill is the House companion to S.3725.</i>	02/01/2024 Introduced by Rep. Madeline Dean (D-PA-4) 02/01/2024 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary	Rep. Daniel Kildee (D-MI-5); Rep. Jerry Nadler (D-NY-10); Rep. Elissa Slotkin (D-MI-7)	3
S.3725 PFAS Accountability Act	This bill would establish a cause of action under the Toxic Substances Control Act for those who have been significantly exposed to PFAS against manufacturers, make it easier for courts to award medical monitoring for victims of significant PFAS exposure, and Incentivize industry to fund PFAS safety research. <i>This bill is the Senate companion to H.R. 7194.</i>	02/01/2024 Introduced by Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) 02/01/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works		0
H.R.7241 Rural Water System Disaster Preparedness and Assistance Act	This bill seeks to amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to establish an emergency preparedness and response technical assistance program to assist entities that operate rural water or wastewater systems in preparing for and responding to natural or man-made disasters.	02/05/2024 Introduced by Rep. Pete Stauber (R-MN-8) 02/05/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture	Rep. Brad Finstad (R-MN-1); Rep. Michelle Fischbach (R-MN-7)	2
S.3753 Improving State and Local Government Access to Performance Contracting Act	The bill would amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act with the goal of offering financial aid to States for enhancing energy savings performance contracting programs, including through water conservation measures. These measures involve efficient water use, conservation, recycling, wastewater or stormwater treatment, operational or maintenance improvements, retrofit activities, excluding those related to Federal hydroelectric facilities. The bill suggests annual appropriations of \$35 million for fiscal years 2024 through 2028, with allocated amounts for technical assistance and the project facilitator certification program.	02/07/2024 Introduced by Sen. Peter Welch (D-VT) 02/07/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources	Sen. Chris Coons (D-DE); Sen. Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH); Sen. Chris Van Hollen (D-MD); Sen. Tina Smith (D-MN)	4
S.3778 A bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to modify eligibility for the State response to contaminants program, and for other purposes.	This bill aims to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act, specifically focusing on modifications to the eligibility criteria for the State response to contaminants program. The bill expands the Administrator's authority to issue grants to States requesting assistance for disadvantaged communities, those potentially becoming disadvantaged due to specific activities, communities with a population of fewer than 10,000 lacking the capacity to incur debt for specified activities, and for the benefit of owners of drinking water wells not connected to a public water system.	02/08/2024 Introduced by Sen. Jeanne Shaheen 02/08/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works	Sen. Susan Collins (R-ME); Sen. Angus King (I-ME); Sen. Mark Kelly (D-AZ)	3
H.R.7362 Satellites Preventing Agricultural Crises and Emergencies (SPACE) Act	This bill would create cooperative agreements to share satellite-based data, research, and reports between USDA and land-grant colleges and universities with wildfire research programs.	02/15/2024 Introduced by Rep. Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR-1) 02/15/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture	Rep. John Duarte (R-CA-13); Rep. David Valadao (R-CA-22); Rep. Dan Newhouse (R-WA-4); Rep. Jill Tokuda (D-HI-2); Rep. John Curtis (R-UT-3)	5
H.R.7462 To require the Government Accountability Office to conduct a study regarding insurance coverage for damages from wildfires, and for other purposes.	This bill would require the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to conduct a study regarding insurance coverage for damages from wildfires, and for other purposes.	02/26/2024 Introduced by Rep. Maxine Waters (D-CA-43) 02/26/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services		0



S.3830 Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program Establishment Act	This bill would make permanent the LIHWAP program that provides grants to States, Territories, and Tribes to help low-income households pay for overdue charges and other fees related to drinking water or wastewater services. It also includes provisions for offering technical support to rural, Tribal, and underserved public water systems or treatment works. Additionally, the act suggests aligning income eligibility criteria with various existing assistance programs such as LIHEAP, TANF, SNAP, Supplemental Security Income, and means-tested veterans' programs. Finally, the authority of the program would eventually be transferred from HHS to the EPA after the completion of the Rural and Low-Income Water Assistance Pilot Program, as authorized in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. <i>This bill is the Senate companion to H.R. 8032.</i>	02/28/2024 Introduced by Sen. Alex Padilla (D-CA) 02/28/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions		0
H.R.7525 Special District Grant Accessibility Act	This bill would establish a formal definition of "special district" in federal law, as well as require the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to issue guidance to federal agencies requiring special districts to be recognized as local governments for the purpose of federal financial assistance determinations.	03/06/2024 Introduced by Rep. Pat Fallon (R-TX-4) 05/06/2024 Passed the House and received in Senate	Rep. Katie Porter (D-CA-27); Rep. David Valadao (R-CA-22); Rep. Mike Garcia (R-CA-27); Rep. Darrell Issa (R-CA-48); Rep. Josh Harder (D-CA-9); Rep. Jimmy Panetta (D-CA-19); Rep. Julia Brownley (D-CA-26); Rep. Brittany Pettersen (D-	14
H.R.7634 Plastic Pellet Free Waters Act	This bill would require the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to issue a rule that prohibits the discharge of plastic pellets and other types of plastic into our nation's waters. Currently, EPA does not have an established federal rule to address plastic pellets specifically, and most states do not have meaningful regulations to combat plastic pollution. <i>This is the House counterpart to S. 2337.</i>	03/12/2024 Introduced by Rep. Mike Levin (D-CA-49) 03/12/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure	Rep. Nanette Barragan (D-CA-44); Rep. Salud Carbajal (D-CA-24); Rep. Jared Huffman (D-CA-2); Rep. Sara Jacobs (D-CA-53); Rep. Sydney Kamlager (D-CA-37); Rep. Barbara Lee (D-CA-13); Rep. Doris Matsui (D-CA-6); Rep. Mike Thompson (D-CA-4); Rep. Jerry Nadler (D-NY-12); Rep. Bill Posey (R-FL-8)	51
H.R.7675 PFAS Research and Development Reauthorization Act	This bill would extend the authorization of appropriations for PFAS research and development by the Environmental Protection Agency.	03/13/2024 Introduced by Rep. Chris Pappas (D-NH-1) 03/13/2024 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Science, Space, and Technology, and Transportation and Infrastructure		1
H.R.7775 PFAS-Free Procurement Act	This bill would prohibit federal agencies from the procurement of items containing perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) or perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and prioritize the procurement of products not containing PFAS.	03/21/2024 Introduced by Rep. Mike Lawler (R-NY-17) 03/21/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Accountability	Rep. Katie Porter (D-CA-47); Rep. Bill Posey (R-FL-8); Rep. Chris Pappas (D-NH-1); Rep. Haley Stevens (D-MI-11); Rep. Marie Gluesenkamp Perez (D-WA-3); Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA-1)	6
H.R.7916 Removing Nitrate & Arsenic in Drinking Water Act	The bill amends the Safe Drinking Water Act to allocate grants specifically for reducing nitrate and arsenic levels, with a provision of \$15 million annually starting from fiscal year 2024. It mandates the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator to review the effectiveness of state-administered programs under the Act in managing these substances.	04/09/2024 Introduced by Rep. Norma Torres (D-CA-35) 04/09/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce	Rep. David Valadao (R-CA-22)	1
H.R. 7922 Water Risk and Resilience Organization (WRRO) Establishment Act	This legislation establishes a new governing body, the WRRO, with cyber and water-system expertise to develop and enforce cybersecurity requirements for drinking and wastewater systems. The WRRO will work in partnership with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to ensure cybersecurity measures are both practical and beneficial.	04/10/2024 Introduced by Rep. Rick Crawford (R-AR-1)	Rep. John Duarte (R-CA-13)	1



H.R.7944 Water Systems PFAS Liability Protection Act	This bill would exempt certain entities from liability under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 with respect to releases of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances. <i>This bill is the House companion to S. 1430.</i>	04/11/2024 Introduced by Rep. John Curtis (R-UT-3) 04/11/2024 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure	Rep. Marie Gluesenkamp Perez (D-WA-3)	1
H.R. 7990 Large-Scale Water Recycling Reauthorization and Investment Act	This bill would reauthorize the Large-Scale Water Recycling grant program within the Department of the Interior for six years for large-scale water recycling projects that have a total estimated cost of at least \$1 Billion. The legislation increases the authorization from \$450 Million to \$1 Billion for the program; projects must be within one of the Bureau of Reclamation's seventeen western states.	04/15/2024 Introduced by Rep. Grace Napolitano 04/15/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources	Rep. Jared Huffman (D-CA-2); Rep. Raul Grijalva (D-AZ-7); Rep. Susie Lee (D-NV-3)	3
H.R.8030 DROUGHT Act	This bill would amend the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act of 2014 with respect to the total amount of Federal assistance for projects in States experiencing severe drought and projects in historically disadvantaged communities, and for other purposes. <i>This bill is the House companion to S. 4134.</i>	04/16/2024 Introduced by Rep. Scott Peters (D-CA-50) 04/16/2024 Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce	Rep. Nannette Diaz Barragan (D-CA-44); Rep. Raul Ruiz (D-CA-25); Rep. Juan Vargas (D-CA-52)	3
S.4134 DROUGHT Act	This bill would amend the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act of 2014 with respect to the total amount of Federal assistance for projects in States experiencing severe drought and projects in historically disadvantaged communities, and for other purposes. This bill is the Senate companion to H.R. 8030.	04/16/2024 Introduced by Sen. Alex Padilla (D-CA) 04/16/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works		0
H.R. 8032 Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program Establishment Act	This bill would make permanent the LIHWAP program that provides grants to States, Territories, and Tribes to help low-income households pay for overdue charges and other fees related to drinking water or wastewater services. It also includes provisions for offering technical support to rural, Tribal, and underserved public water systems or treatment works. Additionally, the act suggests aligning income eligibility criteria with various existing assistance programs such as LIHEAP, TANF, SNAP, Supplemental Security Income, and means-tested veterans' programs. Finally, the authority of the program would eventually be transferred from HHS to the EPA after the completion of the Rural and Low-Income Water Assistance Pilot Program, as authorized in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. <i>This bill is the House companion to S. 3830.</i>	04/16/2024 Introduced by Rep. Eric Sorensen (D-IL-17) 04/16/2024 Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce	Rep. Lori Chavez-DeRemer (R-OR-5); Rep. Kim Schrier (D-WA-8); Rep. Jennifer Gonzalez-Colon (R-PR)	3
H.R. 8074 Forever Chemical Regulation and Accountability Act	This legislation would initiate a study to review the persistence, bioaccumulation, human health risks, and current uses of PFAS and to provide guidance on designating current essential uses. The resulting guidance would be used to mitigate potential points of exposure and contamination while ensuring access to essential PFAS such as those used in batteries and medical devices. The legislation prohibits excessive, non-essential PFAS uses and releases of any PFAS into air, water, or land. <i>This bill is the House companion to S. 4187.</i>	04/18/2024 Introduced by Rep. Betty McCollum (D-MN-4) 04/18/2024 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Oversight and Accountability, Science, Space, and Technology, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Armed Services	Rep. Chellie Pingree (D-ME-1)	1



S.4187 Forever Chemical Regulation and Accountability Act	This legislation would initiate a study to review the persistence, bioaccumulation, human health risks, and current uses of PFAS and to provide guidance on designating current essential uses. The resulting guidance would be used to mitigate potential points of exposure and contamination while ensuring access to essential PFAS such as those used in batteries and medical devices. The legislation prohibits excessive, non-essential PFAS uses and releases of any PFAS into air, water, or land. <i>This bill is the Senate companion to H.R. 8074.</i>	04/18/2024 Introduced by Sen. Dick Durbin (D-IL) 04/18/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works		0
S.4172 Drought Resilient Infrastructure Act	This bill would enable the Army Corps to prioritize water conservation or storage efforts at Corps facilities, directs the Army Corps to prioritize these conservation efforts above other Corps missions (like flood control or combating invasive species) during times of drought, and provides new Army Corps infrastructure programs to help states, counties, cities, tribes, and other water users construct projects that respond to or prevent worsening drought conditions. <i>This bill is the Senate companion to H.R. 8079.</i>	04/18/2024 Introduced by Sen. Mark Kelly (D-AZ) 04/18/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works	Sen. Alex Padilla (D-CA); Sen. Laphonza Butler (D-CA); Sen. Martin Heinrich (D-NM); Sen. Kyrsten Sinema (I-AZ); Sen. Jacky Rosen (D-NV)	5
S.4173 Clean Water Standards for PFAS Act	This bill would require EPA to develop water criteria for PFAS under the Clean Water Act and provides EPA with an ambitious yet achievable roadmap to establish effluent limitations guidelines (ELGs) and standards for eight priority industry categories for all measurable PFAS or classes of PFAS within three years. The bill also includes significant federal support to assist communities in upgrading their municipal water infrastructure in order to safeguard public health and protect ratepayers. <i>This bill is the Senate companion to H.R. 8076.</i>	04/18/2024 Introduced by Rep. Chris Pappas (D-NH-1) 04/18/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure	Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA-1); Rep. Daniel Kildee (D-MI-8); Rep. Bill Posey (R-FL-8); Rep. Michael Lawler (R-NY-17)	4
H.R. 8076 Clean Water Standards for PFAS Act	This bill would require EPA to develop water criteria for PFAS under the Clean Water Act and provides EPA with an ambitious yet achievable roadmap to establish effluent limitations guidelines (ELGs) and standards for eight priority industry categories for all measurable PFAS or classes of PFAS within three years. The bill also includes significant federal support to assist communities in upgrading their municipal water infrastructure in order to safeguard public health and protect ratepayers. <i>This bill is the House companion to S.4173.</i>	04/18/2024 Introduced by Rep. Chris Pappas (D-NH-1) 04/18/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure	Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA-1); Rep. Daniel Kildee (D-MI-8); Rep. Bill Posey (R-FL-8); Rep. Michael Lawler (R-NY-17)	4
H.R. 8079 Drought Resilient Infrastructure Act	This bill would enable the Army Corps to prioritize water conservation or storage efforts at Corps facilities, directs the Army Corps to prioritize these conservation efforts above other Corps missions (like flood control or combating invasive species) during times of drought, and provides new Army Corps infrastructure programs to help states, counties, cities, tribes, and other water users construct projects that respond to or prevent worsening drought conditions. <i>This bill is the House companion to S.4172.</i>	04/18/2024 Introduced by Rep. Greg Stanton (D-AZ-4) 04/18/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure	Rep. Juan Ciscomani (R-AZ-6); Rep. Dina Titus (D-NV-1); Rep. Susie Lee (D-NV-3); Rep. Ruben Gallego (D-AZ-3)	4
H.R. 8096 Future of Water Act	This bill would add "water and water rights" to the current list of prohibitions in the Commodity Exchange Act. This would prohibit the trading of water and water rights in commodity futures contracts. <i>This bill is the House companion to S.4188.</i>	04/19/2024 Introduced by Rep. Ro Khanna (D-CA-17) 04/19/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture	Rep. Barbara Lee (D-CA-13); Rep. Alma Adams (D-NC-12); Rep. Jamaal Bowman (D-NY-16); Rep. Cori Bush (D-MO-1); Rep. Andre Carson (D-IN-7); Rep. Chuy Garcia (D-IL-4); Rep. Jahana Hayes (D-CT-5); Rep.	15



S.4188 Future of Water Act	This bill would add “water and water rights” to the current list of prohibitions in the Commodity Exchange Act. This would prohibit the trading of water and water rights in commodity futures contracts. <i>This bill is the Senate companion to H.R. 8096.</i>	04/19/2024 Introduced by Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) 04/18/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry	Sen. Edward Markey (D-MA); Sen. Jeff Merkley (D-OR); Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-VT)	15
S. 4220 WASH Access Data Collection Act	This bill would establish a federal initiative to gather and analyze data on water access needs across the United States. It creates an interagency Water and Sanitation Needs Working Group to survey households lacking adequate water and sanitation services and mandates regular reporting on these needs every five years. It authorizes \$10 million annually from 2025 to 2029, with continued funding for subsequent years.	05/01/2024 Introduced by Sen. Ron Wyden 05/01/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.	Sen. Jeff Merkley (D-OR); Sen. Martin Heinrich (D-NM); Sen. Ben Ray Lujan (D-NM)	3
S.4242 Drought Preparedness Act	This bill reauthorizes through FY2028 the Reclamation States Emergency Drought Relief Act of 1991, which allows the Bureau of Reclamation to provide drought assistance to Hawaii or certain western states. <i>This is the Senate counterpart to H.R. 4385.</i>	05/02/2024 Introduced by Sen. John Hickenlooper (D-CO) 05/02/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.	Sen. Ron Wyden (D-OR); Sen. Cynthia Lummis (R-WY)	2
S.4245 Water Data Improvement Act	This bill would reauthorize certain United States Geological Survey water data enhancement programs. <i>This bill is the Senate companion to H.R. 5770.</i>	05/02/2024 Introduced by Sen. Cynthia Lummis (R-WY) 05/02/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources	Sen. Ron Wyden (D-OR); Sen. John Hickenlooper (D-CO)	2
S. 4343 Fire Ready Nation Act	The bill would establish a program within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to improve forecasting, detection, modeling, and monitoring of wildfires, fire-inducing weather, and associated risks.	05/15/2024 Introduced by Sen. Maria Cantwell (D-WA) 05/15/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation	Sen. Alex Padilla (D-CA) ; Sen. Ted Cruz (R-TX); Sen. Ben Ray Lujan (D-NM); Sen. Dan Sullivan (R-AK); Sen. Jacky Rosen (D-NV); Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK); Sen. Brian Schatz (D-HI)	7
S.4367 Water Resources Development Act of 2024	This bill would provide for improvements to the rivers and harbors of the United States, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources	05/20/2024 Introduced by Sen. Tom Carper (D-DE) 05/22/2024 Ordered out of Committee for consideration on Senate floor	Sen. Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV); Sen. Mark Kelly (D-AZ); Sen. Kevin Cramer (R-ND)	3
H.R.8467 Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2024 (FARM Bill)	This bill would provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2029	05/21/2024 Introduced by Rep. GT Thompson (R-PA-15) 05/21/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture		0
H.R. 8518 Responsibility in Federal Contracting Act	This bill would require the calculation of wages for public works projects be based on actual statistics calculated by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), where currently statistics used to calculate are produced by the Department of Labor’s Wage and Hour Division (WHD).	05/23/2024 Introduced By Rep. Paul Gosar (R-AZ-9) 05/23/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce	Rep. Pete Sessions (R-TX-17); Rep. Keith Self (R-TX-3); Rep. Gary Palmer (R-AL-6); Rep. Scott DesJarlais (R-TN-4); Rep. Debbie Lesko (R-AZ-8); Rep. Ralph Norman (R-SC-5)	6
H.R.8580 Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2025	This bill provides FY2025 appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), and related agencies.	05/28/2024 Introduced by Rep. John Carter (R-TX-31) 06/11/2024 Passed the House and received in the Senate		0
S. 4458 Rural Water Supply Program Reauthorization Act	This bill would authorize the Bureau of Reclamation to both conduct feasibility studies and then undertake the design and construction of rural water supply projects, delivering potable water supplies to rural communities in those states	06/04/2024 Introduced by Sen. Mike Rounds 06/04/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources	Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-MN)	1



<p>H.R. 8656 Modernizing Wildfire Safety and Prevention Act</p>	<p>The bill addresses firefighter shortages by establishing a Middle Fire Leaders Academy and enhancing training grants. It aims to retain skilled firefighters with better benefits and working conditions, while also improving fire response through advanced technologies like risk mapping and the Joint Office of Fire Environment Center. Additionally, it seeks to protect public health by implementing a nationwide real-time air quality monitoring system to mitigate wildfire smoke impacts.</p>	<p>06/07/2024 Introduced by Rep. Josh Harder (D-CA-9)</p> <p>06/07/2024 Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, Education and the Workforce, Oversight and Accountability, Armed Services, Energy and Commerce, Science, Space, and Technology, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Small Business</p>	<p>Rep. Pete Sessions (R-TX-17); Rep. Keith Self (R-TX-3); Rep. Gary Palmer (R-AL-6); Rep. Scott DesJarlais (R-TN-4); Rep. Debbie Lesko (R-AZ-8); Rep. Ralph Norman (R-SC-5)</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>H.R.8682 Water Conservation Rebate Tax Parity Act</p>	<p>This bill expands the tax exclusion for energy conservation subsidies provided by public utilities to include certain subsidies for water conservation or efficiency measures and storm water management measures.</p>	<p>06/11/2024 Introduced by Rep. Jared Huffman (D-CA-2)</p> <p>06/11/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means</p>	<p>Rep. Doug LaMalfa (R-CA-1); Rep. Judy Chu (D-CA-28); Rep. John Curtis (R-UT-3)</p>	<p>3</p>



To:	Las Virgenes – Triunfo Monthly Report
From:	Syrus Devers
Date:	July 1st, 2024
Re:	State Legislative Report

The Legislature is marching towards what is arguably the most important deadline of the legislative session. By July 3rd, all bills must be passed out of all assigned policy committees of either house. This report has previously detailed the myriad ways that legislators can get around legislative deadlines, but there is no getting around this one. Bills that survive will be sent to either the fiscal committees or the Floors for a vote in August. The Legislature will then be on recess from July 4th through August 5th.

Here are the highlights leading up to the deadline:

SB 366 (Caballero) – This started as the “Solve the Water Crisis” almost two years ago and is now the “Water for All” bill, which stalled last year in the Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee. After a year of work, and a new committee Chair, SB 366 was on track for a successful committee vote at the time this report was being prepared.

Recent amendments to address the opposition include consideration of environmental needs, specifically the restoration plan for the Bay Delta, and a larger role for the Department of Water Resources. The bill sets a lofty interim goal of 10 million acre feet of new water resources to be developed by 2040 from all possible sources.

SB 1255 (Durazo) – this bill is a late “gut and amend” in the Assembly to mandate statewide low-income rate assistance (LIRA) programs for all water agencies with more than 3,300 connections. To get around the Prop 218 prohibition on funding LIRA through rates, the bill sets up voluntary contributions to raise the necessary funds. The logistics of doing so, however, are daunting. The bill directs water agencies to calculate a contribution amount which will raise enough to offer a 20% bill reduction to qualified ratepayers, and to assume that 60% of customers will contribute. Here is a partial list of the problems raised by ACWA and CMUA:

- Unclear how to fairly address bills that combine water and sewage.
- Opt in vs. opt out: to get maximum participation, the sponsors of the bill want water agencies to automatically add the “voluntary” contribution to the water bill, and then require the customer to take some action to have the charge removed. The word “voluntary” is in quotes because some agencies argue that it is not voluntary to add a charge to a bill without prior consent from the customer.

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- What to do with master meters? How can rate assistance be offered to someone who does not receive a bill?
- What about agencies that contract for billing services? Some smaller agencies do not have a billing department and contract with other municipal agencies to handle billing. Will these water agencies have to create a billing department just to comply with this bill?
- The bill limits administrative costs to 10% of collected funds. If the costs of implementing the program exceed 10%, will that constitute a Prop 218 violation?

And this is only a partial list of issues that have been raised in discussions within ACWA and CMUA. Of concern is that the bill may only receive one policy committee hearing unless the Senate follows its own rules and sends it back to the Senate policy committee that heard the prior version of bill, which had nothing to do with providing water service. SDA will report on the outcome of the hearing during oral presentation.

Budget: Legislators and the Governor agreed on a budget last week. The \$297.5 billion budget bill closed a \$46.8 billion deficit by imposing an 8% across-the-board cut to all state agencies (-\$2.2B), eliminating funding for unfilled vacancies (-\$1.5B), borrowing from special funds and delaying business tax credits (+\$13.6B), defer/delay planned spending (+\$6B), and over \$1B in cuts to affordable housing. Newsom's proposed cuts to affordable housing programs angered progressive legislators who—it has been alleged—retaliated by cutting \$500 million in funding for the Voluntary Agreements, among other actions. ACWA organized a coalition to lobby for restoration of the funding, which was included in the final budget agreement.

Climate Bond (SB 867-Allen): First, yes, it will be the Allen bill (Senate) and not the Garcia bill in the Assembly. Beyond that, there is little information available, which itself is concerning. Last month's report included leaked details of funding amounts based on differing sized bonds, but no new information has surfaced. Negotiations continue unabated behind closed doors, but there are no known water interests represented in the room, not even ACWA. The growing concern is that water infrastructure will be an afterthought. It has been widely reported that a bond bill must be passed by June 27th in order to be on the November ballot. This is not strictly accurate. The Legislature has various ways to manipulate that deadline.

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Bill Matrix – July 2024

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Priority: A. High

[AB 460](#) ([Bauer-Kahan, D](#)) **State Water Resources Control Board: water rights and usage: civil penalties.**

Calendar: 06/25/24 S-JUDICIARY 9:30 a.m. - State Capitol, Room 112 UMBERG, THOMAS, Chair

Location: 06/11/2024 - Senate Judiciary

Summary: Under current law, the diversion or use of water other than as authorized by specified provisions of law is a trespass, subject to specified civil liability. This bill would require the State Water Resources Control Board to adjust for inflation, by January 1 of each year, beginning in 2025, the amounts of civil and administrative liabilities or penalties imposed by the board in water right actions, as specified. (Based on 06/12/2024 text)

Position	Priority
B. Watch	A. High

[AB 1337](#) ([Wicks, D](#)) **State Water Resources Control Board: water diversion curtailment.**

Location: 07/14/2023 - Senate 2 YEAR

Summary: Under existing law, the diversion or use of water other than as authorized by specified provisions of law is a trespass, subject to specified civil liability. This bill would expand the instances when the diversion or use of water is considered a trespass. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws. (Based on 05/18/2023 text)

Position	Priority
oppose	A. High

[AB 1567](#) ([Garcia, D](#)) **Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparation, Flood Protection, Extreme Heat Mitigation, Clean Energy, and Workforce Development Bond Act of 2024.**

Location: 05/22/2024 - Senate Natural Resources and Water

Summary: Would enact the Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparation, Flood Protection, Extreme Heat Mitigation, Clean Energy, and Workforce Development Bond Act of 2024, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$15,995,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance projects for safe drinking water, wildfire prevention, drought preparation, flood protection, extreme heat mitigation, clean energy, and workforce development programs. (Based on 05/26/2023 text)

Position	Priority
support	A. High

[AB 1573](#) ([Friedman, D](#)) **Water conservation: landscape design: model ordinance.**

Location: 09/14/2023 - Senate 2 YEAR

Summary: The Water Conservation in Landscaping Act provides for a Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance that is adopted and updated at least every 3 years by the Department of Water Resources, unless the department makes a specified finding. Current law requires a local agency to adopt the model ordinance or to adopt a water efficient landscape ordinance that is at least as effective in conserving water as the updated model ordinance, except as specified. Current law specifies the provisions of the updated model ordinance, as provided. Current law includes a related statement of legislative findings and declarations. This bill would require the updated model ordinance to include provisions that require that plants included in a landscape design plan be selected based on their adaptability to climatic, geological, and topographical conditions of the project site, as specified. The bill would also exempt landscaping that is part of a culturally specific project, as defined, ecological restoration projects that do not require a permanent irrigation system, mined-land reclamation projects that do not require a permanent irrigation system, and existing plant collections, as part of botanical gardens and arboretums open to the public, from the model ordinance. The bill would require the updated model ordinance to include provisions that, among other changes, prohibit the use of traditional overhead sprinklers on all new and rehabilitated

landscapes and require that new and rehabilitated landscapes use only water efficient irrigation devices. (Based on 09/01/2023 text)

Position	Priority
watch	A. High

[AB 1827](#) (Papan, D) Local government: fees and charges: water: higher consumptive water parcels.

Calendar: 06/26/24 S-LOCAL GOVERNMENT 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 112 DURAZO, MARIA ELENA, Chair

Location: 05/29/2024 - Senate Local Government

Summary: The California Constitution specifies various requirements with respect to the levying of assessments and property-related fees and charges by a local agency, including requiring that the local agency provide public notice and a majority protest procedure in the case of assessments and submit property-related fees and charges for approval by property owners subject to the fee or charge or the electorate residing in the affected area following a public hearing. Current law, known as the Proposition 218 Omnibus Implementation Act, prescribes specific procedures and parameters for local jurisdictions to comply with these requirements and, among other things, authorizes an agency providing water, wastewater, sewer, or refuse collection services to adopt a schedule of fees or charges authorizing automatic adjustments that pass through increases in wholesale charges for water, sewage treatment, or wastewater treatment or adjustments for inflation under certain circumstances. Current law defines, among other terms, the term "water" for these purposes to mean any system of public improvements intended to provide for the production, storage, supply, treatment, or distribution of water from any source. This bill would provide that the fees or charges for property-related water service imposed or increased, as specified, may include the incrementally higher costs of water service due to specified factors, including the higher water usage demand of parcels. (Based on 04/04/2024 text)

Position	Priority
support	A. High

[AB 2257](#) (Wilson, D) Local government: property-related water and sewer fees and assessments: remedies.

Calendar: 07/03/24 S-LOCAL GOVERNMENT 9:30 a.m. or upon adjournment of Session - 1021 O Street, Room 2200 DURAZO, MARIA ELENA, Chair

Location: 06/18/2024 - Senate Local Government

Summary: The California Constitution specifies various requirements with respect to the levying of assessments and property-related fees and charges by a local agency, including notice, hearing, and protest procedures, depending on the character of the assessment, fee, or charge. Current law, known as the Proposition 218 Omnibus Implementation Act, prescribes specific procedures and parameters for local jurisdictions to comply with these requirements. This bill would prohibit, if a local agency complies with specified procedures, a person or entity from bringing a judicial action or proceeding alleging noncompliance with the constitutional provisions for any new, increased, or extended fee or assessment, as defined, unless that person or entity has timely submitted to the local agency a written objection to that fee or assessment that specifies the grounds for alleging noncompliance, as specified. This bill would provide that local agency responses to the timely submitted written objections shall go to the weight of the evidence supporting the agency's compliance with the substantive limitations on fees and assessments imposed by the constitutional provisions. (Based on 06/20/2024 text)

Position	Priority
support	A. High

[AB 2409](#) (Papan, D) Office of Planning and Research: permitting accountability transparency dashboard.

Location: 05/16/2024 - Assembly DEAD

Summary: Would require the Office of Planning and Research, on or before January 1, 2026, to create and maintain, as specified, a permitting accountability transparency internet website (dashboard). The bill would require the dashboard to include a display for each permit to be issued by specified state agencies for all covered projects. The bill would define various terms for these purposes. The bill would also require the dashboard to include, but not be limited to, information for each permit to be issued by a state agency that is required for the completion of the project, including, among other requirements, the permit application submission date. The bill would require each state agency with a responsibility for issuing a permit for a covered project to provide information in the appropriate time and manner as determined by the office. The bill would also make related findings and declarations. (Based on 04/11/2024 text)

Position	Priority
support	A. High

[AB 3073](#) (Haney, D) Wastewater testing: illicit substances.

Location: 05/16/2024 - Assembly DEAD

Summary: Would require the State Department of Public Health, in consultation with participating wastewater treatment facilities, local public health agencies, and other subject matter experts, to create a pilot program to test for high-risk substances and related treatment medications in wastewater. Under the bill, the goal of the program would be to determine how wastewater data can be used by state and local public health programs to address substance abuse in California. The bill would require the department to develop a list of target substances to be analyzed during the program that may include cocaine, fentanyl, methamphetamine, xylazine, methadone, buprenorphine, and naloxone. The bill would require the department, on or before July 1, 2025, to solicit voluntary participation from local public health agencies and wastewater treatment facilities, as specified. The bill would require the department to work with the participating agencies and facilities to collect samples and to arrange for those samples to be tested by qualified laboratories. The bill would require the department, in consultation with public health agencies and subject matter experts, to analyze test results to determine possible public health interventions. (Based on 03/21/2024 text)

Position	Priority
watch	A. High

SB 366 (Caballero, D) The California Water Plan: long-term supply targets.

Calendar: 06/25/24 A-WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE 9 a.m. - State Capitol, Room 444 PAPAN, DIANE, Chair

Location: 06/08/2023 - Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife

Summary: Current law requires the Department of Water Resources to update every 5 years the plan for the orderly and coordinated control, protection, conservation, development, and use of the water resources of the state, which is known as "The California Water Plan." Current law requires the department to include a discussion of various strategies in the plan update, including, but not limited to, strategies relating to the development of new water storage facilities, water conservation, water recycling, desalination, conjunctive use, water transfers, and alternative pricing policies that may be pursued in order to meet the future needs of the state. Current law requires the department to establish an advisory committee to assist the department in updating the plan. This bill would revise and recast certain provisions regarding The California Water Plan to, among other things, require the department to instead establish a stakeholder advisory committee and to expand the membership of the committee to include tribes, labor, and environmental justice interests. The bill would require the department to coordinate with the California Water Commission, the State Water Resources Control Board, other state and federal agencies as appropriate, and the stakeholder advisory committee to develop a comprehensive plan for addressing the state's water needs and meeting specified long-term water supply targets established by the bill for purposes of The California Water Plan. The bill would require the plan to provide recommendations and strategies to ensure enough water supply for all designated beneficial uses. (Based on 06/13/2024 text)

Position	Priority
support	A. High

SB 867 (Allen, D) Drought, Flood, and Water Resilience, Wildfire and Forest Resilience, Coastal Resilience, Extreme Heat Mitigation, Biodiversity and Nature-Based Climate Solutions, Climate Smart Agriculture, Park Creation and Outdoor Access, and Clean Energy Bond Act of 2024.

Location: 06/20/2023 - Assembly Natural Resources

Summary: Would enact the Drought, Flood, and Water Resilience, Wildfire and Forest Resilience, Coastal Resilience, Extreme Heat Mitigation, Biodiversity and Nature-Based Climate Solutions, Climate Smart Agriculture, Park Creation and Outdoor Access, and Clean Energy Bond Act of 2024, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$15,500,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance projects for drought, flood, and water resilience, wildfire and forest resilience, coastal resilience, extreme heat mitigation, biodiversity and nature-based climate solutions, climate smart agriculture, park creation and outdoor access, and clean energy programs. (Based on 06/22/2023 text)

Position	Priority
support	A. High

SB 1072 (Padilla, D) Local government: Proposition 218: remedies.

Calendar: 06/26/24 A-LOCAL GOVERNMENT 9:30 a.m. - State Capitol, Room 447 CARRILLO, JUAN, Chair

Location: 06/03/2024 - Assembly Local Government

Summary: The California Constitution sets forth various requirements for the imposition of local taxes. The California Constitution excludes from classification as a tax assessments and property-related fees imposed in accordance with provisions of the California Constitution that establish requirements for those assessments and property-related fees. Under these requirements, an assessment is prohibited from being imposed on any parcel if it exceeds the reasonable cost of the proportional special benefit conferred on that parcel, and a fee or charge imposed on any parcel or person as an incident of property ownership is prohibited from exceeding the proportional cost of the service attributable to the parcel. The Proposition 218 Omnibus Implementation Act prescribes specific procedures and parameters for local compliance with the

requirements of the California Constitution for assessments and property-related fees. This bill would require a local agency, if a court determines that a fee or charge for a property-related service, as specified, violates the above-described provisions of the California Constitution relating to fees and charges, to credit the amount of the fee or charge attributable to the violation against the amount of the revenues required to provide the property-related service, unless a refund is explicitly provided for by statute. (Based on 06/17/2024 text)

Position	Priority
support	A. High

[SB 1164](#) ([Newman, D](#)) Property taxation: new construction exclusion: accessory dwelling units.

Location: 06/03/2024 - Assembly Revenue and Taxation

Summary: The California Constitution generally limits ad valorem taxes on real property to 1% of the full cash value of that property. For purposes of this limitation, “full cash value” is defined as the assessor’s valuation of real property as shown on the 1975–76 tax bill under “full cash value” or, thereafter, the appraised value of that real property when purchased, newly constructed, or a change in ownership has occurred. This bill would exclude from classification as “newly constructed” and “new construction” the construction of an accessory dwelling unit, as defined, if construction on the unit is completed on or after January 1, 2025, and before January 1, 2030, until one of specified events occurs. The bill would require the property owner to, among other things, notify the assessor that the property owner intends to claim the exclusion for an accessory dwelling unit and submit an affidavit stating that the owner shall make a good faith effort to ensure the unit will be used as residential housing for the duration the owner receives the exclusion. (Based on 05/16/2024 text)

Position	Priority
watch	A. High

[SB 1169](#) ([Stern, D](#)) Los Angeles County Flood Control District: finances.

Location: 06/20/2024 - Senate ENROLLMENT

Summary: Existing law, the Los Angeles County Flood Control Act, establishes the Los Angeles County Flood Control District and authorizes the district to control and conserve the flood, storm, and other wastewaters of the district. Existing law authorizes the district to borrow money from certain entities for any flood control work authorized under the act and to repay the same, in annual installments, over a period not to exceed 20 years with an interest at a rate not to exceed 4.25% per annum. Existing law requires the district to annually levy a tax upon the taxable real property of the district clearly sufficient to pay the interest and installments of principal for those loans. Existing law limits the total amount the district may borrow not to exceed in the aggregate the sum of \$4,500,000. Existing law also limits the total amount of bonds or other evidence of indebtedness in the aggregate that the district may issue and sell to not exceed \$4,500,000. This bill would instead authorize the district to borrow money or obtain loan guarantees from those entities and to repay the same over a period not to exceed 35 years with interest at a rate not to exceed 5.5% annually. The bill would instead authorize the district to levy a tax, in compliance with the applicable provisions of Article XIIC of the California Constitution, clearly sufficient to pay the interest and installments of principal for those loans. The bill would also delete the limits on the amount the district may borrow and the total amount of bonds or other evidence of indebtedness that the district may issue and sell. This bill contains other related provisions. (Based on 06/21/2024 text)

Position	Priority
support	A. High

[SB 1210](#) ([Skinner, D](#)) New housing construction: electrical, gas, sewer, and water service: service connection information.

Calendar: 06/26/24 A-LOCAL GOVERNMENT 9:30 a.m. - State Capitol, Room 447 CARRILLO, JUAN, Chair

Location: 06/19/2024 - Assembly Local Government

Summary: Current law vests the Public Utilities Commission with regulatory authority over public utilities, including electrical corporations, gas corporations, sewer system corporations, and water corporations, while local publicly owned utilities, including municipal utility districts, public utility districts, and irrigation districts, are under the direction of their governing boards. This bill would, for new housing construction, require the above-described utilities, on or before January 1, 2026, to publicly post on their internet websites (1) the schedule of estimated fees for typical service connections for each housing development type, including, but not limited to, accessory dwelling unit, mixed-use, multifamily, and single-family developments, except as specified, and (2) the estimated timeframes for completing typical service connections needed for each housing development type, as specified. The bill would exempt from its provisions a utility with fewer than 4,000 service connections that does not establish or maintain an internet website due to a hardship and would authorize the utility to establish that a hardship exists by annually adopting a resolution that includes detailed findings, as provided. (Based on 06/24/2024 text)

Position	Priority
watch	A. High

[SB 1255](#) ([Durazo, D](#)) Public water systems: needs analysis: water rate assistance program.

Calendar: 06/25/24 A-ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY AND TOXIC MATERIALS 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 444 GARCIA, EDUARDO, Chair

Location: 06/03/2024 - Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials

Summary: Current law establishes the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund in the State Treasury to help water systems provide an adequate and affordable supply of safe drinking water in both the near and long terms. Current law requires the state board to annually adopt a fund expenditure plan, as provided, and requires expenditures from the fund to be consistent with the fund expenditure plan. Current law requires the state board to base the fund expenditure plan on data and analysis drawn from a specified drinking water needs assessment. This bill would require the state board to update a needs analysis of the state's public water systems to include an assessment, as specified, of the funds necessary to provide a 20% bill credit for low-income households served by community water systems with fewer than 3,300 service connections and for community water systems with fewer than 3,300 service connections to meet a specified affordability threshold on or before July 1, 2026, and on or before July 1 of every 3 years thereafter. (Based on 06/19/2024 text)

Position	Priority
Oppose Unless Amended	A. High

[SB 1330](#) ([Archuleta, D](#)) Urban retail water supplier: water use.

Calendar: 06/25/24 A-WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE 9 a.m. - State Capitol, Room 444 PAPAN, DIANE, Chair

Location: 05/28/2024 - Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife

Summary: The Urban Water Management Planning Act requires every urban water supplier to prepare and adopt an urban water management plan, as specified. Current law requires an urban wholesale water supplier to include in the urban water management plans an assessment of their present and proposed future measures, programs, and policies to help achieve water use reductions. Current law requires urban water retail suppliers to report to the department on their progress in meeting their urban water use targets as part of their urban water management plans. This bill would repeal the above-described requirements relating to urban wholesale water suppliers and urban water retail suppliers under an urban water management plan. (Based on 06/13/2024 text)

Position	Priority
watch	A. High

Priority: B. Watch

[AB 805](#) ([Arambula, D](#)) Sewer service: disadvantaged communities.

Location: 06/24/2024 - Senate APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

Summary: The State Water Resources Control Board and the 9 California regional water quality control boards regulate water quality in accordance with the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act and the federal Clean Water Act. Current law authorizes a regional board to order the provision of sewer service by a receiving sewer system, as defined, to a disadvantaged community served by an inadequate onsite sewage treatment system, as defined. This bill would authorize the state board, until January 1, 2029, and after it makes a specified finding or findings by resolution, to require a designated sewer system to contract with an administrator designated or approved by the state board for administrative, technical, operational, legal, or managerial services to assist a designated sewer system with the delivery of adequate sewer service, as defined. (Based on 06/06/2024 text)

Position	Priority
watch	B. Watch

[AB 2933](#) ([Low, D](#)) Multiunit residential structures and mixed-use residential and commercial structures: water conservation.

Location: 05/16/2024 - Assembly DEAD

Summary: Current law establishes the Building Standards Administration Special Revolving Fund, and makes the moneys in the fund available, upon appropriation, to state entities to carry out various related provisions, as specified. Current law requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to propose the adoption, amendment, or repeal of building standards to the California Building Standards Commission, and the department to adopt, amend, and repeal other rules and regulations for the protection of the public health, safety, and general welfare of the occupant and the public governing the erection, construction, enlargement, conversion, alteration, repair, moving, removal, demolition, occupancy, use, height, court, area, sanitation, ventilation, and maintenance of all hotels, motels, lodging houses, apartment houses, and dwellings, and buildings and structures accessory thereto, as specified. Current law authorizes those standards to

include voluntary best practice and mandatory requirements related to environmentally preferable water using devices and measures. Current law requires the department and the commission to research, develop, and propose building standards to reduce potable water use in new residential and nonresidential buildings, including consideration of requiring installation of water reuse systems and consideration of requiring preplumbing of buildings to allow future use of recycled water, onsite treated graywater, or other alternative water sources. This bill would enact the California Multiunit Residential Structure and Mixed-Use Residential and Commercial Structure Water Conservation Act. The bill would state findings and declarations of the Legislature relating to wasted water due to plumbing leaks. The bill would require the department to investigate whether additional water conservation and efficiency measures are warranted for existing and new multifamily residential construction and mixed use commercial structures, including, but not limited to, point-of-use systems, as defined. The bill would authorize the department, if it determines that changes to the California Green Building Standards are warranted, to develop voluntary or mandatory proposals to be submitted to the commission for consideration. (Based on 04/18/2024 text)

Position	Priority
watch	B. Watch

[AB 2947 \(Lackey, R\)](#) Water: turfgrass conversion.

Location: 05/16/2024 - Assembly DEAD

Summary: Would prohibit the Department of Water Resources, when it allocates funding for turf replacement programs, from excluding urban water suppliers' turfgrass conversion rebate programs if the rebate program requires the recipient of a rebate to achieve a net water savings and to use the most efficient turfgrass irrigation equipment, as provided. The bill would require an urban water supplier that offers a turfgrass conversion rebate program using funds awarded by the department after January 1, 2025, to report annually to the department on the number of turfgrass conversions that are funded through the program and the estimated water savings from the program until the funds are exhausted. (Based on 04/08/2024 text)

Position	Priority
watch	B. Watch

[AB 3121 \(Hart, D\)](#) Urban retail water suppliers: informational order: written notice: conservation order: water use efficiency standards and water use reporting: dates.

Calendar: 06/26/24 #44 S-ASSEMBLY BILLS - SECOND READING FILE

Location: 06/24/2024 - Senate CONSENT CALENDAR

Summary: Current law authorizes the State Water Resources Control Board, on and after January 1, 2024, to issue informational orders pertaining to water production, water use, and water conservation to an urban retail water supplier that does not meet its urban water use objective. Current law authorizes the board, on and after January 1, 2025, to issue a written notice to an urban retail water supplier that does not meet its urban water use objective. Current law authorizes the board, on and after January 1, 2026, to issue a conservation order to an urban retail water supplier that does not meet its urban water use objective. This bill would instead provide that the date the board is authorized to issue informational orders is on or after January 1, 2026, the date to issue a written notice is on or after January 1, 2027, and the date to issue a conservation order is on or after January 1, 2028, respectively. (Based on 06/12/2024 text)

Position	Priority
watch	B. Watch

[AB 3219 \(Sanchez, R\)](#) Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation: local governments.

Location: 05/02/2024 - Assembly DEAD

Summary: The California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 establishes the State Air Resources Board as the state agency responsible for monitoring and regulating sources emitting greenhouse gases and requires the state board to adopt rules and regulations to achieve the maximum technologically feasible and cost-effective greenhouse gas emission reductions from those sources. Pursuant to its authority, the state board has adopted the Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation, which imposes various requirements for transitioning local, state, and federal government fleets of medium- and heavy-duty trucks, other high-priority fleets of medium- and heavy-duty trucks, and drayage trucks to zero-emission vehicles. The Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation authorizes entities subject to the regulation to apply for exemptions from its requirements under certain circumstances. This bill would provide that the requirements of the Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation do not apply to the purchase by a local government of vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating greater than 8,500 pounds if the price of the zero-emission version of a vehicle is more than an unspecified percentage of the price of a comparable internal combustion engine version of that vehicle. (Based on 03/11/2024 text)

Position	Priority
watch	B. Watch

SB 903 (Skinner, D) Environmental health: product safety: perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances.

Location: 05/16/2024 - Senate DEAD

Summary: Would, beginning January 1, 2032, prohibit a person from distributing, selling, or offering for sale a product that contains intentionally added perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), as defined, unless the Department of Toxic Substances Control has made a determination that the use of PFAS in the product is a currently unavoidable use, the prohibition is preempted by federal law, or the product is previously used. The bill would specify the criteria and procedures for determining whether the use of PFAS in a product is a currently unavoidable use, for renewing that determination, and for revoking that determination. The bill would require the department to maintain on its internet website a list of each determination of currently unavoidable use, when each determination expires, and the products and uses that are exempt from the prohibition. The bill would impose an administrative penalty for a violation of the prohibition, as specified. The bill would establish the PFAS Penalty Account and require all administrative penalties received to be deposited into that account and, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to be used for the administration and enforcement of these provisions, as specified. (Based on 04/11/2024 text)

Position	Priority
watch	B. Watch

SB 1110 (Ashby, D) Water reports: urban retail water suppliers: informational order: conservation order.

Calendar: 06/25/24 A-WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE 9 a.m. - State Capitol, Room 444 PAPAN, DIANE, Chair

Location: 05/28/2024 - Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife

Summary: Current law establishes the Department of Water Resources in the Natural Resources Agency and prescribes the powers and responsibilities for the department. Current law establishes the State Water Resources Control Board and the California regional water quality control boards as the principal state agencies with authority over matters relating to water quality. This bill would authorize the department and board to update regulations adopted for sustainable water use and demand reduction to address changes in statutory reporting requirements. The bill would authorize the board to adopt an enforcement policy to guide its enforcement of those adopted regulations, as provided. (Based on 06/18/2024 text)

Position	Priority
watch	B. Watch

SB 1121 (Grove, R) Recycled water: onsite treated nonpotable water systems: local jurisdiction permitting.

Location: 05/02/2024 - Senate DEAD

Summary: Current law requires the State Water Resources Control Board, in consultation with the California Building Standards Commission and the Department of Housing and Community Development, to adopt regulations for risk-based water quality standards for the onsite treatment and reuse of nonpotable water, and requires a local jurisdiction that elects to establish a program for onsite treated nonpotable water systems to establish design criteria, permitting, cross-connection control, and enforcement procedures, as provided. This bill would require those local jurisdictions to ensure their permitting procedures require the approval of a permit for an onsite treated nonpotable water system within 60 days from the date the permit application is submitted if the application demonstrates that the project meets or exceeds the state board's water quality standards for the onsite treatment and reuse of nonpotable water for nonpotable uses in multifamily residential, commercial, and mixed-use buildings. (Based on 02/13/2024 text)

Position	Priority
watch	B. Watch

Total Measures: 24

Total Tracking Forms: 24

DATE: July 1, 2024
TO: JPA Board of Directors
FROM: Engineering and External Affairs

SUBJECT: Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo: Update

SUMMARY:

On August 1, 2016, the JPA Board selected Scenario No. 4, use of Las Virgenes Reservoir for indirect potable reuse, as the preferred alternative for the Recycled Water Seasonal Storage Basis of Design Report. The selected alternative was subsequently renamed the Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo (PWP). Staff was also directed to report back to the Board on the next steps for implementation of the project.

Staff released a request for proposals (RFP) for Owner's Advisor/Program Manager services for the (PWP) on May 8, 2020. The selection of an Owner's Advisor/Program Manager to support the effort was an important next step to begin implementation of the Pure Water Program. Utilization of an Owner's Advisor/Program Manager is consistent with the approach taken by other public agencies pursuing potable reuse projects of similar scope and complexity. Among the critical elements of the proposed scope were completion of the preliminary design and environmental documentation, procurement of a progressive design-build (PDB) firm, and regulatory support.

On September 8, 2020, the JPA Board accepted a proposal from Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc., and authorized the Administering Agent/General Manager to execute a professional services agreement for Owner's Advisor/Program Manager services for the PWP.

On March 4, 2024, the JPA authorized Amendment No. 2 for Jacobs to provide Owner's Advisor/Program Manager services, which defined the next phase of their support for the program during the 60 percent design of the Advanced Water Purification Facility. The JPA further accepted a proposal from the Walsh Team as the PDB firm for the AWPf and ROC Pipeline. This important next step brings the PWP program into the full design phase with commissioning of the full-scale facility slated for 2027.

This report serves to provide a summary of the progress to-date on the work performed by Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc., including major monthly milestones, key program accomplishments, key considerations and a look-ahead of upcoming activities.

GOALS:

Lead in Sanitation and Recycled Water Services Focusing on Maximum Reuse

Prepared by: Oliver Slosser, Engineering Program Manager

ATTACHMENTS:

[Monthly Update on Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo](#)

To: Las Virgenes-Triunfo JPA Board of Directors
From: Oliver Slosser, LVMWD
Date: June 21, 2024
Re: Pure Water Project JPA Board Monthly Update

Pure Water Project Overview

The Pure Water Project (PWP) is an opportunity to proactively address three major challenges facing the Las Virgenes-Triunfo JPA:

- comply with more stringent regulatory requirements for discharging to Malibu Creek,
- balance seasonal variation of recycled water demand, and
- create a valuable resource to supplement the region's water supplies, enabled by California's reservoir water augmentation requirements.

By 2030, the plan is to have an operational advanced water purification facility (AWPF) to treat tertiary effluent from the Tapia Water Reclamation Facility for indirect potable reuse, and convey the product water to the Las Virgenes Reservoir, where it will be blended with Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan) supply.

Monthly Major Milestones

The PWP achieved the following in May:

- Continue field surveys to support the Biological Assessment for CEQA and funding consultations per the Federally Regulated Biological Resources Survey Work Plan that was submitted to the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) for the Clean Water SRF funding application.
- On June 5, conducted introduction meeting between Walsh team and the City of Agoura Hills staff to aid in coordination of design and preconstruction activities
- On June 6, held coordination meeting between Walsh Team and City of Thousand Oaks to coordinate ROC pipeline alignment and schedule with City projects
- On June 10, presented at AWWA ACE Pre-Conference Workshop on Progressive Design Build delivery and the PWP
- On June 11, held meeting with Scripps Institute, and Flow Science discussing the draft reservoir dye testing plan to be presented to the Independent Advisory Panel
- On June 12, provided a debrief to the Walsh Team on previous regulatory coordination activities conducted by Jacobs and Woodard and Curran
- On June 13th, conducted site visit to AWPF site with Urban Water Group and RRM Architects to discuss site layout, landscaping, and public benefit options
- On June 17th, discussed additional Demonstration Facility testing need with the Walsh Team

- On June 19th, conducted a Site Layout and Civil Workshop with LVMWD staff and Walsh Team

Look Ahead

The PWP is focused on the following activities for July:

- The SWRCB is developing the Water Rights Order for the Wastewater Change Petition that LVMWD filed to allow for surplus Tapia WRF effluent to be diverted to the AWP for beneficial use, thereby reducing the treated wastewater discharge flow to Malibu Creek in the winter season.
- Finalize the draft application for the BOR Title XVI grant, which has a submittal deadline of September 30, 2024. The program has an award ceiling of \$30 million, of which \$10.2 million was awarded to the PWP in 2022 for the design phase. This application is focused on construction funding.
- Continue implementation of the 90-day schedule with the Walsh Team, with focus on process and discipline development.
- Continue coordination with the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) and Division of Drinking Water (DDW) for process items.
- Continue coordination with funding sources, including Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA), California State Revolving Fund (SRF), and BOR.

DATE: July 1, 2024
TO: JPA Board of Directors
FROM: Engineering and External Affairs

SUBJECT: Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo: Update on Public Outreach Plan

SUMMARY:

Effective public outreach is a critical component for the success of the Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo. In February 2017, a Public Outreach Plan was developed for the project and has since been implemented. The Public Outreach Plan has been updated several times with the latest version presented to the JPA Board on June 5, 2023. Most components of the plan have been completed or are on-going efforts. New items have been added to the plan over the past several years, including but not limited to the special pure water tasting events. As with any large, multi-year effort, it is important to periodically gauge progress and make necessary adjustments to ensure continued success.

At the Board meeting, staff will provide an overview of the progress to-date and new items scheduled to be implemented as part of the Public Outreach Plan for the Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

Receive and file an update on the Public Outreach Plan and provide feedback on new or additional outreach activities for the Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo.

ITEM BUDGETED:

Yes

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact associated with this action. All outreach activities that are identified in the plan are incorporated in the adopted Fiscal Year 2024-25 JPA Budget.

DISCUSSION:

In collaboration with staff, Katz and Associates developed a Public Outreach Plan for the Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo. The plan was initially presented to the JPA Board on February 6, 2017, and provides a roadmap for conveying timely, accurate, and clear information about the project to local leaders, stakeholders, and customers. The main categories of the plan include data collection and research (e.g. interviews and community surveys), the development and distribution of informational materials and branding,

stakeholder engagement (e.g. demonstration facility tours and special pure water tasting events), utilization of traditional and social media, garnering partnerships, and tracking and measurement of outreach efforts.

Updates have been periodically provided to the JPA Board with the latest on June 5, 2023. Since the last update, outreach efforts have been focused primarily on conducting tours of the Pure Water Demonstration Facility, the completion of the Pure Water Podcast Series, and continued use of articles, advertisements, and project updates using social media. New items have been added to the plan over the past several years, including but not limited to special pure water tasting events in 2022 for Pure Coffee Brew, Pure Gelato/Sorbet, and Pure Beer, which won the California Association of Public Information Officials *Epic Award for Communication or Marketing Plans and Campaigns*.

Most items in the original Plan have either been completed or are on-going. The Pure Water Project Outreach Plan Update (copy attached) summarizes the status of the various elements organized by each of the main categories in the Plan. New elements of the Plan are highlighted and shown in italics, including the following:

- 2.18 - Pure Water Project Video Sequel (2.0)
- 2.19 - Short Version of Project Orientation and Sequel Video
- 3.9 - Pure Pizza and Shaved Ice Event
- 3.10 - Other Special Tasting Events (Fall - to be determined)
- 3.11 - "Door Knocking" Along Pipeline Routes
- 3.12 - Townhall Meeting with Residents Adjacent to the Advanced Water Purification Facility
- 3.13 - Routine Project Updates with City Councils and homeowners' associations
- 4.9 - Sequel Full Circle Podcast Series

As part of the plan implementation, staff has kept track of the various outreach activities that are summarized in the attachment. Following are some of the highlights since the last update was provided to the JPA:

- Over 48 tours for influential persons, special organizations, and student tours totaling over 963 individuals, including school aged children (16 high profile tours with elected officials, professional organizations, and outside agencies)
- Presentations/speeches with several professional organizations and community organizations
- Presents at 12 community events, including Earth Day and running marathons
- Over six articles and news releases
- Over 20 news advertisements
- Over 49 social media posts about the Pure Water Project with more than 16,000 reaches

The main observation or takeaway with regards to the current plan is that while much has been accomplished to-date, there is still a significant amount of work to be done to inform and educate the public about the Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo. Based on the latest results of an LVMWD customer experience survey conducted in 2023, only 46 percent of its customers are even aware of the project. The most recent survey conducted in collaboration with Pepperdine University in 2024 indicates that about 50 percent of customers are supportive of the concept of drinking purified recycled water with the other 50 percent

unsupportive to varying degrees. The data reflects a major shift from 20 years ago when the “toilet to tap” campaign dissuaded and incorrectly created negative public sentiment for using purified recycled water as a viable source of drinking water. Surveys conducted by other water agencies indicate that closer to 75 percent of customers are supportive of purified recycled water once they are educated on the concept. Pre- and post demonstration facility tour surveys conducted by staff indicate a similar trend. The greatest challenge is garnering customers' attention and their time to learn more about the project.

While staff continues with efforts to engage the community and implement on-going and new items outlined in the plan, additional focus will be placed on outreach efforts in the Triunfo Water & Sanitation District/Ventura County area, including the City of Thousand Oaks where much of the brine concentrate pipeline will be routed. Staff is also preparing to hire an on-call Public Affairs firm to assist with outreach efforts during the final stages of design and during construction, which will include generating updated project information materials, assisting staff with organizing and conducting townhall meeting(s), and direct contact/"door knocking" at homes and businesses along planned pipeline routes. Two major pure water tasting events are also being planned with efforts being made for another beer tasting at a local brewery. A new or sequel project information video is also in the works along with short versions of the original video and sequel version.

Staff anticipates that outreach efforts will include more robust messaging associated with the costs of the project along with the benefits that will be attained. While the project costs will likely catch the attention of customers, they will need to be kept well informed of the purpose and need for the investment that other alternatives have been evaluated and ruled out, and that clean and reliable water comes at a cost. Putting project costs and bill impacts into perspective will be equally important. For example, while the latest estimate for the project in 2021 was \$364 million, this equates to a modest annual increase of less than \$4 on monthly bills. The Public Outreach Team will be coordinating closely with the Engineering and Finance Divisions to relay updated cost information to customers as the estimate is refined after final design efforts are completed and prior to commencement of construction work. Messaging will incorporate efforts being made to keep costs as low as possible, including the pursuit of low-interest loans, grants, and the use of innovation/technology such as artificial intelligence.

GOALS:

Sustain Community Awareness and Support

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ATTACHMENTS:

[Public Outreach Plan Update](#)

[Public Outreach Plan Tracking Matrix](#)

[Sample Newspaper Ads and Social Media Posts](#)

[2024 Pepperdine Survey](#)

Pure Water Project Outreach Plan Update
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Item	Element	Status	Date Completed/ Target Completion	Notes
1.0 - Data Collection and Research				
1.1	In-Depth Interviews	Completed	Sept. 2016	Katz report dated Sept. 16, 2016
1.2	Online Secondary Research	On-going	On-going	includes participation in WaterReuse
1.3	Formalized Survey(s) (Community Wide throughout JPA Service Area)	Completed	Fall 2020	Modifications due to COVID, Results presented to JPA 3/1/21
1.4	Design and Build Demonstration Facility	Completed	Sept. 2020	Grand Opening Sept. 11, 2020
1.5	Pre and Post Demonstration Facility Tour Surveys	Completed	2021	Initiated with Taste the Water / Tour the Garden
1.6	Follow-Up Community Wide Survey(s)	On-going	On-going	Results presented at 7/1/24 JPA
2.0 - Informational Materials and Branding				
2.1	Branding (logo and theme line)	Completed	October 2016	updates as needed
2.2	Malibu Creek Watershed Brochure	Completed	February 2016	
2.3	Pure Water Project Brochure	On-Going	on-going	last update fall 2022
2.4	Fact Sheets	On-Going	on-going	CEC fact sheet spring 2023
2.5	Key Message Graphics/Infographics	On-Going	On-Going	Path to Pure Water Graphic
2.6	Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)	On-Going	On-Going	updates as needed
2.7	Presentation Template (various modules for various audiences)	Completed (different versions)	Varies	updates as needed
2.8	Quick Facts Card (for use by field personnel and at presentations)	Completed	Summer 2021	Talking points provided to key staff
2.9	Animated Videos	Completed	September 2021	utilized WaterReuse videos
2.10	Material Translated into Spanish	As Needed	As Needed	Select Material Only
2.11	Newsletter/E-Newsletter	On-going	On-going	incorporated into Current Flow
2.12	Website (www.ourpureh2o.com) - standalone	Completed	Feb. 2019	ourpureh2o.com - updates as needed
2.13	Utility Branding Network Initiative (Quick Connects)	On-Going	On-Going	Quick Connect e-mails to influential people
2.14	Pure Water Lunch Pale	Completed	March 2019	
2.15	Demonstration Project Orientation Video	Completed	November 2019	
2.16	Demonstration Facility Visitor Experience	On-Going	On-going	
2.17	CEC Fact Sheet	Completed	Completed	
2.18	<i>Pure Water Project Video Sequel (2.0)</i>	<i>Started</i>	<i>Fall 2024</i>	<i>to provide latest info, project status (long version and short version)</i>
2.19	<i>Short Version of Orientation and Sequel Video</i>	<i>Started</i>	<i>Summer/Fall 2024</i>	<i>2-3 minute version of each</i>
3.0 - Stakeholder Engagement				
3.1	Identify Project Liaison	Completed	varies	liaisons are the GM and Board of Directors. Alternates (EEA Director and Public Affairs Manager)
3.2	Key Stakeholder Briefings	On-going	On-going	
3.3	One-on-One Meetings	On-going	On-going	
3.4	Speakers Bureau / Speaking Events	On-going	On-going	
3.5	Events and Forums	On-going	On-going	This includes booths at public events
3.6	Pure Water Beer Brew	Completed	November 2022	
3.7	Pure Water Coffee Brew	Completed	May 2022	
3.8	Pure Water Gelato	Completed	July 2022	
3.9	<i>Pure Pizza and Shaved Ice</i>	<i>Planning</i>	<i>June-24</i>	
3.10	<i>Other Special Tasting Events (TBD)</i>	<i>Planning</i>	<i>Fall 2024</i>	<i>potential beer brew, hot chocolate in Oak Park</i>
3.11	<i>"Door Knocking" Along Pipeline Routes</i>	<i>Planning</i>	<i>2024/2025</i>	
3.12	<i>Townhall Meeting with Residents Adjacent to AWPFF</i>	<i>Planning</i>	<i>2024/2025</i>	
3.13	<i>Routine Project Updates with City Councils and HOAs</i>	<i>Planning</i>	<i>2024/2025</i>	
4.0 - Media / Social Media				
4.1	Enhance traditional and social media outreach	On-going	On-going	added Instagram, Nextdoor, Pinterest
4.2	Provide media with continuously stimulating and newsworthy content related to water supply diversity and indirect potable reuse	On-going	On-going	press-releases after critical JPA decisions
4.3	Cultivate working relationships with local/regional media representatives, bloggers and specialty reporters to facilitate accurate and balanced media coverage	On-going	On-going	
4.4	Develop short video presentations featuring indirect potable reuse descriptions and benefits that can be shared with the media and stakeholders	On-going	On-going	Pure Water Project Episodes, WaterReuse Video
4.5	Engage multicultural publications and media outlets that reach a diverse readership	On-going	On-going	
4.6	Increase the presence, audience and level of engagement on social media	On-going	On-going	will "boost" high importance items on Facebook, utilize digital media platform
4.7	Rapid Response Program	Not Started	Deemed Unnecessary	
4.8	Full Circle Podcast Series	Completed	Spring 2023	Completed
4.9	<i>Sequel Full Circle Podcast Series</i>	<i>Started</i>	<i>On-going</i>	
5.0 - Partnerships				
5.1	City of Thousand Oaks	Started	On-going	Los Robles Well / Excess Sewage
5.2	City of Agoura Hills	Started	On-going	Urban Runoff Diversions
5.3	Endorsement by Ventura and Los Angeles County Medical Association	Started	Summer/Fall 2024	Added Ventura County in 2024
6.0 - Tracking and Measurement				
		On-going	On-going	per tracking sheet

Pure Water Project Outreach Plan Tracking Sheet

Type	Liason	Audience	Date	~ # Attendees	Notes
Key Stakeholder Briefings					
		Staff of Congressman Ted Lieu	5/3/2017		Ted Lieu's staff
	Pedersen	Hilton Fdn	6/8/2017	2	Pat Madugno, Kathryn Miller
	McDermott	State Senator	4/11/2018	2	Henry Stern and staff
	Various	Federal lawmakers and staffers, BOR, EPA	4/2019	20+	Annual JPA Washington DC Lobby Trip
	Slosser	CEQA Scoping Meeting	9/23/2021	10	
	Slosser	CEQA/EIR Presentation to City Council City of Agoura Hills	8/24/2022	40	
	Slosser	CEQA EIR Hearing	9/8/2022	20	
	Slosser	CEQA/EIR Presentation to City Council City of Westlake Village	9/14/2022	40	
	Slosser	CEQA/EIR Presentation to City of Thousand Oaks	9/27/2022	100	
	Slosser	CEQA/EIR Presentation to Oak Park MAC	9/29/2022	30	
	Slosser	CEQA/EIR Presentation to Oak Park MAC	10/31/2022	30	
	Various	Asm Jacqui Irwin	2/1/2023	7	Gave her and her state and DC staff pure water tour
	Slosser	Calleguas Municipal Water District / staff and select Board Members	12/15/2021	15	Tour of Demo Facility
	Slosser	City of Thousand Oaks / staff and select citycouncil members	10/20/2021	5	
	Slosser	CEQA Public Draft Availability	8/22/2022	100+	Issued Notice of Preperation, Notice of Availability, provided copies of the draft report at Calabasas, Agoura Hills, Westlake Village, Oak Park, Hidden Hills Libraries an/or city halls, notified over 100 people through email or letter
	Slosser	Division of Drinking Water Staff Tours	3/29/23,	3	Tour of Demo Facility and Tapia
	Wolf	Senator Ben Allen	4/3/2023	3	Gave him and his staff tour
	Wolf	Ventura County Supervisor Jeff Gorell	3/13/2023	8	Meeting at Gorell's Office
	Wolf	Thousand Oaks City Council Member and Assistant City Manager	5/15/2023	2	Tour of PWP Demo Facility
	Wolf	Ventura County Supervisor Gorell (Demo Tour)	7/17/2023	2	Tour of PWP Demo Facility
	Wolf	Assemblymember Schiavo	7/21/2023	1	Tour of PWP Demo Facility
	McNutt	Ventura County Medical Association CEO Brian Barry	12/5/2023	1	Tour of PWP Demo Facility
	Wolf	LA County Supervisor Horvath's Staff	12/7/2023	2	Tour of PWP Demo Facility
	Wolf	Agoura Hills City Council Member Deborah Klein Lopez	1/4/2024	1	Tour of PWP Demo Facility
	Wolf	Australian Water Authority	1/18/2024	1	Tour of PWP Demo Facility
	Lewitt/Wolf	Israeli Delegation	2/5/2024	8	Tour of PWP Demo Facility
	Wolf	California Department of Water Resources	3/19/2024	5	Tour of PWP Demo Facility
	Wolf	Delegation from Water Services Association Australia	3/22/2024	3	Tour of PWP Demo Facility
	Wolf	Former California State Controller Betty Yee	3/22/2024	1	Tour of PWP Demo Facility
	Wolf	Government and Regional Affairs Rep Nichol Richardson of MWD	3/25/2024	1	Tour of PWP Demo Facility
	McNutt/Wolf	LA County Medical Association	4/23/2024	3	Tour of PWP Demo Facility
	Wolf	Burbank Water and Power Legislative Analyst Jason Maruca	5/11/2024	1	Tour of PWP Demo Facility
	McNutt	City of Calabasas Public Works Director - Curtis Castle	5/21/2024	2	Tour of PWP Demo Facility
	McDermott/McNutt	Bay Foundation and U.S. EPA	5/22/2024	7	Tour of PWP Demo Facility
Speakers Bureau / Speaking Events					
		Westlake Lake Management Association	3/21/2017	NR	Not Recorded
		Calabasas HOA	3/29/2017	NR	
		Calabasas Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Comm.	4/3/2017	NR	
		League of Women Voters	4/11/2017	NR	
		Agoura Hills City Council	4/26/2017	NR	
		Las Virgenes HOA	5/16/2017	NR	
		Calabasas City Council	5/24/2017	NR	
		Sierra Club	5/25/2017	NR	
		County Special District's Association	6/6/2017	NR	

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		Greater Conejo Chamber Government Affairs Comm.	6/21/2017	NR	
		Oak Park Municipal Advisory Council	7/25/2017	NR	
		Metropolitan Water District	7/26/2017	1	Carolyn Schaffer
		Lt. Governor's Office	7/26/2017	1	Joey Freeman
		Malibu Sunrise Rotary	9/8/2017	NR	
		Malibu Lake HOA	9/26/2017	NR	
	Pedersen	Kiwanis Club (Thousand Oaks)	5/31/2018	45	
	Pedersen	ACWA Conference	11/28/2018	80	Potable Reuse Panel
	McDermott	Conejo/Las Virgenes Future Foundation	10/24/2019	120	10x10 Speaker Event
	Clark	Cal Cities Environmental Quality Policy Committee	1/26/2023	NR	Virtual PWP Presentation requested by Mayor Pro-tem Buckley-Weber
	McNutt/Wolf	Thousand Oaks Rotary Club	3/25/2023	50	
	Clark	Calabasas Planning Commission Meeting	4/6/2023	NR	Virtual PWP Presentation
	Clark	Calabasas Mayor's Youth Council Meeting	11/13/2023		In-Person PWP Presentation
	Clark/Slosser	ASCE TechTalk Luncheon	1/18/2024	NR	In-Person PWP Presentation
	Slosser/McDermott	UCLA/LA Water Keeper	2/9/2024	40	In-Person PWP Presentation
	Slosser	Malibu State of the Watershed	4/25/2024	40	In-Person PWP Presentation
	Slosser	Agoura Hills City Council	5/22/2024	NR	In-Person PWP Presentation
Events and Forums					
		General Public/Influential Persons	3/26/2017	32	Colorado River Aqueduct Tour
		General Public	5/6/2017	NR	Quarterly Tour (Potable Water)
	McDermott	General Public	2/10/2018	36	Quarterly Tour (Wastewater)
	Pedersen	Water ReUse	3/25/2018	NR	Professional Symposium
	McDermott	General Public/Influential Persons	4/14/2018	30	Colorado River Aqueduct Tour
	McNutt	General Public	5/6/2018	39	Quarterly Tour (Potable Water)
		General Public	11/18/2018	28	Quarterly Tour (Potable Water)
	McDermott	General Public/Influential Persons	10/28/2018	35	State Water MWD Insp. Tour
	McNutt	MWD Education and Public Affairs Staff	9/25/2018	6	
	Levitt	Senior Luncheon for Reyes Adobe Days	10/11/2018	50	Brief mention of Pure Water Project
		Parade Float, T-Shirt Giveaway / Fans	10/13/2018	1000+	Reyes Adobe Days
	McDermott	General Public	8/11/2018	20	Quarterly Wastewater Tour
	McNutt	LVMWD Employees	9/19/2018	100	All Hands Meeting
	McNutt	MWD Public Affairs/Education Group	9/25/2018	6	Pure Water PPT and tour of facilities
	McNutt/McDermott	Other Agencies/Districts persuing Potable Reuse	10/17/2018	100+	WaterReuse Communications Committee - shared Pure Water Project info.
	McNutt	General Public/Influential Persons	4/12/2019	38	Colorado River Aqueduct Tour
	Clark	General Public	8/17/2019	30	Quarterly Tour (Wastewater)
	Clark	General Public/Influential Persons	10/27/2019	34	State Water MWD Insp. Tour
	Clark	Elementary Schools	2019	600+	School Education Program
	McNutt	Conejo/Las Virgenes Future Foundation	2/5/2020	60+	Highschool Program
	Clark	General Public	2/8/2020	29	Quarterly Tour (Wastewater)
	McNutt	Tap-In 2019 Forum	11/7/2020	100	Business/Water Forum in Agoura
	McNutt	Virtual Tour for Association of Water Agencies (AWA)	7/24/2020	35	
	McNutt	Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting of Demonstration Facility	9/11/2020	50	
	McNutt	Virtual Tour for Central Coast Chapter WaterReuse	9/24/2020	30	
	McNutt	Tap-In 2020 (Online Session 1)	11/5/2020	27	Information about Pure Water Project
	McNutt	Tap-In 2020 (Online Session 2)	11/12/2020	33	Virtual Tour
	Baird	E-Notifications for Community Wide Survey	Summer 2020	8,427	57% Open Rate/498 Responses
	Clark	Pure Water Coffee Brew	5/14/2022	145	conducted 3 tours - all attendees went on one
	Clark	Pure Water Gelato	8/13/2022	250	conducted 5 tours - all attendees attended
	Slosser	Presentation at WaterReuse California 2022 Annual Conference	9/12/2022		
	Clark	Pure Water Beer Brew	11/10/2022	150	played future of water video and discussed role of water in products like beer

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	Slosser	Presentation of Pure Water Project to Cental Coast Chapter of WaterReuse	3/2/2023	NR	
	Clark	Oak Park Grand Opening Oak Canyon Lagoon Project	6/22/2023	100+	# persons at the event
	Clark	Westlake Village 4th of July Celebration	7/4/2023	NR	
	Clark	Reyes Adobe Days	10/7/2023	NR	
	Clark	Westlake Village City Celebration	10/14/2023	NR	
	McNutt	Calabasas Pumpkin Festival (with Pure Beer)	10/22/2023	NR	
	Clark	Westlake Village Discovers:Science event	2/10/2024	NR	
	McNutt	Great Race (booth with Pure Water Tasting)	4/13/2024	44	# persons that tasted Pure Water
	Clark	Calabasas Earth Day	4/13/2024	8	# persons that tasted Pure Water
	Clark	Westlake Village Earth Day	4/20/2024	47	# persons that tasted Pure Water
	Clark	Lost Hills Sheriff's Station Open House	6/1/2024	46	# persons that tasted Pure Water
	McNutt	Love Run in Westlake (booth with Pure Water Tasting)	6/2/2024	44	# persons that tasted Pure Water
	Clark	Jacqui Irwin and Horavath Be Prepared Event	6/6/2024	21	# persons that tasted Pure Water
	Clark	General Demo Plant Tours	count 9.11.20 through 4.4.23	total tours: 143, person count: 1123	includes general public, consultants, and students
	Clark	Pure Water Tours	4.5.23 thru 5.2.24	48 tours; 963 ppl	includes schools
Articles/Press Releases	Author/ Paper	Title			
	Pedersen/Conejo View		Jul-17		project description and benefits
	Acorn	McReynolds departure creates leadership void	12/15/16		
	Star	Cafe Society: Ventura County homebrew challenge is flushed with success	10/20/17		
	Acorn	Agencies ready to move on sewer recycle	4/13/17		
	Acorn	So the long drought is over, right? - Guest Opinion	Apr-18		
	Acorn	The facts behind Triunfo rate hike - Editorial	May-18		
	Acorn	Triunfo approves rate hike	5/31/2018		
	Acorn	Iceland steps down from Triunfo board	6/22/2018		
	Acorn	Agoura site is the front-runner	6/22/2018		
	Acorn	Path to pure water	6/22/2018		
	Acorn	Small price to pay for safe, reliable water	7/12/2018		
	McNutt/Various	Proposition 3 Needed for Funding	11/1/2018		VC Star, Daily News, Acorn, Messenger, Enterprise, Malibu Times
	McNutt/Various	Press Release Re Ribbon Cutting for Pure Water Demo Project	9/11/2020		VC Star, Daily News, Acorn, Messenger, Enterprise, Malibu Times
	Pedersen/Acorn	Setting the Record Straight on Water Plant	2/4/2021		District's response to 1/28/21 editorial concerning constituents of emerging concern
	Calabasas Style Mag.	Calabasas Style Person to Watch	Jan-23		Highlight on Oliver Slosser
	McNutt/Various	Pure Water Project Achieves Major Milestone as the Joint Powers Authority Approves the Programmatic Environmental Impact Report	12/14/2022		Highlighting the next phase of the PWP
	McNutt	State opens door for more potable water reuse	1/25/2024		Acorn Article on Potable Reuse
	McNutt	JPA Appoints New Chair and Vice Chair	2/7/2024		Announced Change in JPA Leadership
	McNutt	JPA Awards \$21.4 Million Design-Build Contract for Pure Water Project	3/5/2024		Announced award of \$21.4M funding for PWP
	Clark	MWD Local Resources Program Award News Release	4/16/2024		Announced award of \$41M funding for PWP
	Acorn Staff	District Gets \$42 million for Pure Water	5/3/2024		Acorn article based on press release
	McNutt/McDermott	WaterWorld Magazine Article – "Water is the Foundation of Life: Using Indirect and Direct Potable Reuse to Address Water Scarcity"	5/13/2024		WaterWorld Magazine on Potable Reuse
Newspaper Print Advertisements	Author/ Paper				
	McNutt	Agoura Hills Acorn	7/15/2021		
	McNutt	Las Virgenes Enterprise	7/15/2021		
	McNutt	Agoura Hills Acorn	7/22/2021		
	McNutt	Calabasas Chamber Ad	9/10/2022		

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	McNutt	California Water	9/15/2021			
	McNutt	Las Virgenes Enterprise	3/10/2022			
	McNutt	Agoura Hills Acorn	3/11/2022			
	McNutt	Agoura Hills Acorn	7/24/2022			
	McNutt	Las Virgenes Enterprise	8/4/2022			
	McNutt	Agoura Hills Acorn	8/5/2022			
	McNutt	Agoura Hills Acorn	8/12/2022			
	McNutt	Daily News	5/1/2023			
	McNutt	Daily News	5/8/2023			
	McNutt	Daily News	5/15/2023			
	McNutt	Daily News	5/22/2023			
	McNutt	Las Virgenes Enterprise	5/25/2023			
	McNutt	Agoura Hills Acorn	5/26/2023			
	McNutt	Daily News	5/29/2023			
	McNutt	Las Virgenes Enterprise	6/1/2023			
	McNutt	Agoura Hills Acorn	6/2/2023			
	McNutt	Calabasas Style	6/9/2023			
	McNutt	Daily News	7/16/2023			
	McNutt	Las Virgenes Enterprise	8/3/2023			
	McNutt	Agoura Hills Acorn	8/4/2023			
	McNutt	Las Virgenes Enterprise	8/10/2023			
	McNutt	Agoura Hills Acorn	8/11/2023			
	McNutt	Las Virgenes Enterprise	8/18/2023			
	McNutt	Agoura Hills Acorn	8/18/2023			
	McNutt	Agoura Hills Acorn	2/16/2024			
	McNutt	Las Virgenes Enterprise	2/15/2024			
	McNutt	Agoura Hills Acorn	2/16/2024			
Digital Media Ads				#Posts	# Reach	
	Baird		7/1/21-9/30/21	NR	883	
	Baird		10/1/21-12/31/21	NR	697	
	Baird		1/1/22-3/3/22	NR	867	
	Baird		4/1/22-6/30/22	NR	1,689	
	Baird		7/1/22-9/30/22	NR	2,403	
	Baird		10/1/22-12/31/22	NR	1,861	
	Baird		1/1/23-3/31/23	NR	2,918	
		Totals (Digital Media)			11,318	
Social Media Posts				#Posts	#Reach	
Facebook/Instagram	Baird		7/1/21-9/30/21	11	1,370	
	Baird		10/1/21-12/31/21	3	15	
	Baird		1/1/22-3/3/22	8	731	
	Baird		4/1/22-6/30/22	10	2,598	
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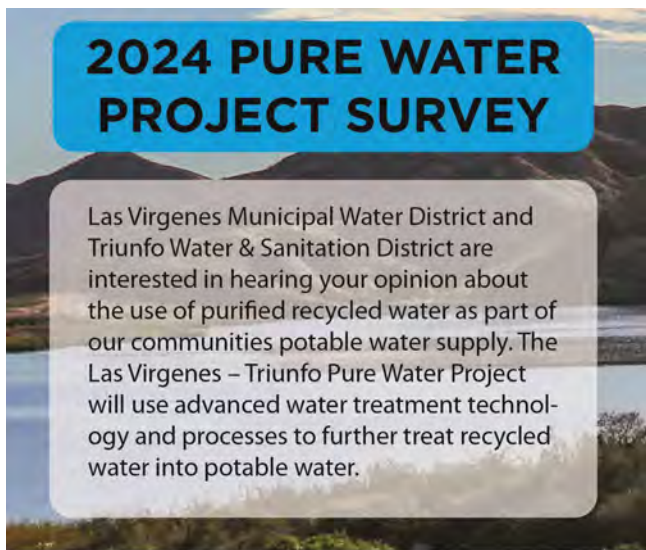
Example Newspaper Ads and Social Media Posts for Pure Water Project Las Virgenes - Triunfo



PURE WATER PROJECT LAS VIRGENES-TRIUNFO:
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Las Virgenes Municipal Water District and Triunfo Water & Sanitation District are interested in hearing your opinion about the use of purified recycled water as part of our communities potable water supply. The Las Virgenes – Triunfo Pure Water Project will use advanced water treatment technology and processes to further treat recycled water into potable water.

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Las Virgenes Municipal Water District
 Published by Steven Baird · May 3 · 🌐

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Community Attitudes Regarding Purified Recycled Water

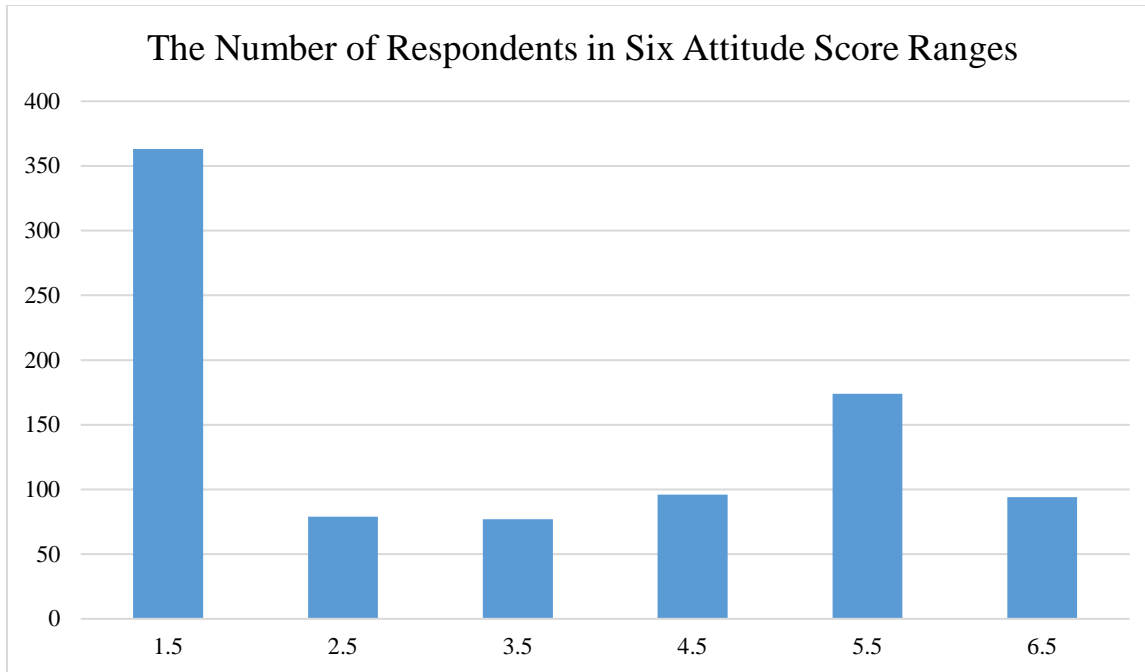
Steven V. Rouse

March 19, 2024

Between February 8, 2024 and Feb. 28, 2024, 889 community members completed the measure of attitudes regarding purified recycled water. This sample included 487 cisgender men (54.8%), 373 cisgender women (42.0%), 7 transgender men (0.8%), 4 nonbinary or genderqueer respondents (0.4%), and 3 transgender women (0.3%). Racial and ethnic representation included European American or White ($n = 542$, 61.0%), Asian American ($n = 42$, 4.7%), Middle Eastern or North African ($n = 32$, 3.6%), Latina/Latine/Latino/Latinx or Hispanic ($n = 23$, 2.6%), African American or Black ($n = 8$, 0.9%), Native American or Indigenous American ($n = 7$, 0.8%), and Hawaiian or Pacific Islander ($n = 2$, 0.2%) identities, with 222 participants (25.0%) opting not to respond and 14 participants (1.6%) identifying with a racial or ethnic group other than the ones listed above. The ages ranged from 13 to 91 ($M = 62.42$, $SD = 15.03$). The sample represented individuals living in zip codes 91301 ($n = 329$, 37.0%), 91302 ($n = 298$, 33.5%), 91361 ($n = 124$, 13.9%), 90265 ($n = 35$, 3.9%), 91311 ($n = 25$, 2.8%), 91362 ($n = 15$, 1.7%), and 91307 ($n = 9$, 1.0%), with 43 participants (4.8%) opting not to respond and 11 respondents (1.2%) providing a zip code that was not listed by any other respondent in the sample (some of which were not in Southern California). The sample included individuals who did not complete high school ($n = 3$, 0.3%), and those whose highest levels of education were high school diplomas ($n = 57$, 6.5%), technical certifications ($n = 27$, 3.1%), associate's degrees ($n = 63$, 7.1%), bachelor's degrees ($n = 316$, 35.8%), and graduate degrees ($n = 388$, 43.9%), with 32 respondents (3.6%) who opted not to respond.

The average score of the individuals who chose to respond to this survey ($M = 3.37$, $SD = 1.91$) was in a range that was close to the favorability level represented by the statement “While I don’t like the idea of drinking purified recycled water, I might be able to get used to it”. This mean score was lower than the average score of the participants who chose to respond to a similar survey in 2020 ($M = 3.89$, $SD = 1.83$; $t = -8.125$, $p < .001$, $d = -0.27$), but this difference is in a range that is considered a weak effect.

The data allows respondents to be groups into six different scores ranges, displayed in the figure below. The most resistant group (representing 41% of the sample) had attitude scores clustering around the statement “I would never drink purified recycled water”. The second group clustered around the statement “I would be uncomfortable if I had to drink purified recycled water” and represented 9% of the sample. The third group, clustering around the statement “While I don’t like the idea of drinking purified recycled water, I might be able to get used to it”, represented 9% of the sample. The fourth group, representing 11% of the sample, clustered around the statement “I support the idea of drinking purified recycled water, but I have some concerns.” The fifth group, representing 20% of the sample, clustered around the statement “I am slightly in favor of drinking purified recycled water.” The most supportive group, clustering around the statement “I am enthusiastic about the idea of drinking purified recycled water”, represented 11% of the sample.



In conclusion, the average response of the surveys completed in Spring 2024 was somewhat lower than the average score of the surveys completed in Fall 2020. The difference does not appear to be greatly impacted by the proportion of respondents who provided supportive responses. Rather, it appears that the biggest difference is that there were fewer respondents in the moderately low ranges and more respondents in the very low range.

Whereas attitudes were somewhat polarized in Fall 2020, the polarization appears greater in Spring 2024. However, the biggest change appears to be a greater level of polarization among the nonsupportive respondents that was not matched by those in the supportive ranges. In other words, one interpretation of this data suggests that there is a higher proportion of highly critical respondents and a lower proportion of moderately critical respondents than there was in Fall 2020; however, the proportions of moderately and highly supportive respondents did not experience the same level of change.

Appendix A: Las Virgenes Self Report Attitude Scale

Item	Rating	Statement
A	1.07	I strongly oppose the idea of drinking purified recycled water.
B	1.41	I would never drink purified recycled water.
C	1.85	Drinking purified recycled water is a pretty unpleasant idea to me.
D	2.10	I would be uncomfortable if I had to drink purified recycled water.
E	3.05	I don't know whether or not I could accept the idea of drinking purified recycled water.
F	3.51	While I don't like the idea of drinking purified recycled water, I might be able to get used to it.
G	4.10	It wouldn't make any difference to me if I were drinking purified recycled water or not.
H	4.91	I support the idea of drinking purified recycled water, but I have some concerns.
I	5.27	I could get used to the idea of drinking purified recycled water.
J	5.53	I am slightly in favor of drinking purified recycled water.
K	5.94	I would have no objection to drinking purified recycled water.
L	6.03	I would be glad to drink purified recycled water.
M	6.79	I am enthusiastic about the idea of drinking purified recycled water.

Appendix B: Las Virgenes Word Association Task

Rating	Associations
6.66	clean
6.60	safe
6.60	pure
6.57	environmentally friendly
6.54	great
6.53	eco friendly
6.53	sustainable
6.50	healthier
6.49	fresh
6.45	good for environment
6.43	healthy
6.40	environmental
6.35	purified
6.30	purity
6.28	clear
6.28	safe to drink
6.20	Innovative
6.19	conservation
6.13	refreshing
6.12	tasty
6.12	helpful
6.09	good
6.09	renewable
6.08	smart
6.06	friendly
6.02	drinkable
6.00	green
6.00	better
5.94	filtered
5.93	environment
5.83	renewed
5.80	sanitized
5.64	filtered water
5.60	natural
5.53	safety
5.52	future
5.45	minerals
5.43	filter
5.28	distilled
5.22	drinking

5.22	interesting
5.21	reuse
5.08	water
5.02	novel
4.87	recycled
4.87	reclaimed
4.87	Aquafina
4.84	reverse osmosis
4.60	treated
4.57	curious
4.40	rain
4.38	bottled
4.28	is it safe?
3.96	tap
3.51	reused
3.33	processed
3.24	strange
3.06	recycled from where
2.62	concerned
2.44	uncertain
2.40	waste
2.38	previously used
2.36	used
2.19	expensive
2.06	old
1.85	chemicals
1.74	impure
1.49	bacteria
1.47	waste water
1.40	dirty water
1.34	nasty
1.32	unclean
1.28	gross
1.28	toilet water
1.24	dangerous
1.21	dirty
1.21	sewage
1.19	disease / diseases
1.15	contaminated
1.10	poop
1.06	disgusting

DATE: July 1, 2024
TO: JPA Board of Directors
FROM: Facilities and Operations

SUBJECT: Purchase and Sale Agreement for Solar Renewable Energy Credits: Authorization

SUMMARY:

Since 2009, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District, acting as the Administering Agent of the Las Virgenes-Triunfo Joint Powers Authority (JPA), has contracted with TerraVerde Energy, an independent energy consulting firm that supports clients with the design and deployment of energy projects and programs that reduce costs, increase resiliency (backup power) and enhance sustainability. TerraVerde has identified an opportunity for the JPA to sell Solar Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) produced through the generation of solar energy. The RECs are produced by the JPA's four-megawatt solar energy generation facility and can be sold on the open market to the highest bidder, increasing revenue and reducing energy costs for the JPA. Staff recommends authorization to execute a purchase and sale agreement for sale of the JPA's RECs.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

Authorize the Administering Agent/General Manager to execute a purchase and sale agreement for the sale of Solar Renewable Energy Credits generated by the JPA's four-megawatt solar energy generation facility.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Yes

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Revenue from the sale of the JPA's Solar Renewable Energy Credits is expected to be \$88,550 per year.

DISCUSSION:

Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) are created when a renewable energy source generates one megawatt-hour (MWh) of electricity and sends it to the grid. As part of TerraVerde's services, they have identified an opportunity for the JPA to sell Solar RECs produced by its four-megawatt solar energy generation facility. TerraVerde listed the RECs on the open market, and the highest bid received was \$11.50 per REC for a three-year term. Based on the bid and amount of energy produced by the facility, the JPA is expected to receive \$88,550 per

year in revenue.

The trading of RECs operates through a voluntary market where buyers and sellers agree on pricing for the certificates. The certificates can be bought and sold on a number of platforms, including on-line exchanges and over-the-counter (OTC) markets. Much like the stock exchange, the REC market is ever changing and can be volatile. Transactions are normally consummated using a standardized purchase and sale agreement (see attached sample), which would be approved as to form by JPA Legal Counsel.

Given market fluctuations and the need to execute REC transactions timely, staff proposes to request advance authorization in the future to execute similar purchase and sale agreements. As proposed, staff would request Board authorization to re-market the RECs prior to expiration of the currently proposed three-year term and simultaneously recommend authorization to execute a new purchase and sale agreement with the highest bidder. This approach would ensure that bids for RECs would not expire or be subject to change prior to action by the JPA.

GOALS:

Ensure Effective Utilization of the Public's Assets and Money

Prepared by: Jim Korkosz, Facilities Manager

ATTACHMENTS:

[Sample Purchase and Sale Agreement](#)

RENEWABLE ENERGY CERTIFICATES (“RECs”) PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT (“Agreement”)

Seller:	[seller organization]	Address: [seller address]
Seller Contact:	Contact Name: [contact]	Contact Telephone Number: [phone] Contact E-mail: [email]
Buyer:	[buyer organization]	Address: [buyer address]
Buyer Contact:	Contact Name: [contact]	Contact Telephone Number: [phone] Contact E-mail: [email]
Transaction Date:	[date]	
Product:	The “Product” consists of renewable energy certificates, as defined in Cal. PUC § 399.12(h) (“SRECs”), issued by the Western Renewable Energy Generation Information System (“WREGIS”), with each SREC representing the renewable attributes of 1 megawatt hour of electricity generated by a solar PV “Eligible renewable energy resource” (as defined in Cal. PUC § 399.12(e)) that is (i) physically located in, and interconnected to the distribution grid in a California Balancing Authority as defined in Cal. PUC § 399.12(d), and (ii) registered and eligible to generate SRECs in WREGIS, and neither such SRECs, nor the environmental attributes of such generation have been claimed under any other program. Seller represents and warrants that the electricity and the Product together would be eligible to comply with the Applicable Standard (as defined below) under Cal. PUC § 399.16(b)(1)(B), but neither the SRECs, the electricity or the environmental attributes thereof have been used for compliance with the Applicable Standard, or pledged or claimed in compliance therewith.	
Applicable Standard:	The “Applicable Standard” consists of (i) the California Renewable Portfolio Standard (the “RPS”) contained in Cal. PUC §§ 399.11 - 399.33, (ii) the rules and regulations of any governmental authority having jurisdiction implementing the RPS or incorporating the provisions of the RPS by reference, and (iii) the operating rules of WREGIS, and any other reciprocal or successor registry in or through which any Product is created, transferred, imported, exported or retired.	
Vintage:	[date range]	
Facility:	[name here or refer to Appendix and add]	
Quantity:	100% of the SRECs generated by the Facility on a unit contingent basis. Seller shall not be liable for damages if the Facility fails to produce SRECs, provided that Seller shall be liable to Buyer for any SRECs that are produced by the Facility that are not delivered to the Buyer.	
Contract Price:	[price] per SREC	
Transfer of SRECs:	Seller shall transfer SRECs to Buyer on a quarterly basis, within (90) days of the conclusion of each calendar quarter. Buyer’s WREGIS Account: [WREGIS Account Name]	
Payment:	Seller shall invoice Buyer for payment within (60) days of transfer of RECs to Buyer. Payment by Buyer to Seller shall be due seven (7) days after receiving the invoice from the Seller. All funds to be paid to Seller shall be rendered in the form of immediately available funds (U.S. Dollars) by wire transfer or in such other form as agreed to by the parties. If either party fails to remit any amount payable by it when due, interest on such unpaid portion shall accrue at a rate equal to the prime interest rate in effect at the time as published in <i>The Wall Street Journal</i> plus two percent (2%) from the date payment is due to the date of payment. Seller’s Banking Instructions: Bank: [Bank] Account Name: [Account Name] ABA Routing No.: [Routing] Account No.: [Checking]	
General Terms and Conditions:	<u>Representations and Warranties of Seller.</u> Seller represents and warrants to Buyer that as of and at the time of each transfer hereunder (i) each REC meets the specifications set forth in this Agreement; (ii) Seller has good and marketable title to the RECs; (iii) all right, title and interest in and to the RECs are free and clear of any liens, taxes, claims, security interests, or other encumbrances; and (iv) the RECs have not otherwise been, nor will be, sold,	

retired, claimed, used or represented as part of electrical energy output or sales, or used to satisfy obligations in jurisdictions other than Massachusetts, by Seller. SELLER EXPRESSLY NEGATES ANY OTHER REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY, WRITTEN OR ORAL, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ANY REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY WITH RESPECT TO MERCHANTABILITY, OR FITNESS FOR ANY PARTICULAR PURPOSE.

Representations and Warranties of each Party. As of the Transaction Date, each party hereby represents and warrants to the other party that: (i) it is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its formation; (ii) it has all regulatory authorizations necessary for it to legally perform its obligations under this Agreement; (iii) the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement is within its powers, have been duly authorized by all necessary action and do not violate any of the terms and conditions in its governing documents, any contracts to which it is a party or any law, rule, regulation, order or the like applicable to it; (iv) this Agreement and each other document executed and delivered in accordance with this Agreement constitutes its legally valid and binding obligation enforceable against it in accordance with its terms; subject to any equitable defenses, bankruptcy principles, or the like; (v) it is acting for its own account, has made its own independent decision to enter into this Agreement and as to whether this Agreement is appropriate or proper for it based upon its own judgment, is not relying upon the advice or recommendations of the other Party in so doing, and is capable of assessing the merits of and understanding, and understands and accepts, the terms, conditions and risks of this Agreement; and (vi) it is not relying upon any representations of the other Party other than those expressly set forth herein,

Event of Default. For purposes of this Agreement, a party shall be in default (each of the following, an "Event of Default"): (i) if that party fails to make, when due, any payment required pursuant to this Agreement if such failure is not remedied within ten (10) business days of written notice from the other party; (ii) if that party materially breaches any or all of its obligations under this Agreement and such breach is not cured within fifteen (15) business days of written notice of such breach from the other party; (iii) if any representation or warranty made by a party pursuant to this Agreement proves to have been misleading or false in any material respect when made and such party does not cure the underlying facts so as to make such representation and warranty correct and not misleading within seven (7) business days of written notice from the other party; or (iv) if a Party makes an assignment or any general arrangement for the benefit of its creditors; files a petition or otherwise commences, authorizes or acquiesces in the commencement of a proceeding or cause under any bankruptcy or similar law for the protection of creditors; has a petition filed against it, and such petition is not dismissed within sixty (60) days; or otherwise becomes bankrupt or insolvent (however evidenced).

Remedies upon Default. If either Party is in default, the non-defaulting party may select any or all of the following remedies: (i) upon two (2) business days' written notice to the defaulting party, terminate this Agreement, (ii) withhold any payments and deliveries due in respect of this Agreement, and (iii) exercise such other remedies available at law or in equity.

If Buyer is in default and Seller elects to terminate this Agreement, then Buyer shall pay Seller, within ten (10) business days of invoice receipt, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the contract price multiplied by the quantity for any RECs delivered to Buyer for which Seller has not been paid, and (ii) the positive difference, if any, obtained by subtracting the market price, as reasonably determined by Seller, for the RECs from the contract price multiplied by the quantity of RECs not received, plus reasonable third party fees (including broker fees) and legal costs incurred by Seller in enforcement and protection of its rights under this Agreement and obtaining an agreement to sell the RECs not transferred hereunder.

If Seller is in default and Buyer elects to terminate this Agreement, then Seller shall pay Buyer, within ten (10) business days of invoice receipt, an amount equal to the positive difference, if any, obtained by subtracting the contract price from the market price, as reasonably determined by Buyer, for the RECs multiplied by the quantity of RECs not delivered, plus reasonable third party fees (including broker fees) and legal costs incurred by Buyer in enforcement and protection of its rights under this Agreement. In no event does the foregoing relieve Buyer of its obligation to pay Seller the contract price multiplied by the quantity for any RECs delivered to Buyer for which Seller has not been paid.

Limitations of Liability. IN NO EVENT SHALL EITHER PARTY BE LIABLE TO THE OTHER PARTY FOR SPECIAL, PUNITIVE, INCIDENTAL, INDIRECT, EXEMPLARY, OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES OF ANY NATURE WHATSOEVER, INCLUDING LOSS OF PROFITS (EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT THAT ANY DIRECT DAMAGES INCLUDE AN ELEMENT OF PROFIT).

Notices. All notices, demands, and other communications hereunder shall be effective only if given in writing and shall be deemed given (i) when delivered in person; (ii) when delivered by private courier (with confirmation of delivery); (iii) when transmitted by facsimile (with confirmation of transmission); or (iv) five (5) business days after being deposited in the United States mail, first-class, registered or certified, return receipt requested, with postage

paid. For purposes hereof, all notices, demands and other communications shall be sent to the contacts and addresses above (or to such other address furnished in writing by one party to the other party).

Assignment. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties and their respective successors and permitted assigns. Neither party may transfer or assign this Agreement, in whole or in part, without the other party's prior written consent, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned, or delayed. Notwithstanding the foregoing, either Party may, without the prior consent of the other Party, transfer, sell, pledge, encumber or assign this Agreement or the accounts, revenues or proceeds hereof in connection with any financing or other financial arrangements (and without relieving itself from liability hereunder).

Amendment. This Agreement may be amended at any time, but only by a written agreement signed by both parties.

No Waiver. No delay or omission by a party in the exercise of any right under this Agreement shall be taken, construed, or considered as a waiver or relinquishment thereof. If any of the terms and conditions herein are breached and thereafter waived in writing by a party, such waiver is limited to the particular breach so waived and is not deemed to waive any other breach hereunder.

Severability. If any provision or portion of this Agreement is found to be unenforceable, the remainder shall be enforced as fully as possible and the unenforceable provision shall be deemed modified to the limited extent required to permit its enforcement in a manner most closely representing the intention of the Parties as expressed herein.

Complete Agreement. This Agreement represents the parties' final and mutual understanding concerning its subject matter. It replaces and supersedes any prior agreements or understandings, whether written or oral.

Governing Law. This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of California, excluding any choice of law or conflicts of law rules or principles that would result in application of the laws of a different jurisdiction.

Dispute Resolution. Any dispute or claim between the parties arising from this Agreement not resolved by negotiation in good faith within thirty (30) days will be settled by arbitration pursuant to the then applicable Commercial Arbitration Rules of the American Arbitration Association. The arbitration shall be held in California. Either party may initiate such arbitration upon seven (7) days advance written notice to the other party. The parties shall equally advance the costs of the arbitrator and arbitration hearing, provided, that the arbitrator may award costs of arbitration as part of any award. The parties agree that any determination of the arbitrator shall be final and binding and that judgment on the award in arbitration may be entered in any court of competent jurisdiction.

Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, and all of which together shall be deemed to be one and the same instrument. PDF transmission of any signed original document, and retransmission of any PDF transmission, will be the same as delivery of any original document.

Forward Contract. This Agreement constitutes a "forward contract" and each party represents and warrants that it is a "forward contract merchant" within the meaning of the United States Bankruptcy Code.

By signing below, the parties agree to be bound by the terms and conditions contained in this Agreement.

Seller: [Seller Organization]		Buyer: [Buyer Organization]	
<i>Signature:</i>	<i>Title:</i>	<i>Signature:</i>	<i>Title:</i>
<i>Printed Name:</i>	<i>Date:</i>	<i>Printed Name:</i>	<i>Date:</i>

DATE: July 1, 2024
TO: JPA Board of Directors
FROM: Engineering and External Affairs

SUBJECT: Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo: Second Grant Application for U.S. Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART Title XVI WIIN Act Funding

SUMMARY:

Established in 1902, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) is a contemporary water management agency providing initiatives and activities that serve to help the Western States, Native American Tribes, and others meet new water needs and balance the multitude of competing uses of water in the West. The BOR's mission is to assist in meeting the increasing water demands of the West, while protecting the environment and the public's investment in infrastructure that serves this purpose.

On March 7, 2022, the JPA Board adopted Resolution No. 17, authorizing the submittal of a grant funding application to and execution of a grant funding agreement with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation for the Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo (Pure Water Project). The application resulted in award of a \$10.2 million grant from BOR supporting design of the Pure Water Project. The grant program allows up to \$30 million to be awarded for any project.

Staff proposes to submit an application to the BOR for its WaterSMART Title XVI WIIN Act Water Reclamation and Reuse Projects Grant. The application would be for funding of final design and construction activities for the Pure Water Project. The grant would cover up to 25 percent of eligible expenditures. Staff anticipates that, if successful, the JPA could receive up to \$19.8 million in additional assistance based on the current project timeline and anticipated expenditures through the eligibility period.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

Pass, approve, and adopt proposed Resolution No. 34, authorizing the submittal of a grant funding application to and execution of a grant funding agreement with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation for the Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo.

RESOLUTION NO. 34

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF LAS VIRGENES – TRIUNFO JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTERING AGENT/GENERAL MANAGER, OR DESIGNEE, TO APPLY FOR, RECEIVE FUNDS, ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT, AND ADMINISTER A GRANT FOR THE WATERSMART: TITLE XVI WIIN ACT WATER RECLAMATION AND REUSE PROJECTS GRANT

(Reference is hereby made to Resolution No. 34 on file in the JPA's Resolution Book and by this reference the same is incorporated herein.)

FISCAL IMPACT:

Yes

ITEM BUDGETED:

Yes

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The cost for preparing the grant application is estimated to be approximately \$25,000, which is included as part of the scope of work for the existing, Board-approved agreement with Jacobs Engineering for Owner's Advisor/Program Manager (OA/PM) Phase 2 services for the Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo. The JPA is eligible to received up to \$19.8 million in additional financial assistance from the BOR.

DISCUSSION:

The Las Virgenes Municipal Water District (LVMWD) and Triunfo Water & Sanitation District (TWSD), collectively as part of the Las Virgenes-Triunfo Joint Powers Authority (JPA), currently rely entirely on imported drinking water from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD). The JPA is pursuing the Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo (Pure Water Project) that will diversify the drinking water supply portfolio for the JPA's members by initially creating at least 2,100 acre-feet per year of new, local drinking water supply that is sustainable, reliable and drought-proof. The project involves further treating wastewater through advanced water treatment processes for replenishment of Las Virgenes Reservoir, which is critical for local supply reliability and emergency potable water supply within the region during a catastrophic emergency.

Through collaboration and partnerships with cities and unincorporated areas within the region, the JPA is also exploring additional alternate sources, such as impaired groundwater and urban runoff, that could be added to the project. These additional supplies could potentially enable the Pure Water Project to yield up to 5,000 acre-feet per year of total drinking water supplies. The water supplies generated by the project will help reduce imported water demands from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Bay Delta, as well as the Colorado River Basin.

The additional source water for Las Virgenes Reservoir will enable the region to better prepare for frequent and intensified drought conditions brought on by climate change. From a compliance and environmental perspective, the utilization of all treated wastewater from the Tapia Water Reclamation Facility will effectively eliminate treated wastewater discharges to Malibu Creak by the year 2030, meeting regulatory requirements for the facility.

The Pure Water Project supports the BOR's Title XVI project objectives to develop and supplement local water supplies through water reuse, thereby improving water reliability by providing communities with new sources of clean, drought-resilient water supplies, and is, therefore, an eligible project under the grant program. The project is currently in the design phase of work. The JPA previously received a \$10.2 million grant under this program for planning, permitting, pre-design, and design, leaving approximately \$19.8 million available for

activities beyond the original September 2025 eligibility period, given that the grant program will provide up to a maximum of \$30 million per project. This grant application will be for final design and construction efforts, and all expenditures toward this work within three years from the application deadline of this submittal period on September 30, 2024 are eligible for reimbursement under the grant program.

This Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is being used to allocate up to \$179 million in available funding under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), P.L. 117-58 in Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 and 2024. FY 2023 appropriations also include \$60 million for the Title XVI Program, a portion of which is being allocated through this NOFO. Funds made available for infrastructure projects are subject to the Buy America Act, as well as Wage Rate Requirements (Davis Bacon Act). It is noted that all awards are subject to a determination by the BOR that appropriations and/or BIL funds are available. Additional projects may be funded under this NOFO if additional funding becomes available in FY 2024 or subsequently.

Proposed Resolution No. 34 authorizes and directs the Administering Agent/General Manager, or designee, to prepare and submit a grant funding application and execute a grant funding agreement, if successful in the application process for the WaterSMART Title XVI WIIN Act Water Reclamation and Reuse Projects Grant. By including these actions in the resolution, all of the required steps to receive the grant funding would be completed.

If the grant is awarded, the funding would provide financial assistance to the JPA and minimize the impact of costs for the Pure Water Project, which are currently estimated to be \$364 million, on the JPA's customers.

GOALS:

Ensure Effective Utilization of the Public's Assets and Money

Prepared by: Oliver Slosser, Engineering Program Manager

ATTACHMENTS:

[Proposed Resolution No. 34](#)

RESOLUTION NO. 34

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF LAS VIRGENES – TRIUNFO JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTERING AGENT/GENERAL MANAGER, OR DESIGNEE, TO APPLY FOR, RECEIVE FUNDS, ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT, AND ADMINISTER A GRANT FOR THE WATERSMART: TITLE XVI WIIN ACT WATER RECLAMATION AND REUSE PROJECTS GRANT

WHEREAS, the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) WaterSMART: Title XVI WIIN Act Water Reclamation and Reuse Projects is authorized under Title XVI of Public Law (P.L.) 102-575, as amended (43 United States Code [U.S.C.] 390h), including amendments in Title II, Subtitle J of the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Act to invite sponsors of projects eligible under Section 4009(c) of the WIIN Act (Project) to request cost-shared funding for planning, design, and/or construction of those Projects;

WHEREAS, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District and Triunfo Water and Sanitation District together as a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) currently provide water to approximately 89,000 residents within its jurisdiction. The Pure Water Project Las Virgenes - Triunfo, will provide conservatively a minimum of 2,100 acre-foot per year of new, reliable, and drought-proof potable water supply to the JPA by diverting excess wastewater discharges from the Tapia Water Reclamation Facility to a new Advanced Water Purification Facility;

WHEREAS, the Pure Water Project will provide much-needed diversification of the JPA's water supply portfolio and effectively reduce the its sole reliance on imported supplies from both the California State Water Project and the Colorado River System – two sources that continue to be stressed and unable to provide consistent supplies of water due to climate change and prolonged drought;

WHEREAS, the Pure Water Project supports the BOR's Title XVI project objectives to develop and supplement local water supplies through water reuse, thereby improving water reliability by providing communities with new sources of clean, drought resilient water supplies;

WHEREAS, applicants for grant funding from the WaterSMART: Title XVI WIIN Act Water Reclamation and Reuse Projects are required to adopt a Resolution pursuant to provisions of the grant application and cooperative agreement to commit the applicants to the financial and legal obligations associated with receipt of a financial assistance award under the Notice of Funding Opportunity Number No. R23AS00464;

WHEREAS, on March 7, 2022, the JPA Board passed Resolution No. 17, authorizing the submittal of the first-round grant funding application and execution of a grant funding

agreement to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation for the Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo, which resulted in an award a \$10.2 million grant;

WHEREAS, the grant program allows up to \$30 million to be awarded for any project; and

WHEREAS, the JPA is submitting a second-round application for funding to support its Pure Water Project's project construction, which will cover up to an additional \$19.8 million of eligible expenditures, which will be submitted to the BOR by September 30, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LAS VIRGENES – TRIUNFO JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Administering Agent/General Manager, or his designee, on behalf of the JPA, is hereby authorized and directed to prepare and submit a grant funding application to the United States Bureau of Reclamation to obtain a WaterSMART: Title XVI WIIN Act Water Reclamation and Reuse Projects FON: R22AS00115.

Section 2. The Administering Agent/General Manager, or his designee, on behalf of the JPA, is hereby authorized and directed to conduct all negotiations and execute and submit all documents associated with the WaterSMART: Title XVI WIIN Act Water Reclamation and Reuse Projects, including, but not limited to, a grant contract and any amendments or change orders, and to work with BOR to meet established deadlines for entering into a cooperative agreement.

Section 3. The Administering Agent/General Manager, or his designee, on behalf of the JPA, shall review and support the application submitted to BOR. The Administering Agent/General Manager, or his designee, has confirmed that the JPA is committed to the financial and legal obligations associated with receipt of the financial assistance award under the WaterSMART: Title XVI WIIN Act Water Reclamation and Reuse Projects and the JPA has the capability to provide the amount of funding and/or in-kind contributions as specified in the funding plan of the application. The JPA will work with BOR to meet established deadlines for entering into a grant or cooperative agreement.

Section 4. This Resolution will take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2024.

Jay Lewitt, Chair

ATTEST:

James Wall, Vice Chair

(SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

W. Keith Lemieux, District Counsel