



**PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT**  
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March 6, 2019

**AGENDA FOR REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT  
to be held at the District's office at 2029 East Avenue Q, Palmdale  
MONDAY, March 11, 2019  
6:00 p.m.**

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Additionally, an interpreter will be made available to assist the public in making **comments** under Agenda Item No. 4 and any action items where public input is offered during the meeting if requested at least 48 hours before the meeting. Please call Dawn Deans at 661-947-4111 x1003 with your request. (PWD Rules and Regulations Section 4.03.1 (c) )

Adicionalmente, un intérprete estará disponible para ayudar al público a hacer **comentarios** bajo la sección No. 4 en la agenda y cualquier elemento de acción donde se ofrece comentarios al público durante la reunión, siempre y cuando se solicite con 48 horas de anticipación de la junta directiva. Por favor de llamar Dawn Deans al 661-947-4111 x1003 con su solicitud. (PWD reglas y reglamentos sección 4.03.1 (c) )

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**PUBLIC COMMENT GUIDELINES:** The prescribed time limit per speaker is three-minutes. Please refrain from public displays or outbursts such as unsolicited applause, comments, or cheering. Any disruptive activities that substantially interfere with the ability of the District to carry out its meeting will not be permitted, and offenders will be requested to leave the meeting. (PWD Rules and Regulations, Appendix DD, Sec. IV.A.)

Each item on the agenda shall be deemed to include any appropriate motion, resolution, or ordinance to take action on any item.

- 1) Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence in honor and remembrance of PWD employee Barry Fear.
- 2) Roll Call.
- 3) Adoption of Agenda.



- 4) Presentation of appreciation plaque to outgoing Director Marco Henriquez. (President Dino)
- 5) Public comments for non-agenda items.
- 6) Presentations:
  - 6.1) Association of California Water Agencies/Joint Powers Insurance Authority (ACWA/JPIA) refund. (Patricia Slaven, ACWA/JPIA Director of Human Resources and Administration)
  - 6.2) Review of annual maintenance at Leslie O. Carter Water Treatment Plant. (Operations Manager Masaya)
- 7) Action Items - Consent Calendar (The public shall have an opportunity to comment on any action item on the Consent Calendar as the Consent Calendar is considered collectively by the Board of Directors prior to action being taken.)
  - 7.1) Approval of minutes of regular meeting held February 25, 2019.
  - 7.2) Payment of bills for March 11, 2019.
- 8) Action Items - Action Calendar (The public shall have an opportunity to comment on any action item as each item is considered by the Board of Directors prior to action being taken.)
  - 8.1) Consideration and possible action on Resolution No. 19-6 being a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District Supporting SB 669 (Caballero) the Safe Drinking Water Trust. (No Budget Impact – General Manager LaMoreaux)
  - 8.2) Consideration and possible action on District membership in the Palmdale Sheriff Boosters. (\$1,000.00 – Non-Budgeted – Director Mac Laren)
  - 8.3) Discussion of participation in the California Special Districts Association Southern Network Board of Directors. (Budget Impact – Unknown Travel Expenses – Director Alvarado)
  - 8.4) Consideration and possible action on authorization of the following conferences, seminars, and training sessions for Board and staff attendance within budget amounts previously approved in the 2019 Budget:
    - a) California Water Policy 28: The New Shape of Water to be held April 4 and 5, 2019 in San Diego.
- 9) Information Items:
  - 9.1) Reports of Directors:
    - a) Meetings/General Report.
    - b) Standing Committee/Assignment Reports (Chair):
      - 1) Personnel Committee.
  - 9.2) Report of General Manager.
  - 9.3) Report of General Counsel.

- 10) Board members' requests for future agenda items.
- 11) Adjournment.



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DENNIS D. LaMOREAUX,  
General Manager

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**PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT  
BOARD MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** March 4, 2019 **March 11, 2019**  
**TO:** BOARD OF DIRECTORS **Board Meeting**  
**FROM:** Mr. Dennis D. LaMoreaux, General Manager  
**RE:** *AGENDA ITEM NO. 6.1 – PRESENTATION OF ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES/JOINT POWERS INSURANCE AUTHORITY (ACWA/JPIA) REFUND. (PATRICIA SLAVEN, ACWA/JPIA DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES AND ADMINISTRATION)*

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The District participates in ACWA/JPIA’s liability, property, and workers compensation programs, and refunds are awarded annually to participating agencies with low loss ratios. Ms. Slaven will be presenting the District’s refund check at the March 11, 2019 Regular Board meeting.



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**AGENDA ITEM NO. 6.2**

# 2019 Winter Maintenance @ Leslie O. Carter Water Treatment Plant

Board Presentation

March 11, 2019



# Timeline

- January 16<sup>th</sup> : Prepare water system for plant shutdown
- January 17<sup>th</sup> : Shut down plant
- January 21<sup>st</sup> : Staff work on repairing Effluent line
- February 11<sup>th</sup> : Start up plant
- February 13<sup>th</sup> : Disinfect clearwell to return to service



# Maintenance List

- Plant Effluent Line Repair
- Coagulation Mixer Maintenance
- Sedimentation Basin & Filter Gallery Cleaning
- Brine Tank Installation
- Hypo Tank Cleaning
- Ferric Tank Re-piping



# Plant Effluent Line Repair



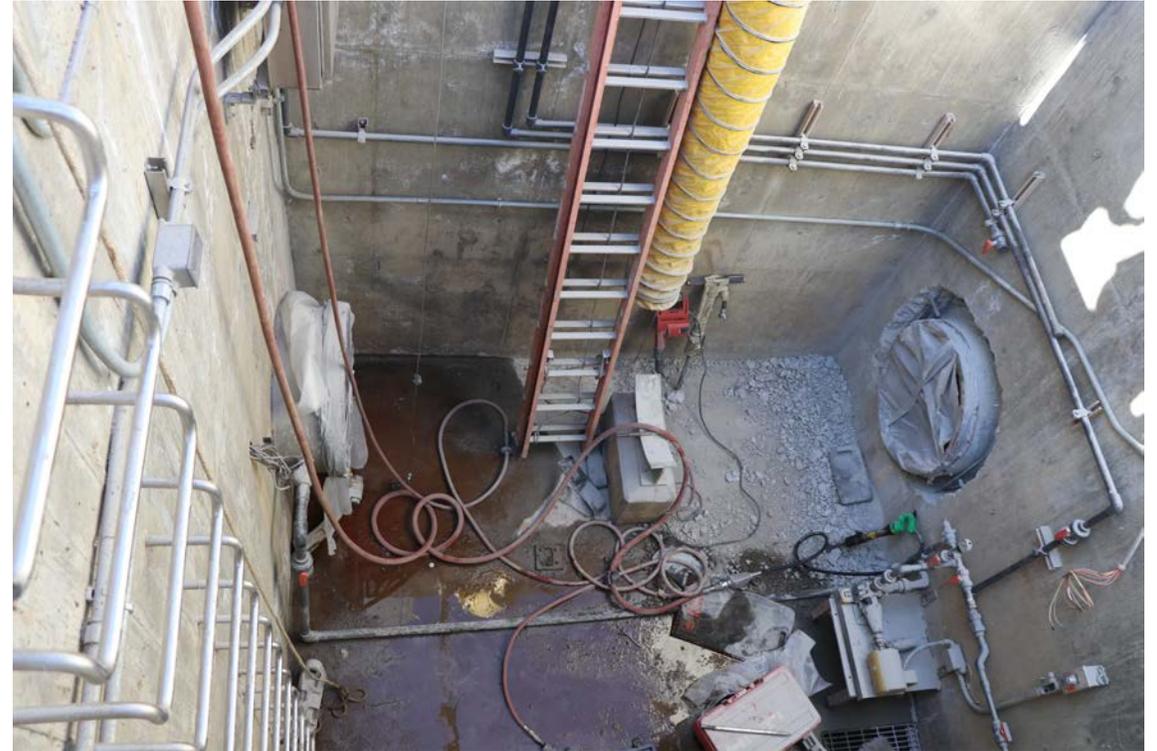
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# Plant Effluent Line Repair



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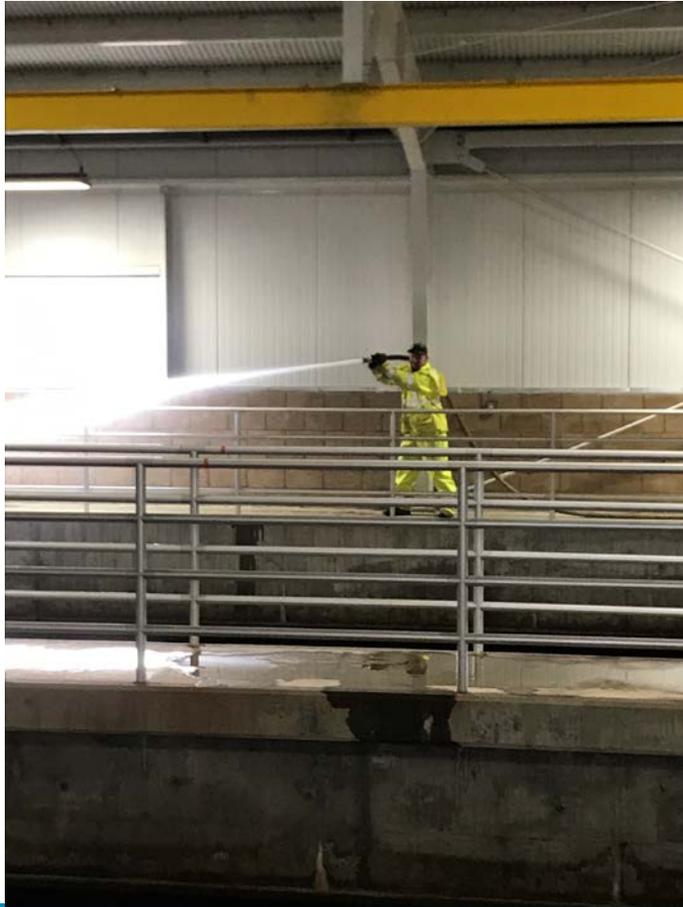


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# Coagulation Mixer Maintenance

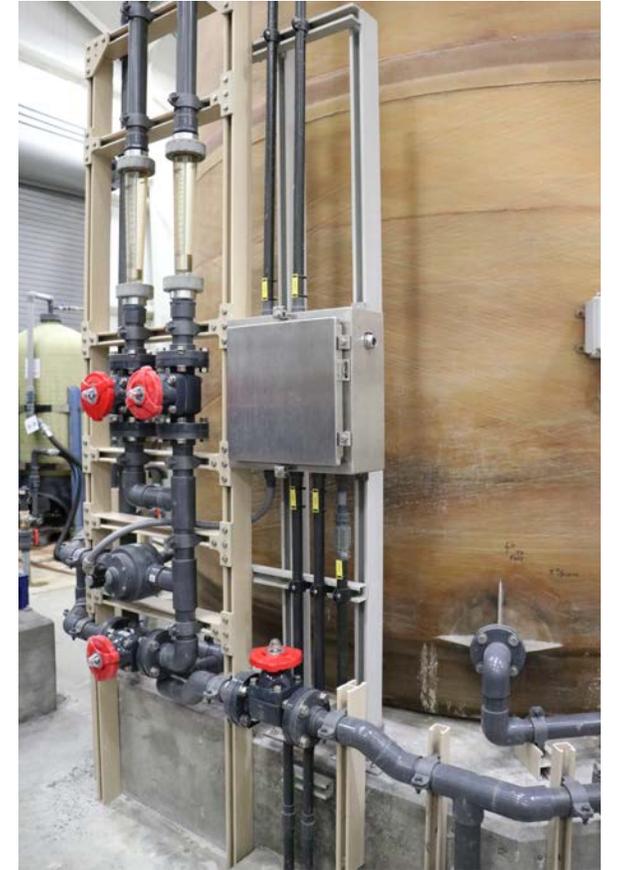


# Sedimentation & Filter Cleaning



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# Brine Tank Installations



# Hypo Tank Cleaning



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# Ferric Tank Gauge Repair



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Thank you!



**PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT  
BOARD MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** March 4, 2019 **March 11, 2019**  
**TO:** BOARD OF DIRECTORS **Board Meeting**  
**FROM:** Mr. Dennis D. LaMoreaux, General Manager  
**RE:** *AGENDA ITEM NO. 8.1 – CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 19-6 BEING A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT SUPPORTING SB 669 (CABALLERO), THE SAFE DRINKING WATER TRUST. (NO BUDGET IMPACT – GENERAL MANAGER LaMOREAUX)*

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**Recommendation:**

Staff recommends the Board approve Resolution No. 19-6 Supporting SB 669 (Caballero), the Safe Drinking Water Trust.

**Alternative Options:**

The Board can choose not to approve Resolution No. 19-6.

**Impact of Taking No Action:**

The proposed statewide water tax to assist disadvantaged communities could move forward.

**Background:**

Former Governor Brown supported a statewide water tax to help disadvantaged communities have access to safe drinking water. Governor Newsom is now trying to advance the proposed water tax with budget trailer bill language in the state budget process, which would implement a state tax on local residential and business water bills.

SB 669 (Caballero), the Safe Drinking Water Trust, creates a Trust in the State Treasury and would help community water systems in disadvantaged communities provide access to safe drinking water. The Trust would be funded with general fund dollars during a state budget surplus year. The state would then invest the principal, and the net income from the Trust would be transferred to a Safe Drinking Water Fund with the State Water Resources Control Board administering this Fund. The record budget surplus for the 2019-2020 fiscal year makes this the perfect time to create and fund the Trust.

Resolution No. 19-6 supports creating the Safe Drinking Water Trust and opposes the statewide water tax on local water bills.

**Strategic Plan Initiative/Mission Statement:**

This item is under Strategic Initiative No. 5 – Regional Leadership.  
This item directly relates to the District’s Mission Statement.

**Budget:**

Resolution No. 19-6 will have no impact on the District’s Budget.

**Supporting Documents:**

- Resolution No. 19-6 being a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District Supporting SB 669 (Caballero), the Safe Drinking Water Trust
- Senate Bill 669
- Talking Points in Support of SB 669 (Caballero) and Opposition of a Statewide Tax on Drinking Water
- Overview of SB 669 (Caballero) ACWA/CMUA sponsored legislation to create the Safe Drinking Water Trust

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-6**  
**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT**  
**SUPPORTING SB 669 (CABALLERO), THE SAFE DRINKING WATER TRUST**

**WHEREAS**, the Association of California Water Agencies and the California Municipal Utilities Association are sponsoring SB 669 (Caballero) to create the Safe Drinking Water Trust (the Trust); and

**WHEREAS**, drinking water is essential to life and the lack of access to safe drinking water in disadvantaged communities is a public health issue that the state should address; and

**WHEREAS**, a funding solution for operation and maintenance and consolidation costs is needed that can complement existing federal and state funding sources for capital costs; and

**WHEREAS**, ACWA and CMUA have developed the Trust proposal to provide the needed funding solution;

**WHEREAS**, SB 669 would create the Trust in the state Treasury; and

**WHEREAS**, the Trust would be funded with an infusion of General Fund dollars during a state budget surplus year; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a record General Fund budget surplus for the 2019-'20 fiscal year, and a portion could be used to fund the Trust's principal; and

**WHEREAS**, the net income from the Trust would provide the needed durable source of funding; and

**WHEREAS**, a statewide water tax on local water bills of approximately 3,000 community water systems would work against the common goal of keeping water affordable.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District formally supports SB 669.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS:** 11<sup>th</sup> day of March 2019.

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Vincent Dino, President  
Board of Directors  
Palmdale Water District

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Don Wilson, Secretary  
Board of Directors  
Palmdale Water District

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Aleshire & Wynder. LLP  
District Legal Counsel

**Introduced by Senator Caballero**February 22, 2019

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An act to add Chapter 4.6 (commencing with Section 116765) and Chapter 4.7 (commencing with Section 116771) to, Part 12 of Division 104 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to water, and making an appropriation therefor.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 669, as introduced, Caballero. Water quality: Safe Drinking Water Fund.

(1) Existing law, the California Safe Drinking Water Act, requires the State Water Resources Control Board to administer provisions relating to the regulation of drinking water to protect public health. Existing law declares it to be the established policy of the state that every human being has the right to safe, clean, affordable, and accessible water adequate for human consumption, cooking, and sanitary purposes.

This bill would establish the Safe Drinking Water Fund in the State Treasury and would provide that moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the state board. The bill would require the state board to administer the fund to assist community water systems in disadvantaged communities that are chronically noncompliant relative to the federal and state drinking water standards and do not have the financial capacity to pay for operation and maintenance costs to comply with those standards, as specified. The bill would authorize the state board to provide for the deposit into the fund of federal contributions, voluntary contributions, gifts, grants, and bequests, transfers by the Legislature from the General Fund and the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, funding from authorized general obligation bond acts, and net revenue from the Safe Drinking Water Trust that this bill would create.

The bill would require the state board to expend moneys in the fund for grants, loans, contracts, or services to assist eligible applicants. The bill by July 1, 2021, and by July 1 of each year thereafter, would require the state board to adopt, working with a multistakeholder advisory group, after a public workshop and a public hearing, an annual fund implementation plan. The bill would require the state board annually to prepare and make publicly available a report of expenditures of the fund and to adopt annually, after a public hearing, an annual update to a specified needs analysis. By creating a new continuously appropriated fund, this bill would make an appropriation.

(2) Existing law requires a trustee to administer a trust with reasonable care, skill, and caution under the circumstances then prevailing that a prudent person acting in a like capacity would use, as specified. The existing Uniform Prudent Investor Act requires a trustee to invest and manage trust assets as a prudent investor would, by considering the purposes, terms, distribution requirements, and other circumstances of the trust.

This bill would create in the State Treasury the Safe Drinking Water Trust Fund, to hold the trust property of the Safe Drinking Water Trust. The bill would create the Safe Drinking Water Trust Commission, consisting of 3 members, to serve as the trustee of the trust and would require the trustee to abide by the act and have all of the fiduciary duties, responsibilities, and obligations consistent with serving as a trustee of a trust. The bill would require the trustee to transfer the net income from the trust fund to the Safe Drinking Water Fund for expenditure, as prescribed. The bill would authorize funding of the trust principal, subject to transfer by the Legislature. The bill would require the trustee to accept donations that shall be deemed trust property and increase the principal of the trust. The bill would require the trustee to meet, not less than quarterly, to review the investment of the trust principal and administer the trust. The bill would require the trustee to provide the state board annually with an accounting of the investments and a forecast of the projected income to be distributed from the funds in future fiscal years. The bill would require the trust to be deemed a charitable trust subject to the supervision of the Attorney General.

Vote:  $\frac{2}{3}$ . Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 4.6 (commencing with Section 116765)  
2 is added to Part 12 of Division 104 of the Health and Safety Code,  
3 to read:

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5 CHAPTER 4.6. SAFE DRINKING WATER

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7 Article 1. Legislative Findings and Declarations

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9 116765. The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:

10 (a) Section 106.3 of the Water Code declares that it is the policy  
11 of the state that every human being has the right to safe, clean,  
12 affordable, and accessible water adequate for human consumption,  
13 cooking, and sanitary purposes.

14 (b) For all community water systems, the operation and  
15 maintenance costs to supply, treat, and distribute potable water  
16 that complies with federal and state drinking water standards on  
17 a routine and consistent basis may be significant.

18 (c) Some community water systems in disadvantaged  
19 communities that do not have access to safe drinking water do not  
20 have the technical, managerial, or financial capacity that is needed  
21 to comply with the federal and state drinking water standards on  
22 a routine and consistent basis.

23 (d) Some state or federal drinking water project funding sources  
24 prohibit the use of that funding for operation and maintenance  
25 costs. If a community water system does not have the financial  
26 capacity to fund operations and maintenance costs, the community  
27 water system may not be able to access funding for capital costs  
28 to comply with the federal and state drinking water standards on  
29 a routine and consistent basis.

30 (e) Hundreds of thousands of Californians, particularly those  
31 living in small disadvantaged communities, rely on unsafe drinking  
32 water from a chronically noncompliant community water system,  
33 which impacts human health, household costs, and community  
34 economic development.

35 (f) It is important that new permitted public water systems are  
36 sustainable.

37 (g) Chapter 843 of the Statutes of 2016 added Section 116527  
38 to and amended Section 116540 of the Health and Safety Code

1 and added Section 106.4 to the Water Code to authorize the State  
 2 Water Resources Control Board to prevent the permitting of new,  
 3 unsustainable public water systems.

4 (h) It is in the interest of the state to identify, help develop, and  
 5 help implement solutions for those chronically noncompliant  
 6 community water systems in disadvantaged communities that do  
 7 not have the technical, managerial, or financial capacity to comply  
 8 with the federal and state drinking water standards, and as a result,  
 9 have ongoing violations.

10 (i) To assist chronically noncompliant community water systems  
 11 in disadvantaged communities to come into compliance with the  
 12 federal and state drinking water standards and become  
 13 self-sufficient, the net revenue from a safe drinking water trust is  
 14 a reasonable and sustainable way to provide state funding  
 15 assistance for operation and maintenance costs and consolidation  
 16 costs where financial assistance is needed.

17 (j) Funding of the trust with General Fund dollars during one  
 18 or more years of state budget surplus is an appropriate priority for  
 19 the state because the lack of access to safe drinking water in some  
 20 disadvantaged communities is a social and public health issue for  
 21 the state. Once the trust is funded, the revenue from the trust will  
 22 be a long-term durable solution to assist chronically noncompliant  
 23 community water systems in disadvantaged communities in  
 24 becoming self-sufficient relative to safe drinking water.

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 26 Article 2. Definitions  
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28 116766. For the purposes of this chapter:

29 (a) “Administrator” has the same meaning as defined in Section  
 30 116686.

31 (b) “Board” means the State Water Resources Control Board.

32 (c) “Community water system” has the same meaning as defined  
 33 in Section 116275.

34 (d) “Disadvantaged community” has the same meaning as  
 35 defined in Section 116275.

36 (e) “Eligible applicant” means a public agency, a local  
 37 educational agency, a nonprofit organization, a public utility, a  
 38 federally recognized Indian tribe, a state Indian tribe listed on the  
 39 Native American Heritage Commission’s California Tribal  
 40 Consultation List, a mutual water company, and an administrator.

1 (f) “Fund” means the Safe Drinking Water Fund established  
2 pursuant to Section 116767.

3 (g) “Public water system” has the same meaning as defined in  
4 Section 116275.

5 (h) “Replacement water” means bottled water, vended water,  
6 or point-of-use or point-of-entry treatment units.

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Article 3. Safe Drinking Water Fund

10 116767. The Safe Drinking Water Fund is hereby established  
11 in the State Treasury. Notwithstanding Section 13340 of the  
12 Government Code, all moneys in the fund are continuously  
13 appropriated to the board, without regard to fiscal years, in  
14 accordance with this chapter. Moneys in the fund at the close of  
15 the fiscal year shall remain in the fund and shall not revert to the  
16 General Fund. Moneys in the fund shall not be available for  
17 appropriation or borrowed for use for any purpose not established  
18 in this chapter unless that use of the moneys is authorized by statute  
19 that receives an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the membership  
20 in each house of the Legislature.

21 116768. (a) The board shall administer the fund to assist  
22 community water systems in disadvantaged communities that are  
23 chronically noncompliant relative to the federal and state drinking  
24 water standards and do not have the financial capacity to pay for  
25 operation and maintenance costs to comply with those standards  
26 by providing assistance for all of the following:

27 (1) Operation and maintenance costs to both help bring the  
28 systems into compliance with those standards and help the systems  
29 become self-sufficient relative to safe drinking water.

30 (2) Consolidation costs for the community water systems.

31 (3) Replacement water to provide the systems with safe drinking  
32 water as a short-term solution.

33 (4) The provision of administrative and managerial services  
34 under Section 116686 for purposes of helping the systems become  
35 self-sufficient in the long term.

36 (b) Consistent with subdivision (a), the board shall expend  
37 moneys in the fund for grants, loans, contracts, or services to assist  
38 eligible applicants.

- 1 (c) Consistent with subdivision (a), the goals for implementation  
2 of this fund are that community water systems benefitting from  
3 the funding both:
- 4 (1) Will become compliant relative to the federal and state  
5 drinking water standards.
- 6 (2) Will become self-sufficient and will need assistance for no  
7 longer than 10 years.
- 8 (d) The board may undertake any of the following actions to  
9 implement the fund:
- 10 (1) Provide for the deposit of all of the following moneys into  
11 the fund:
- 12 (A) Federal funding.
- 13 (B) Transfers by the Legislature from the General Fund.
- 14 (C) Net revenue from the Safe Drinking Water Trust.
- 15 (D) Funding from a general obligation bond act that authorizes  
16 the deposit of bond moneys into the fund.
- 17 (E) Transfers by the Legislature from the Greenhouse Gas  
18 Reduction Fund.
- 19 (F) Voluntary contributions, gifts, grants, or bequests.
- 20 (2) Enter into agreements for contributions to the fund from the  
21 federal government, local or state agencies, private corporations,  
22 or nonprofit organizations.
- 23 (3) Direct portions of the fund to a subset of eligible applicants  
24 as required or appropriate based on funding source and consistent  
25 with the annual fund implementation plan.
- 26 (e) The board may expend moneys from the fund for reasonable  
27 costs associated with administration of the fund, including outreach  
28 regarding the availability of the funding. The board may expend  
29 no more than 5 percent of the annual revenue from the fund for  
30 reasonable costs associated with the administration of the fund.
- 31 (f) The board shall provide for appropriate audit, accounting,  
32 and fiscal management services, plans, and reports relative to the  
33 fund.
- 34 (g) At least every five years, the board, in consultation with the  
35 Legislative Analyst's Office, shall conduct a public review and  
36 assessment of the fund that evaluates and reports on all of the  
37 following:
- 38 (1) The effectiveness of expending moneys from the fund in  
39 terms of both helping bring chronically noncompliant community  
40 water systems in disadvantaged communities into compliance with

1 the federal and state safe drinking water standards and helping  
2 chronically noncompliant community water systems in  
3 disadvantaged communities become self-sufficient.

4 (2) The sources of funding and the amount of funding from each  
5 source that went into the fund during the time period that is being  
6 reviewed and assessed.

7 (3) The community water systems for which self-sufficiency  
8 has been achieved and for which funding from the fund is no longer  
9 necessary.

10 (4) The community water systems that have received funding  
11 for 10 years or more and for which self-sufficiency has not been  
12 achieved, the actions that have been taken, the reasons why  
13 self-sufficiency has not been achieved, and, where appropriate,  
14 the reasons why continued funding from the fund is necessary.

15 (h) The board shall make a report of the public review and  
16 assessment described in subdivision (g) available on the board's  
17 internet website.

18 (i) The board, an employee of the board, or any authorized  
19 person shall not be deemed to have incurred or be required to incur  
20 any obligation to provide additional funding or undertake additional  
21 action solely as a result of having undertaken an action pursuant  
22 to this chapter.

23 116769. By July 1, 2021, and by July 1 of each year thereafter,  
24 the board shall do all of the following:

25 (a) Prepare and make publicly available a report of expenditures  
26 from the fund.

27 (b) Adopt, after a public hearing, an annual update to the needs  
28 analysis of drinking water systems first directed by the Legislature  
29 in Item 3940-002-0001 of Section 2.00 of the Budget Act of 2018.

30 (c) Work with a multistakeholder advisory group to obtain input  
31 regarding priorities for the fund that can reasonably be  
32 accomplished in the next year and development of the annual fund  
33 implementation plan.

34 (d) Adopt, after a public workshop and a public hearing, an  
35 annual fund implementation plan.

36 SEC. 2. Chapter 4.7 (commencing with Section 116771) is  
37 added to Part 12 of Division 104 of the Health and Safety Code,  
38 to read:

1 CHAPTER 4.7. SAFE DRINKING WATER TRUST ACT OF 2019

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3 Article 1. Short Title

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5 116771. This chapter shall be known, and may be cited, as the  
6 Safe Drinking Water Trust Act of 2019.

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8 Article 2. Legislative Findings of Necessity and Cause for  
9 Action

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11 116772. (a) Because Section 106.3 of the Water Code  
12 establishes the policy of the state that every human being has the  
13 right to safe, clean, affordable, and accessible water adequate for  
14 human consumption, cooking, and sanitary purposes, it is in the  
15 interest of the people of the state to enact this chapter to establish  
16 a trust fund for the governmental purpose of providing a perpetual  
17 source of funding to assist community water systems in  
18 disadvantaged communities that are chronically noncompliant  
19 relative to the federal and state drinking water standards and do  
20 not have the financial capability to pay for operation and  
21 maintenance costs to comply with those standards by providing  
22 funding assistance for all of the following:

- 23 (1) Operation and maintenance costs to both help bring the
- 24 systems into compliance with those standards and help the systems
- 25 to become self-sufficient.
- 26 (2) Consolidation costs for the systems.
- 27 (3) Replacement water to provide the systems with safe drinking
- 28 water as a short-term solution.
- 29 (4) The provision of administrative and managerial services
- 30 pursuant to Section 116686 for purposes of helping the systems
- 31 become self-sufficient in the long term.

32 (b) The primary purpose of the Safe Drinking Water Trust, a  
33 charitable trust established pursuant to this chapter, shall be to  
34 provide a perpetual source of funding each year to the Safe  
35 Drinking Water Fund established pursuant to Section 116767 in  
36 furtherance of the trust fund purposes in subdivision (a).

37 (c) It is the intent of the Legislature that the funding for the trust  
38 be from General Fund dollars transferred to the trust by the  
39 Legislature during one or more years of state budget surplus.

1 Article 3. Safe Drinking Water Trust

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3 116773. Unless the context otherwise requires, the following  
4 definitions govern the construction of this chapter:

5 (a) “Board” means the State Water Resources Control Board.

6 (b) “Beneficiary” means the people of the state, as represented  
7 by the board in its implementation of the provisions of Chapter  
8 4.6 (commencing with Section 116765) and its administration of  
9 the Safe Drinking Water Fund established pursuant to Section  
10 116767. The beneficiary’s interest in the trust shall only be to the  
11 net income generated from the trust principal.

12 (c) “Income” means the money, enhanced value, or other income  
13 the trust receives as current return from the investment of the trust  
14 principal.

15 (d) “Net income” means the trust income earned July 1 to June  
16 30, inclusive, of the previous year minus all of the necessary and  
17 reasonable expenses incident to the administration of the trust  
18 during that same period.

19 (e) “Principal” means the trust property, inclusive of any  
20 increase designated as part of the trust principal by the trustee as  
21 a result of a higher than anticipated return on the investment  
22 pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (b) of Section 116773.6  
23 that is held in trust for the beneficiary and to accomplish the  
24 purposes described in Section 116772.

25 (f) “Trust” means the Safe Drinking Water Trust.

26 (g) “Trust fund” means the account established pursuant to  
27 subdivision (a) of Section 116773.2 to hold the trust property.

28 (h) “Trust property” means the money transferred to the trust  
29 fund pursuant to subdivision (d) of Section 116773.6 and any  
30 donation to the trust fund received and accepted by the trustee after  
31 January 1, 2020.

32 (i) “Trustee” means the Safe Drinking Water Trust Commission.

33 116773.2. (a) There is hereby created in the State Treasury  
34 the Safe Drinking Water Trust Fund for holding the trust property  
35 of the Safe Drinking Water Trust and for the purpose of  
36 implementing the public and governmental purposes of this chapter.  
37 Net income distributed by the trustee from the trust fund is hereby  
38 transferred to the board for deposit in and expenditure from the  
39 Safe Drinking Water Fund in accordance with Chapter 4.6  
40 (commencing with Section 116765).

1 (b) Moneys in the trust fund, including the trust principal and  
2 trust income, shall not be available for appropriation or be  
3 borrowed for use for any purpose not established in this chapter.

4 (c) Funding of the trust principal is hereby authorized and is  
5 subject to transfer by the Legislature. All transfers to the trust are  
6 hereby irrevocably transferred from the General Fund during  
7 budget surplus years to the trustee for deposit in the Safe Drinking  
8 Water Trust Fund for investment to accomplish the purposes of  
9 this chapter and on the conditions prescribed in Section 116773.6.

10 (d) Notwithstanding any other law, moneys deposited into the  
11 Safe Drinking Water Trust Fund or to fund the trust shall not be  
12 transferred to the General Fund.

13 116773.4. (a) There is hereby created the Safe Drinking Water  
14 Trust Commission, consisting of three members, selected as  
15 follows:

16 (1) The Treasurer, or the Treasurer's designee.

17 (2) The Lieutenant Governor, or the Lieutenant Governor's  
18 designee.

19 (3) The Controller, or the Controller's designee.

20 (b) The Safe Drinking Water Trust Commission shall serve as  
21 the trustee of the trust having all of the fiduciary duties,  
22 responsibilities, and obligations consistent with serving as a trustee  
23 of a trust.

24 (c) The Treasurer shall serve as chairperson of the Safe Drinking  
25 Water Trust Commission. The commission shall annually elect  
26 from its members a vice chairperson and a secretary who shall  
27 hold office until December 31 and shall continue to serve until  
28 their respective successors are elected.

29 (d) The trustee shall do all of the following:

30 (1) Meet not less than quarterly to review the investment of the  
31 trust principal and administer the trust.

32 (2) Meet on the call of the chairperson, at the request of a  
33 majority of the members, or at the request of the Governor.

34 (3) Adopt bylaws or other governing documents it deems  
35 necessary for the regulation of its affairs and the conduct of its  
36 business.

37 (e) Notwithstanding Section 10231.5 of the Government Code,  
38 the Safe Drinking Water Trust Commission annually shall provide  
39 the board with an accounting of the investments and a forecast of  
40 the projected income to be distributed from the fund in future fiscal

1 years. The board shall include the information in the fund  
2 implementation plan prepared by subdivision (c) of Section  
3 116769.

4 116773.6. (a) The trustee of the Safe Drinking Water Trust  
5 shall hold the trust property for the primary benefit of the trust's  
6 beneficiary and shall hold, manage, and invest the trust principal  
7 with the obligation of providing a perpetual source of annual  
8 funding to the Safe Drinking Water Fund established in Section  
9 116767. The trustee shall not invade the trust principal.

10 (b) The trustee shall collect, receive, and monetize, if prudent,  
11 the income from the trust, and shall transfer the trust's net income  
12 annually as follows:

13 (1) If the net income earned by the trust during the previous  
14 fiscal year is less than or equal to \_\_\_\_ dollars (\$\_\_\_\_), the trustee  
15 shall deposit the entire value of the net income into the Safe  
16 Drinking Water Fund for the benefit of the trust's beneficiary.

17 (2) If the net income earned by the trust during the previous  
18 fiscal year is greater than \_\_\_\_ dollars (\$\_\_\_\_), the trustee shall  
19 deposit at least \_\_\_\_ dollars (\$\_\_\_\_) into the Safe Drinking Water  
20 Fund for the benefit of the trust's beneficiary and shall determine  
21 if any additional portion of the net income should be deposited  
22 into the Safe Drinking Water Fund that year. Any portion of the  
23 net income not deposited in the Safe Drinking Water Fund shall  
24 be deemed a part of the trust principal by the trustee as a result of  
25 a higher than anticipated return on the investment on the trust  
26 principal in the previous fiscal year.

27 (3) Notwithstanding any other law, the trustee, and any  
28 employee or agent of the trustee, shall not sell, purchase, exchange,  
29 or otherwise deal with or dispose of all or any parts of the principal  
30 of the trust.

31 (c) The trustee shall exercise its administration of the trust as a  
32 fiduciary to the beneficiary. The trustee, in its administration of  
33 the trust, shall abide by the Uniform Prudent Investor Act (Article  
34 2.5 (commencing with Section 16045) of Chapter 1 of Part 4 of  
35 Division 9 of the Probate Code). The trustee shall have the powers,  
36 obligations, and responsibilities of a trustee prescribed in Part 4  
37 (commencing with Section 16000) of Division 9 of the Probate  
38 Code that are not inconsistent with the purposes and provisions of  
39 this chapter.

40 (d) The trust shall have both of the following powers:

- 1 (1) To accept donations that shall be deemed trust property and
- 2 increase the principal of the trust.
- 3 (2) Use no more than 1 percent of the trust income earned July
- 4 1 to June 30, inclusive, of each year to pay for the necessary and
- 5 reasonable expenses incident to the administration of the trust
- 6 during that same period.
- 7 (e) The trust shall be deemed a charitable trust subject to the
- 8 supervision of the Attorney General.

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# SUPPORT THE SAFE DRINKING WATER TRUST



Feb. 22, 2019

## Talking Points in Support of SB 669 (Caballero) and Opposition of a Statewide Tax on Drinking Water

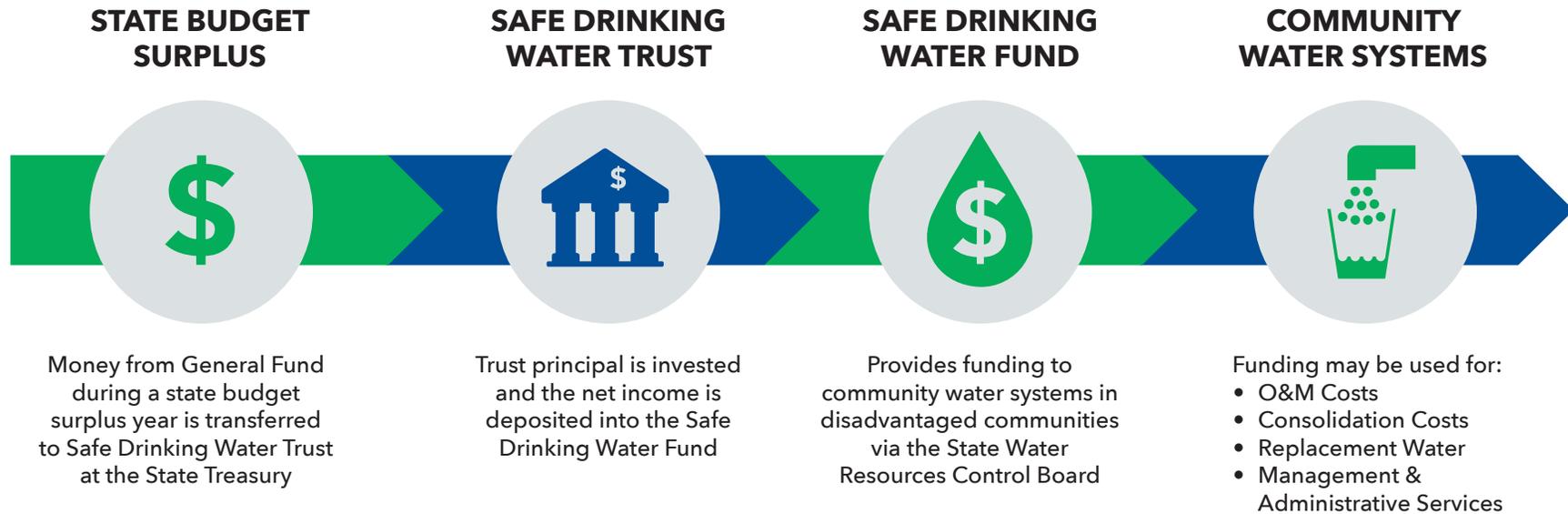
### Why is the Trust a better approach?

- The vast majority of Californians have access to safe drinking water. However, some disadvantaged communities do not. This is a public health issue that the state must address.
- A financial solution is needed for O&M and consolidation costs that can complement existing funding sources for capital costs.
- The Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) and the California Municipal Utilities Association (CMUA) are sponsoring SB 669 to create the Safe Drinking Water Trust (Trust).
- The Trust's principal would be initially financed with a one-time infusion of General Fund dollars during a budget surplus year. With the record budget surplus for the 2019-20 Fiscal Year, this is the perfect year to create and fund the Trust.
- Funding this durable Trust via the General Fund, which is based largely on a progressive source of revenue, makes sense because taxpayers with higher incomes would contribute more, and taxpayers with lower incomes would contribute less.
- The Trust's principal would be invested, and the net income would be transferred to a Safe Drinking Water Fund, which the State Water Resources Control Board would administer.

### Why is a proposed statewide water tax not the right approach?

- It is not sound policy to tax a resource that is essential to life.
- State law sets forth a policy of a human right to water for human consumption that is safe, clean, affordable and accessible. Adding a regressive statewide water tax on local water bills would work against keeping water affordable for all Californians.
- It would be highly inefficient to have approximately 3,000 local water agencies become tax collectors for the state because of the resulting combined local administrative costs (e.g., changes to billing software, hiring of staff to check income levels and address fraud).

# OVERVIEW OF SB 669 (CABALLERO) ACWA / CMUA SPONSORED LEGISLATION TO CREATE THE SAFE DRINKING WATER TRUST



## OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY

**Safe Drinking Water Trust Commission**

Manages and reviews the principal and investments of the Trust

**State Water Resources Control Board**

**ANNUALLY**

- Reports on expenditures from Fund
- Adopts updated needs analysis
- Works with multi-stakeholder advisory group to identify priorities for the Fund
- Adopts annual Fund implementation plan

**AT LEAST EVERY FIVE YEARS**

- Conducts public review and assessment of Fund

**PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT  
BOARD MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** March 4, 2019 **March 11, 2019**  
**TO:** BOARD OF DIRECTORS **Board Meeting**  
**FROM:** Mr. Dennis D. LaMoreaux, General Manager  
**RE:** *AGENDA ITEM NO. 8.2 – CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP IN THE PALMDALE SHERIFF BOOSTERS. (\$1,000.00 – NON-BUDGETED – DIRECTOR MAC LAREN)*

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**Recommendation:**

It has been recommended that the District join the Palmdale Sheriff Boosters in the not-to-exceed amount of \$1,000.00.

**Alternative Options:**

The alternative is to not join the Palmdale Sheriff Boosters.

**Impact of Taking No Action:**

The District would not join the Palmdale Sheriff Boosters.

**Background:**

The mission of the Palmdale Sheriff Boosters is to promote community awareness and support for the Palmdale Sheriff's Station and its safety programs through volunteer and educational efforts. Palmdale Sheriff Boosters fund raising activities aid the Palmdale Sheriff's Station in areas not otherwise funded, such as patrol bicycles, annual public safety expo, portable Honda generators, annual volunteer dinner, surveillance van equipment, a station gym, X26-p tasers, and trauma kits.

**Strategic Plan Initiative/Mission Statement:**

This item is under Strategic Initiative No. 5 – Regional Leadership.  
This item directly relates to the District's Mission Statement.

**Budget:**

This item is not included in the 2019 Budget.

**Supporting Documents:**

- Palmdale Sheriff Boosters membership application



# Palmdale Sheriff Booster's

*"Together We Can Make A Difference"*

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Membership Type:    Family     Small Business     Large Business     Corporate

### Contact Information

Name	
Street Address	
City/State/Zip	
Home Phone	
Work Phone	
Cell Phone	
E-mail Address	

New Member Referred By: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved by Board: \_\_\_\_\_

### Access

Membership in Palmdale Sheriff Boosters will offer you the opportunity to meet with first responders in a social setting. It also offers you the privilege of participating in special events which might not otherwise be available.

### Interests

\_\_\_\_\_ I am interested in volunteering to assist with the committees  
\_\_\_\_\_ I am interested in serving on the Board of Directors

In addition to my dues, I would like to donate an additional \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to the Palmdale Sheriff Boosters

### Annual Payment Information

- 1. Family Membership: \$50.00
- 2. Small Business: \$125.00 (1-9 people) *(Includes: Recognition on Website and Business Certificate)*
- 3. Large Business: \$200.00 (10 or more) *(Includes: Recognition on Website and Business Certificate)*
- 4. Corporate Membership: \$1,000.00 *(Includes: Logo on Website, Golf and Casino Recognition)*

Please make checks payable to: **Palmdale Sheriff Booster's**  
Online at [PalmdaleSheriffBoosters.org](http://PalmdaleSheriffBoosters.org)

**Membership Includes:**  
Membership Card  
Lapel Booster Pin  
Decal for Vehicle, Home, or Office  
License Plate holder

**Mail Completed Application to:**  
Palmdale Sheriff Boosters  
750 E. Ave Q  
Palmdale, CA 93550

*\*Annual Dues are from January to December\**



- Attend all Board meetings (4 – 5/year) in Sacramento. (some expenses may be reimbursed)
- Participate on at least one committee (meets 3 – 5 times/year) in Sacramento. (some expenses may be reimbursed)
- At a minimum, attend CSDA Special Districts Legislative Days in spring and the CSDA Annual Conference in the fall (no reimbursement of expenses)
- Complete all four modules of CSDA’s Special District Leadership Academy within two years of being elected (no reimbursement of expenses)

A Board Member or managerial employee can be nominated for election to the CSDA Board of Directors. The deadline for receiving nominations is April 17, 2019.

**Strategic Plan Initiative/Mission Statement:**

This item is under Strategic Initiative No. 5 – Regional Leadership.  
This item directly relates to the District’s Mission Statement.

**Budget:**

Conference attendance is included in the 2019 Budget; however, unknown travel expenses may be incurred for CSDA Board and Committee meeting attendance.

**Supporting Documents:**

- February 15, 2019 CSDA memo regarding “CSDA Board of Directors Call for Nominations Seat B”
- CSDA Committees
- February 26, 2019 letter from Lindsay Woods, General Manager, Hesperia Recreation & Park District, requesting the Palmdale Water District’s vote for him for the CSDA Southern Network Seat B



**California Special  
Districts Association**  
*Districts Stronger Together*

**DATE:** February 15, 2019  
**TO:** CSDA Voting Member Presidents and General Managers  
**FROM:** CSDA Elections and Bylaws Committee  
**SUBJECT: CSDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS CALL FOR NOMINATIONS  
SEAT B**

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The Elections and Bylaws Committee is looking for Independent Special District Board Members or their General Managers who are interested in leading the direction of the California Special Districts Association for the 2020 - 2022 term.

The leadership of CSDA is elected from its six geographical networks. Each of the six networks has three seats on the Board with staggered 3-year terms. Candidates must be affiliated with an independent special district that is a CSDA Regular Member in good standing and located within the geographic network that they seek to represent. (See attached CSDA Network Map)

The CSDA Board of Directors is the governing body responsible for all policy decisions related to CSDA's member services, legislative advocacy, education and resources. The Board of Directors is crucial to the operation of the Association and to the representation of the common interests of all California's special districts before the Legislature and the State Administration. Serving on the Board requires one's interest in the issues confronting special districts statewide.

**Commitment and Expectations:**

- Attend all Board meetings, usually 4-5 meetings annually, at the CSDA office in Sacramento.
- Participate on at least one committee, meets 3-5 times a year at the CSDA office in Sacramento.  
*(CSDA reimburses Directors for their related expenses for Board and committee meetings as outlined in Board policy).*
- Attend, at minimum, the following CSDA annual events: Special Districts Legislative Days - held in the spring, and the CSDA Annual Conference - held in the fall.  
*(CSDA does **not** reimburse expenses for the two conferences even if a Board or committee meeting is held in conjunction with the event)*
- Complete all four modules of CSDA's Special District Leadership Academy within 2 years of being elected.  
*(CSDA does **not** reimburse expenses for the Academy classes even if a Board or committee meeting is held in conjunction with the event).*

**Nomination Procedures:** Any Regular Member in good standing is eligible to nominate one person, a board member or managerial employee (as defined by that district's Board of Directors), for election to the CSDA Board of Directors. **A copy of the member district's resolution or minute action and Candidate Information Sheet must accompany the nomination. The deadline for receiving nominations is April 17, 2019. Nominations and supporting documentation may be mailed, faxed, or emailed.**

Mail: 1112 I Street, Suite 200, Sacramento, CA 95814  
Fax: 916.442.7889  
E-mail: [amberp@csda.net](mailto:amberp@csda.net)

Once received, nominees will receive a candidate's letter in the mail. The letter will serve as confirmation that CSDA has received the nomination and will also include campaign guidelines.

CSDA will begin electronic voting on June 17, 2019. All votes must be received through the system no later than 5:00 p.m. August 9, 2019. The successful candidates will be notified no later than August 13, 2019. All selected Board Members will be introduced at the Annual Conference in Anaheim, CA in September 2018.

#### **Expiring Terms**

(See enclosed map for Network breakdown)

**Northern Network** Seat B-Greg Orsini, GM, McKinleyville Community Services District\*  
**Sierra Network** Seat B-Ginger Root, GM, Lincoln Rural County Fire Protection District \*  
**Bay Area Network** Seat B-Ryan Clausnitzer, SDA, GM, Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District\*  
**Central Network** Seat B-Tim Ruiz, GM, West Niles Community Services District  
**Coastal Network** Seat B-Jeff Hodge, SDA, GM, Santa Ynez Community Services District\*  
**Southern Network** Seat B-Bill Nelson, Director, Orange County Cemetery District  
(\* = Incumbent is running for re-election)

#### **AGAIN, THIS YEAR!**

**This year we will be using a web-based online voting system, allowing your district to cast your vote easily and securely.** *Electronic Ballots will be emailed to the main contact in your district June 17, 2019. All votes must be received through the system no later than 5:00 p.m. August 9, 2019.*

*Districts can opt to cast a paper ballot instead; but you must contact Amber Phelen by e-mail [Amberp@csda.net](mailto:Amberp@csda.net) by April 17, 2019 in order to ensure that you will receive a paper ballot on time.*

CSDA will mail paper ballots on June 17 per district request only. ALL ballots must be received by CSDA no later than 5:00 p.m. August 9, 2019.

The successful candidates will be notified no later than August 14, 2019. All selected Board Members will be introduced at the Annual Conference in Anaheim, CA in September 2019.

If you have any questions, please contact Amber Phelen at [amberp@csda.net](mailto:amberp@csda.net).



California Special  
Districts Association  
*Districts Stronger Together*

## 2019 BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATION FORM

Name of Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

District: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Network: \_\_\_\_\_ (see map)

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

(PLEASE BE SURE THE PHONE NUMBER IS ONE WHERE WE CAN REACH THE CANDIDATE)

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

**Return this form and a Board resolution/minute action supporting the candidate and Candidate Information Sheet by fax, mail, or email to:**

CSDA  
Attn: Amber Phelen  
1112 I Street, Suite 200  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
(877) 924-2732      (916) 442-7889 fax

amberp@csla.net

***DEADLINE FOR RECEIVING NOMINATIONS – April 17, 2019***



California Special  
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## 2019 CSDA BOARD CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET

The following information **MUST** accompany your nomination form and Resolution/minute order:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

District/Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Elected/Appointed/Staff: \_\_\_\_\_

Length of Service with District: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Do you have current involvement with CSDA (such as committees, events, workshops, conferences, Governance Academy, etc.):

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2. Have you ever been associated with any other state-wide associations (CSAC, ACWA, League, etc.):

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3. List local government involvement (such as LAFCo, Association of Governments, etc.):

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4. List civic organization involvement:

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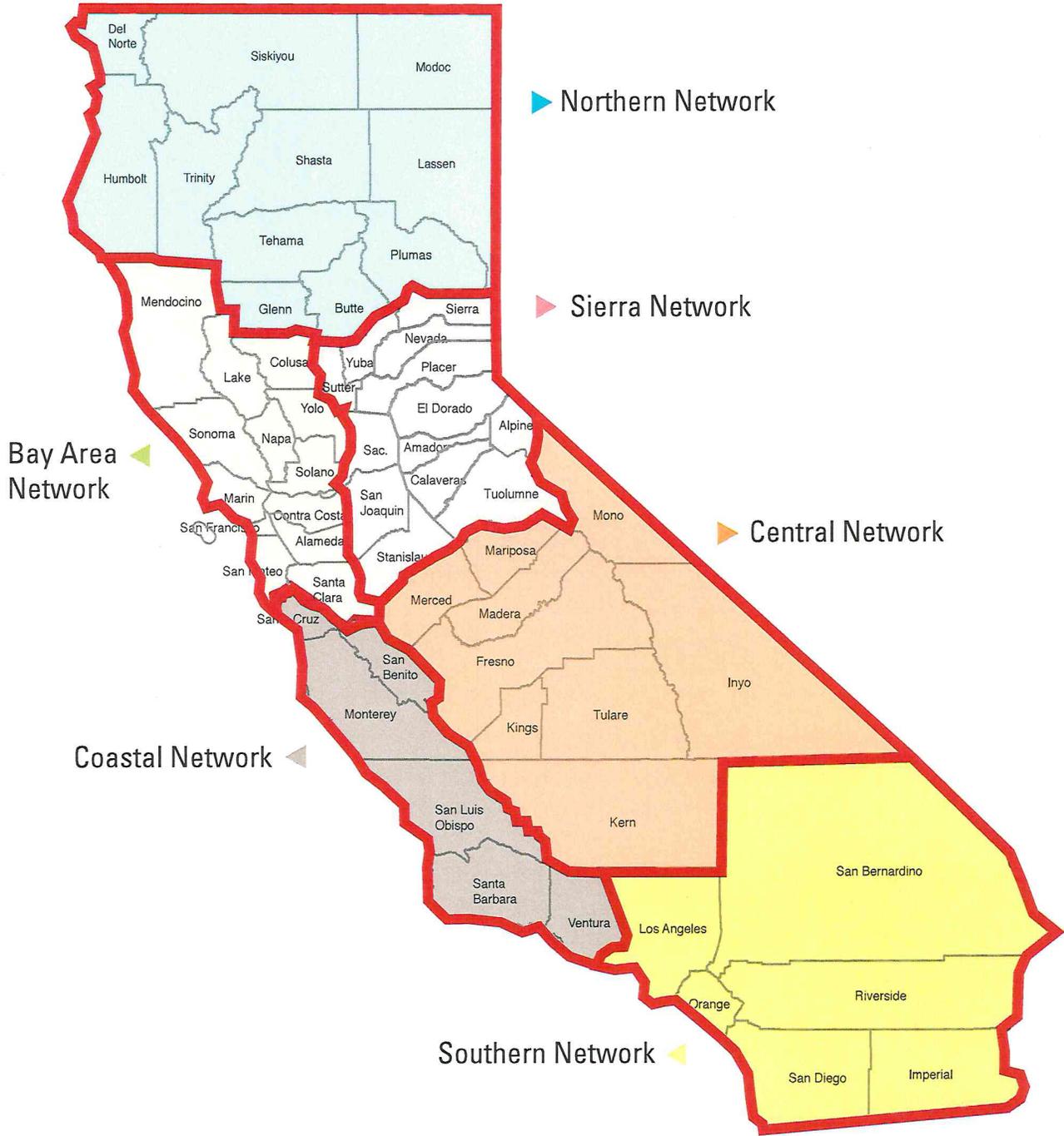
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**\*\*Candidate Statement** – Although it is not required, each candidate is requested to submit a candidate statement of no more than 300 words in length. **Any statements received in the CSDA office after April 17, 2019 will not be included with the ballot.**



California Special Districts Association

# DISTRICT NETWORKS



## **CSDA Committees**

CSDA relies on the participation of our members in order to guide the Association. Committee involvement is crucial to the success of activities and the development of CSDA policies. The talent and energy of the individuals who serve on CSDA's committees and to the issues that concern special districts in California are the critical components of CSDA's success.

### **Legislative Committee (space is limited):**

Develops CSDA's legislative agenda; reviews, directs and assists with legislative/public policy issues.

Commitment: Meets three times annually in Sacramento and four times annually via webinar.

Committee members must additionally attend CSDA's Special Districts Legislative Days in Sacramento, CA and Annual Conference and are also invited to the legislative planning session.

Working Groups: Each legislative committee member will be assigned to 1 or 2 working groups.

Working groups include: environment, formation and reorganization, governance, human resources and personnel, public works and facilities, and revenue.

**Professional Development Committee:** Plans, organizes and directs the professional development and events for CSDA.

Commitment: Meets at least twice annually.

**Member Services Committee:** Responsible for recruitment of new members, member retention, development of new member benefits and review of current programs.

Commitment: Meets at least twice annually.

**Audit Committee:** Responsible for maintaining and updating internal controls. Provides guidance to auditors regarding possible audit and fraud risks.

Commitment: May meet with auditors prior to the commencement of the audit, when audit is completed and possibly one meeting during the auditing process. Financial experience preferred.

**Elections & Bylaws Committee:** Conducts annual elections and occasionally reviews bylaws upon request of the CSDA Board, members or as needed.

Commitment: Minimum of one meeting in Sacramento.

**Fiscal Committee:** Oversees the financial direction of the organization including budget review and implementation.

Commitment: Meets at least three times annually. Financial experience preferred.



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Post Office Box 401055 • Hesperia, California 92340-1055 • (760) 244-5488

February 26, 2019

Dennis LaMoreaux  
Palmdale Water District  
2029 E Avenue Q  
Palmdale, CA 93550-4050

Dear Dennis:

I want to share my interest in serving you and your District as the Southern Network (Seat B) representative on the CSDA Board of Directors. In order to accomplish this I am asking for your consideration and hopefully your District's vote. Once the nominations close, April 17<sup>th</sup>, the ballots will be emailed to each district's CSDA contact person. The deadline for returning the ballot to CSDA's office is August 9<sup>th</sup>.

It has been a privilege and honor to be active with CSDA by serving at the committee level as a representative of the California Special Districts Association's Southern Network. I have served the Hesperia Recreation and Park District (HRPD) since 1987 in a variety of capacities which has given me a well-rounded foundation in the special district governance. HRPD was established in 1957 and now serves a diverse population of over 90,000. Our District provides a wide range of recreational, educational, social and other vital community services to our residents.

With your support I will serve you, your agency, and the other member districts of CSDA with the same high level of professionalism, dedication, service, and innovation that I have provided to the residents of Hesperia and HRPD. If elected, I will work cooperatively with the other CSDA Board of Directors to advance the work we do throughout the state as well as work with other organizations to protect our districts and the vital services we provide to our communities. We are all facing many of the same challenges and I want to be an active part of the future of CSDA as we work to educate, strengthen, and defend special districts both now and in the future. Lastly, I am committed to working hard to keep our Districts intact.

I would greatly appreciate your board of director's support in the coming election. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

HESPERIA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT

Lindsay Woods  
General Manager

/ldw



**AGENDA ITEM NO. 8.4**  
**Hotel and Travel**  
**Accommodations**

**Event Name/Date:**

California Water Policy 28: The New Shape of Water/April 4 and 5 2019

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

First Name

Last Name

Date

**ACCOMMODATION INFORMATION**

*Rooms and rates are subject to availability. Complete and submit this form as soon as possible to guarantee a room at the host hotel. In the event that the host hotel is booked, every effort will be made to secure a room at the closet hotel within comparable rates to the event discounted rate.*

Arrival Date

Departure Date

No. of guests

Room Type

Do you require a smoking room?

Yes  No

**Do you need transportation from the airport to the hotel?**

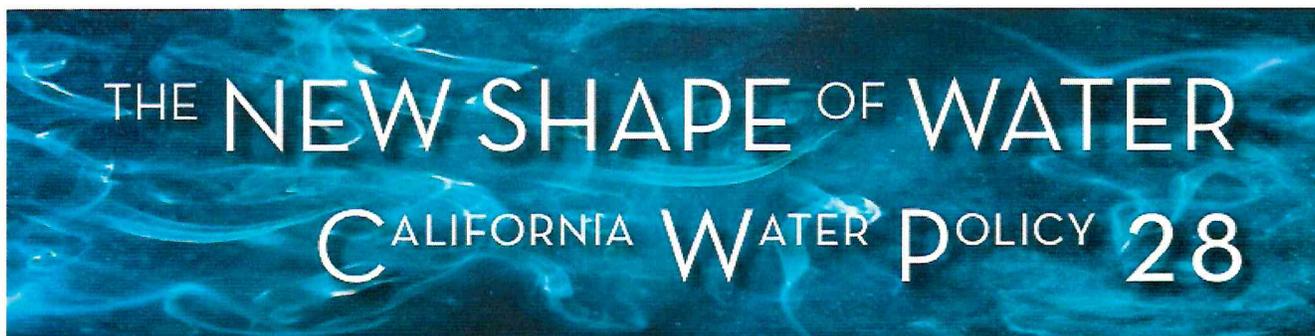
Yes  No

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## California Water Policy Conference

**April 4 & 5, 2019**

Courtyard by Marriott at Liberty Station, San Diego

### Our 28th Year

The California Water Policy Conference Planning Committee is developing a stimulating conference agenda that will take the leading water issues of the day head-on and bring all participants into the heart of the debate and problem-solving.

### Our highlighted speakers include



*Opening Keynote, Thursday, April 4*

**Joaquin Esquivel** *Chair of the California State Water Resources Control Board*

Board Member Esquivel will open the conference with a tone of optimism and problem solving as he shares his thoughts on the pressing water policy issues facing California. Joaquin Esquivel was appointed to the State Water Resources Control Board by Governor Jerry Brown in March 2017. Previously, he served as Assistant Secretary for federal water policy at the California Natural Resources Agency in the Governor's Washington, D.C. office, where he facilitated the development of policy priorities between the agency, the Governor's Office, the California Congressional delegation, and federal stakeholder agencies. He was born and raised in California's Coachella Valley.



*Lunch Speaker, Thursday, April 4*  
**Mark Arax** *Author*

Mark Arax will be discussing his newest book, *The Dreamt Land: Chasing Water and Dust Across California*. Mark is from a family of Central Valley farmers, a writer with deep ties to the land who has watched the battles over water intensify even as California lurches from drought to flood and back again. In *The Dreamt Land*, he travels the state to explore the one-of-a-kind distribution system, built in the 1940s, '50s and '60s, that is straining to keep up with California's relentless growth.



*Opening Keynote, Friday, April 5*  
**Brenda Burman**, *Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation*

Brenda Burman has 25 years of experience working on western issues, with an emphasis on water and natural resources. She previously served in the Department of the Interior as Reclamation's Deputy Commissioner for External and Intergovernmental Affairs and as Interior's Deputy Assistant Secretary for Water and Science.

[See more speaker details here . . .](#)

### Who are we

Now in its 28th year, the California Water Policy Conference is the premier event in the State that brings together leaders from the agricultural, urban water and environmental communities to discuss the current policy issues impacting California's water. Every year over 300 participants from around the State attend this conference to network with their colleagues, listen to perspectives they may have not heard before and learn about new programs and ideas.



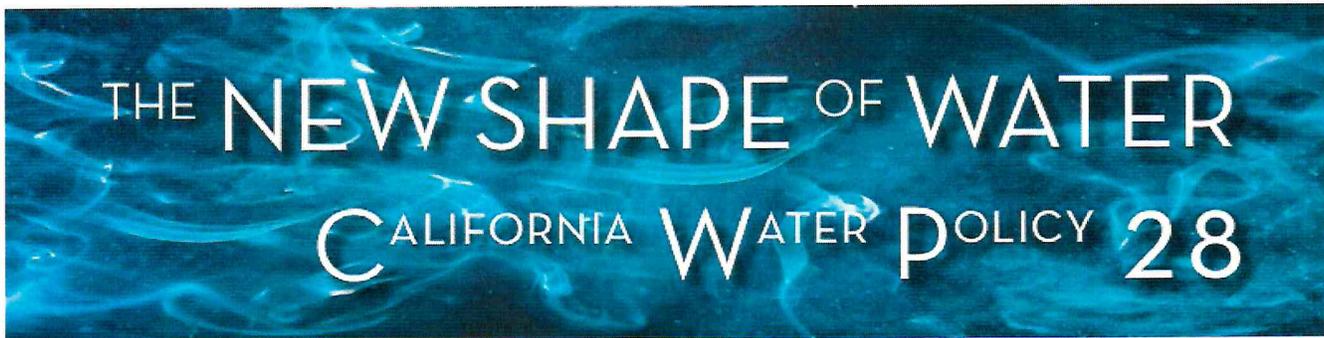
The conference agenda is put together by a diverse planning committee that strives to identify the most current topics and best speakers to offer insight and debate with the goal being to educate, enlighten and inform our attendees. We hope you will join us at this year's conference.

Please feel free to connect with us either by sending an email to [info@CAwaterPolicy.org](mailto:info@CAwaterPolicy.org) or talking with us at 858-272-6804.

### Who Should Attend

- Officials and staff at all levels of government
- Water agency officials and staff
- Business, Agricultural and environmental leaders
- Academics and students
- Members of the public interested in California water policy





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## Conference Agenda

### California Water Policy 28: The New Shape of Water

April 4 & 5, 2019

The Courtyard by Marriott at Liberty Station, San Diego

#### Thursday, April 4

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**8:00 am Registration**

**9:15 am Conference Welcome**

*Conference Co-Chairs:*

Jovita Pajarillo, *US EPA Region 9 (Retired)*

Meena Westford, *Special Projects Manager, MWD of Southern California*

**9:15 am Opening Plenary**

Joaquin Esquivel, *Chair of the California State Water Resources Control Board\**

**10:15 am Break**

**10:45 am Breakout Sessions:**

#### **San Joaquin Valley – End of an Era?**

A powerful combination of legal mandates and institutional changes affecting California water policy are converging in the San Joaquin Valley. Consider this triple whammy: the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, environmental regulations related to Delta pumping, and the Water Quality Control Plan for the Delta. All this will likely result in substantial impacts on the future of the San Joaquin Valley.

This San Joaquin Valley-centric panel will provide their perspectives on how these changes may affect the environment, farms, local communities, residents, and local economies in the region.

**“I’m Bond, (Water) Bond” – An Agent for Progress or Sly Operative?**

In November 2018, California voters failed to approve Proposition 3, the Water Supply and Water Quality Act of 2018. Prop 3 would have provided \$8.88 billion for water infrastructure projects, including efforts to repair damaged canals, provide safe drinking water, facilitate implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, restore degraded watersheds, and conserve fish and wildlife habitat. What went awry? Why did it fail? Voter water bond fatigue?

This panel will review the recent debate over Prop. 3, discuss the limitations of California’s reliance on bonds to fund water infrastructure, assess the future of water bonds, and explore alternative mechanisms to fund water infrastructure and habitat projects.

**Reasonable Use or Waste: A Developing Dichotomy**

This panel will explore the evolution of the doctrine of reasonable use, provide examples of successful efforts to modernize the doctrine’s application, discuss some of the impediments to a more robust use of the doctrine, and hypothesize about how the doctrine will, or will not, be applied in the future.

**12:15 pm Lunch Presentation**

Mark Arax, *Author, The Dreamt Land: Chasing Water and Dust Across California\**

**2:00 pm Breakout Sessions:**

**Southern California Water Supply Reliability: The Future in Question?**

The California Southland – as many other regions throughout California – has long depended upon imported water to support its economic growth, healthy communities, and to sustain a distinctive lifestyle.

Demand for imported water increased until it peaked about 20 years ago. Reduced reliability and volume were the result of federal and state environmental mandates and regulatory requirements. In response, Southern California water agencies pivoted to increase local investments in locally developed supplies, while fighting to maintain deliveries from afar.

This panel will discuss the components which currently make up Southern California’s water supply, how reliability has changed in recent years, what is the current status of challenges, and what the future may hold.

**Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan: Progress or Purgatory?**

The State Water Resources Control Board is responsible for the review and modification of the Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan. The Plan establishes water quality control measures and flow requirements needed to provide reasonable protection of beneficial uses in the watershed. The SWRCB is now engaged in urgent efforts to address prolonged and precipitous declines of native aquatic species in the Bay-Delta and the ecosystem they depend upon. It is both a monumental and consequential undertaking. The SWRCB is aiming to make substantive changes to water rights to achieve the flows they seek: 55% unimpaired flow on the Sacramento River and its tributaries and 40% unimpaired flow on the San Joaquin River and its tributaries. The contention is how much instream flow and Delta outflow is needed for native fish to thrive.

This panel will focus on the policy question of how best to use the limited supply of water to balance competing needs including cold water pool, Delta outflow, terrestrial habitat, and consumptive uses. Moreover, how much can be accomplished with the impacts of a warming climate.

**Emerging Groundwater Markets: Sustainable Path or Panacea?**

Passage of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) in 2014 focused significant resources on the development of Groundwater Sustainability Plans to improve basin management, including overdraft in many basins underlying agricultural regions. In Ventura County, the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency has established a small-scale water market as a pilot project. Farmers who agree to participate have the ability to fallow their own land and sell groundwater to other users willing to pay more (than

estimated crop sales would generate). Water markets have been suggested as viable tools in several parts of California, including the southern San Joaquin Valley, Central Coast, Paso Robles and the Russian River.

**3:30 pm** | **Break**

**4:00 pm** | **Plenary:**  
**Environmental Justice In Practice**

**5:15 pm** | **Adjourn for Day – Environmental Adjustment Hour**

**Friday, April 5**

**7:00 am** | **Breakfast**

**7:30 am** | **Breakfast Presentation**  
**UC Santa Barbara Bren School of Environmental Science & Management**

**8:45 am** | **Morning Keynote:**  
Brenda Burman, *Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation\**

**9:30 am** | **Break**

**9:45 am** | **Breakout Sessions:**

**A New Federalism in California Water?**

The State of California and the federal government have a long history of shared water management in California. There are sometimes agreement and sometimes disagreement over the soundest approaches. Under today’s leadership, certain conflicts have intensified between Sacramento and Washington, D.C. or spurred negotiations toward a “global solution.” Which water policy issues can the two administrations find common ground and where do tensions exist? Does one authority supersede the other or is it a different legal or policy emphasis for water management?

This session will explore the dynamics of our federal and state water management regime through the lens of current politics. The panel will explore topics such as wetlands protection, instream flows, and the future of water operations in the Delta and Colorado River Basin.

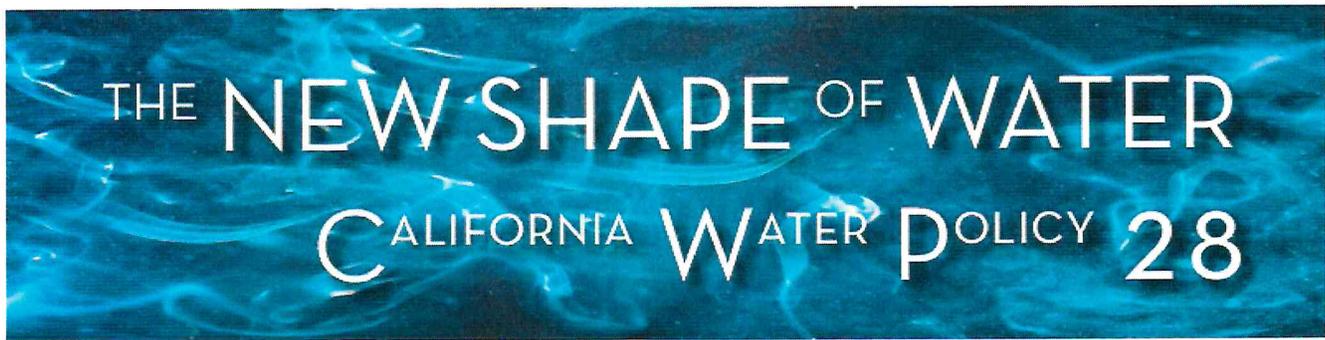
**Tribal Groundwater Rights: Underlying Tension But Who’s Right?**

In the arid desert landscape of the Coachella Valley, two of its largest water districts have been fighting the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians in court for over five years over who has the right to the precious water that lies beneath their feet. Last year, the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that the Tribe’s water rights include both surface and groundwater assets, including the Coachella Valley aquifer, based on the Winters Doctrine. Shortly after that ruling, the Desert Water Agency and the Coachella Valley Water District filed petitions to appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court but the repeal was denied. This precedent setting case is the first time the Supreme Court has determined that Indian tribes hold special rights to the groundwater beneath their reservations. The implications of the court’s ruling extend beyond the Coachella Valley to the entire state and country. Now, in the midst of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, how will governance structures develop and respond to Tribal groundwater rights?

**TBA**

**11:30 am** | **Closing Plenary**

**12:30 am** | **Adjourn**



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## Conference Registration

**April 4 & 5, 2019**

**The Courtyard by Marriott at Liberty Station, San Diego**

### The details

The conference begins on April 4 with registration at 8:00 am. Programs begin at 9:00 am and the conference adjourns at 12:30 pm on Friday, April 5.

Registration fees include lunch on Thursday, continental breakfast on both days and conference materials. All verbal or written reservations will be considered firm and will be invoiced if a no show. Cancellations received in writing on or before March 8, 2019 will be refunded the full amount less a \$75 processing fee. There will be absolutely no refunds for requests received after March 8, 2019. However, substitutions may be made.

### How do I register

All registrations will be made online by clicking on the registration box below. We would prefer that you pay in advance with a credit card on our secure payment page. If you wish to pay by check please contact Debbi Dodson at [Debbi@CAwaterPolicy.org](mailto:Debbi@CAwaterPolicy.org) first.

### Questions

If you have additional questions please feel free to contact us either by sending an email to [debbi@CAwaterPolicy.org](mailto:debbi@CAwaterPolicy.org) or call 858-272-6804.

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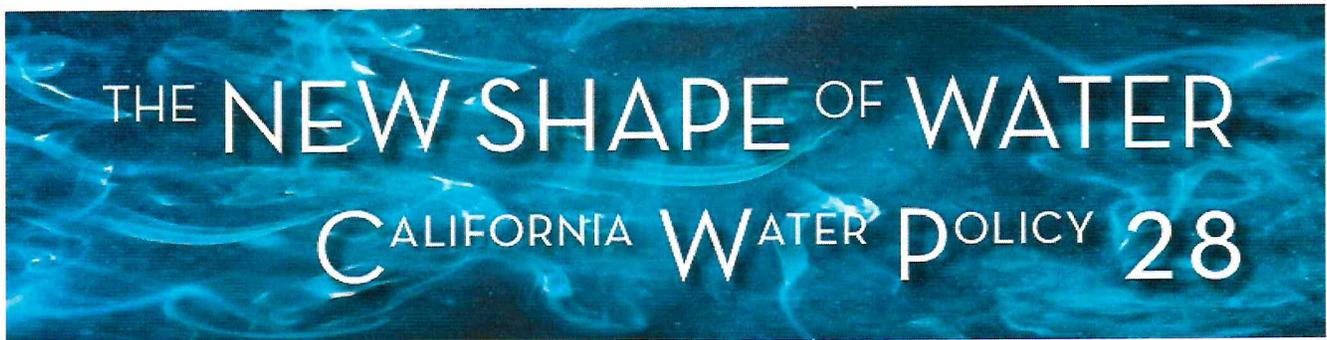
### Registration fees

- - Industry and Government
  - Both days - \$399

- Thursday only - \$270
- Friday only - \$185
- Non-Governmental Organizations
  - Both days - \$295
  - Thursday only - \$195
  - Friday only - \$125
- Students
  - Both days - \$175
  - Thursday only - \$125
  - Friday only - \$70
- Add \$75 after March 7, 2019
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### Courtyard by Marriott at Liberty Station in San Diego

#### Lodging



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The hotel also has a swimming pool, bike rentals and jogging trails. The conference room rate of \$199 per night includes complimentary shuttle to and from the San Diego Airport and free Wi-Fi. This rate is also available through the weekend based on availability. Reservations can be made by calling 800-321-2211 (be sure to ask for the CWP rate) or by clicking [here](#). See sidebar for more details.



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**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY STATE WATER CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION, JANUARY 24, 2019.**

*A regular meeting of the Commissioners of the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association was held Thursday, January 24, 2019, at the Palmdale Water District at 2029 East Avenue Q, Palmdale. Chair Parris called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.*

**1) Pledge of Allegiance.**

At the request of Chair Parris, Alternate Commissioner Dino led the pledge of allegiance.

**2) Roll Call.**

**Attendance:**

Robert Parris, Chair  
Barbara Hogan, Vice Chair  
Leo Thibault, Treasurer-Auditor  
Keith Dyas, Commissioner  
Marco Henriquez, Commissioner  
Vincent Dino, Alt. Commissioner

**Others Present:**

Matt Knudson, General Manager  
Peter Thompson II, Asst. General Manager  
Tom Barnes, Resources Manager  
Dennis Hoffmeyer, Controller  
Dwayne Chisam, AVEK General Manager  
James Chaisson, LCID General Manager  
Danielle Henry, Management Analyst  
2 members of the public

**EXCUSED ABSENCE--**

Kathy Mac Laren, Secretary

**3) Adoption of Agenda.**

It was moved by Commissioner Henriquez, seconded by Commissioner Hogan, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Commissioners present at the meeting to adopt the agenda, as written.

**4) Public Comments for Non-Agenda Items.**

There were no public comments.

**5) Consideration and Possible Action on Minutes of Regular Meeting Held November 15, 2018.**

It was moved by Commissioner Dyas, seconded by Commissioner Thibault, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Commissioners present at the meeting to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held November 15, 2018, as written.

**6) Payment of Bills.**

Commissioner Thibault reviewed the bills received for payment and then moved to pay the bills received from PWD in the amount of \$934.78 for staff services, from AVEK in the amount of \$2,244.16 for staff services, from Interactive Educational Services (IES) in the amount of \$294.00 for the recurring monthly AVSWCA.org website charge for January through June, 2019, from Raftelis in the amount of \$5,477.50 for professional services associated with the Financial Analysis for the Replacement Water Assessment for the period of December 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018, from USGS in the amount of \$15,900.00 for the Joint Funding Agreement for Cooperative Water Resources Investigations for the period of August 1, 2018 through October 31, 2018, and ratification of payment made to Kennedy/Jenks Consultants in the amount of \$6,442.50 for professional engineering services through October 26, 2018 associated with the Big Rock Creek Joint Groundwater Recharge Project. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hogan and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Commissioners present at the meeting.

**7) Consideration and Possible Action on Election of Officers. (General Manager Knudson)**

After a brief discussion of the Vice Chair position, it was moved by Commissioner Dyas, seconded by Commissioner Hogan, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Commissioners present at the meeting to approve the slate of officers for the Association as follows:

Robert Parris, Chair  
Marco Henriquez, Vice Chair  
Leo Thibault, Treasurer-Auditor  
Kathy Mac Laren, Secretary  
Keith Dyas, Commissioner  
Barbara Hogan, Commissioner

**8) Consideration and Possible Action on Professional Services Agreement with Woodard & Curran for the Antelope Valley IRWM Plan Update and Preparation of Proposition 1 Implementation Grant Applications. (General Manager Knudson)**

General Manager Knudson reviewed the proposed Professional Services Agreement with Woodard & Curran for the Antelope Valley IRWM Plan Update and Preparation of Proposition 1 Implementation Grant Applications, including the scope of work, the fee schedule, and the recommended revision from legal counsel to remove the "Attorney Fees" paragraph from the Agreement after which it was moved by Commissioner Henriquez, seconded by Commissioner Thibault, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Commissioners present at the meeting to approve the Professional Services Agreement with Woodard & Curran for the Antelope Valley IRWM Plan Update and Preparation of Proposition 1 Implementation Grant Applications with the recommended revision.

**9) Consideration and Possible Action on Participation of SMART Water Expo with 2019 Home Show. (Assistant General Manager Thompson II)**

After a brief discussion of the costs and benefits of combining the SMART Water Expo with the 2018 Home Show, of the Association's sponsorship of the Water Conservation Garden at the Antelope Valley Fairgrounds, and of the Association's approved budget, it was moved by Commissioner Henriquez, seconded by Commissioner Hogan, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Commissioners present at the meeting to present the sponsorship of the SMART Water Expo with the 2019 Home Show at a cost of \$10,000.00 divided among the member agencies according to State Water Project Table A allocations to each member agency Board for consideration.

**10) Report of General Manager and Assistant General Manager.**

**a) Update on Proposed East Side Recycled Water Line Project.**

General Manager Knudson stated that the proposed East Side Recycled Water Line Project needs a sponsor to include this Project with the Antelope Valley Integrated Regional Water Management Plan update for potential grant opportunities, and after a brief discussion of the potential stakeholders, of the current list of identified recycled water projects, and of the 2007 Regional Recycled Water Plan prepared by

Kennedy/Jenks, staff was directed to coordinate a formal meeting with all potential stakeholders of this proposed Project.

**b) Update on Big Rock Creek Joint Groundwater Recharge Project.**

Assistant General Manager Thompson II stated that Kennedy/Jenks has completed groundwater modeling; that monitoring wells have been identified for the use of the groundwater modeling comparison; that diffuser device structures designed by AVEK staff have been installed with the help of PWD staff; that staff coordinated the delivery of 3,100 acre feet of water with the Department of Water Resources; that one well sensor remains to be tested; and that water may flow by the end of next week.

**c) Update on Financial Analysis Study for Providing Replacement Water to the Antelope Valley.**

General Manager Knudson stated that staff received a draft report on the Financial Analysis Study for Providing Replacement Water to the Antelope Valley from Raftelis and that it will be presented for consideration at the next Association meeting in February.

**d) Update on Antelope Valley Watermaster Meetings.**

General Manager Knudson stated the Antelope Valley Watermaster Board met on January 23, 2019 and that the focus is the completion of the Rules and Regulations.

**e) Update on Antelope Valley and Fremont Basin IRWMP Stakeholder Meetings.**

General Manager Knudson stated that the Antelope Valley IRWMP Advisory Group and Stakeholders reviewed and approved the Professional Services Agreement with Woodard & Curran for the Antelope Valley IRWM Plan Update and Preparation of Proposition 1 Implementation Grant Applications.

He then stated that the Lahontan Board recently approved the Fremont Basin Salt and Nutrient Plan and that the IRWM Plan, including the Groundwater Management component, is expected to be approved in the next few months.

**11) Report of Resources Manager.**

**a) Commission Photo for AVSWCA.org Website.**

It was determined to reschedule the Commission photo when all Commissioners are present after which Resources Manager Barnes provided a brief review of the progress made on the Association's new website.

**12) Report of Controller.**

**a) Update on Revenue, Expenses and Change in Net Position.**

Controller Hoffmeyer provided a brief update on the Association's revenue, expenses, and change in net position for year ending December 31, 2018, including the funds received for the 2018 IRWMP Memorandum of Understanding and the non-budgeted SMART Water Expo, and then requested approval to transfer the outstanding 2013 IRWMP funds to the Association's account along with the 2018/2019 USGS Agreement Contributions from the IRWMP Stakeholders and the Antelope Valley Watermaster after which it was determined to add this item to the next agenda for consideration.

**13) Reports of Commissioners.**

**a) Status Update on AVSWCA Strategic Water Plan Ad Hoc Committee Meetings.**

Chair Parris stated that the AVSWCA Strategic Water Plan Ad Hoc Committee did not meet last month but that the focus of future discussions should include the connection of the Lancaster and Palmdale Sanitation Districts to create the backbone of a recycled water system for the Antelope Valley.

There were no further reports.

**14) Report of Attorney.**

There was no report.

**15) Commission Members' Requests for Future Agenda Items.**

It was determined that "Discussion and Possible Action on Sponsorship of SMART Water Expo with 2019 Home Show," "Update on the Big Rock Creek Joint Groundwater Recharge Project" and "Update on Proposed East Side Recycled Water Line Project" will remain on the next meeting agenda and that "Discussion and Possible Action on the Financial Analysis Study for the Cost of Providing Replacement Water to the Antelope Valley" and "Consideration and Possible Action on transfer of 2013 IRWMP Grant Funds and 2018/2019 USGS Agreement Contributions" will be added to the next meeting agenda.

There were no further requests for future agenda items.

**16) Consideration and Possible Action on Scheduling the Next Association Meeting.**

It was determined that the next regular meeting of the Association will be held on February 14, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at Palmdale Water District.

**17) Adjournment.**

There being no further business to come before the Commissioners, the regular meeting of the Commissioners of the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

  
Secretary