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BOARD OF DIRECTORS WORKSHOP - POLICY THURSDAY, JULY 14, 2022 – 2:00 P.M.

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SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
380 E. Vanderbilt Way, San Bernardino, CA 92408

BOARD OF DIRECTORS WORKSHOP - POLICY

AGENDA

2:00 PM Thursday, July 14, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson: Director Botello

Vice-Chair: Director Kielhold

1) INTRODUCTIONS

2) PUBLIC COMMENT

Any person may address the Board on matters within its jurisdiction.

3) SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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DATE: July 14, 2022
TO: Board of Directors Workshop – Policy
FROM: Staff
SUBJECT: Summary of June 9, 2022, Board of Directors Workshop – Policy

The Policy Workshop convened on June 9, 2022. Director Botello chaired the meeting via video conference.

Directors Present: President Kielhold, Vice President Hayes, Director Botello, Director Harrison, and Director Longville.

Staff Present:

Heather Dyer, MS, MBA – Chief Executive Officer / General Manager
Wen B. Huang, PE, MS – Deputy General Manager / Chief Engineer
Jose Macedo, ML, CPT-P (USA Retired) – Chief of Staff / Clerk of the Board
Cindy Saks, CPA – Deputy General Manager / Chief Financial Officer
Bob Tincher, PE, MS – Deputy General Manager / Chief Water Resources Officer
Melissa Zoba, MBA, MPA – Chief Information Officer

Kristeen Farlow, MPA – Strategic Communications Manager
Anthony Flordelis – Business Systems Analyst
Matthew Flordelis – Lead Water Systems Operator
Adekunle Ojo, MPA – Water Resources Manager
Karen Resendez, MA – Human Resources / Risk Manager
Shavonne Turner, MPA – Water Conservation Program Manager
Olivia Ramirez – SBVMWD Intern, Water Resources Dept.
Isabelle Huang -- SBVMWD Intern, Business Information Services

Members of the Public Present:

Chris Mann, Yucaipa Valley Water District
Melody McDonald, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District
John Longville, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District
Athena Lokelani, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District
Drew Tatum, Innovative Federal Solutions
Leticia White, Innovative Federal Solutions
Ron Coats, East Valley Water District

1. Introductions

Chief Executive Officer / General Manager Heather Dyer introduced staff members present.

2. Public Comment

Chair Botello invited public comment. There was none.

3. Summary of Previous Meeting

The meeting notes from the May 12, 2022, Board of Directors Workshop - Policy were accepted with no corrections.

Director Botello announced that Items would be taken out of order.

4.2 Human Resources and Risk Management Report of Activities

Human Resources / Risk Manager Karen Resendez provided an update on projects which correlate to Strategic Plan Strategy 5: *Attract and support top talent and promote a rewarding culture of growth and opportunity*. She presented details on major initiatives:

- Employee Handbook Update. This includes update of the tone and structure, adding checks and balances, legal updates, and codifying some current practices. It is expected to be brought to the Board this summer for adoption. Any related costs will be accounted for in the budget.
- Risk Management and Safety Program. The Safety Team is developing and implementing a comprehensive Safety Program. Other staff has been invited to join the committee. Current focus is on operations and training and creating policies and procedures. Traffic control equipment has been purchased to allow staff to develop skills. Operations is holding weekly safety meetings. Staff is excited and wants to be part of a top-notch safety program.
- Upgrade of webpage. There will be dedicated sections for HR and risk management including content such as a careers page and benefits page. As much as possible, design will have a similar look to the Strategic Plan.

- Performance Review and Professional Development Program. A new format for competency-based annual performance reviews has been developed. A baseline assessment is intended to be done this summer, along with training.
- Succession Planning. Ms. Resendez has been meeting with staff members concerning current and future needs, upcoming retirements, and identification of successors. Analysis is being done related to future projects and any needed knowledge, skills, and abilities, and whether additional staff or training would be needed. This goes hand in hand with professional development.
- Classification and compensation. Classification specifications for every role in the District are being updated. Ms. Resendez said she hopes to have them on the NeoGov webpage for all to access. Comparable agencies are being identified. A proposal for a potential title change and salary adjustment for the principal engineer position will be brought to the Board for consideration.
- Building Checks and Balances. This includes collaboration with the Chief Financial Officer related to payroll and reporting. Reimbursements are being addressed differently and correlated with policies and procedures.

CEO / General Manager Heather Dyer pointed out the importance of the Board's approval of adding the Human Resources Manager position and said it has been a valuable investment.

All Directors were complimentary of the presentation and the work being accomplished.

Action Item(s): Receive and file.

4.3 San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District Name Change Discussion

CEO / General Manager Heather Dyer reminded the Board of prior discussion of the District's name and whether it accurately reflects the District's function and who it serves. Investigation showed that the name could be made via legislative process, which would be lengthy but not impossible. Another option would be to choose a shorter, "common" name while keeping the legal name, Ms. Dyer continued.

Previous comments from directors had included that Valley District serves more than one valley, the name is confused with other agencies, and use of the word "municipal." Ms. Dyer said she contemplated the District's role, the risks of becoming unknown and causing additional confusion, and the historical geographic area of the San Bernardino Valley. She noted that the "municipal" comes from the Municipal Water Act of 1911.

Changing the name would take a couple of years and require extensive outreach, she explained. Ms. Dyer strongly recommended to the Board that any potential to change the District's name be reserved for the future, and instead, a common name be determined.

Director Longville said she wanted to begin the conversation about a more common name and noted that other agencies claim the alluvial fan. She pointed to the Watershed Connect program and noted this is the Upper Santa Ana River area.

Vice President Hayes said she is all right with a name change if that is the will of the Board but suggested there isn't a problem to be fixed. Finding a common name would be preferred, with outreach about the change, she stated.

Director Harrison indicated what the District will do in the future may not be much different than the current greatly expanded, regional role. It would be appropriate to include that in the name, he posited, and suggested replacing the word "valley": *San Bernardino Regional Municipal Water District*.

President Kielhold agreed that the name can confuse people and it does change through time. He noted there is a great deal of cost, time, and effort in a legal name change, but branding can accommodate everything a name change can do. He said he favored leaving the legal name unchanged and finding a common name, brand name, or nickname for common usage.

Director Botello agreed with the points made by Vice President Hayes and President Kielhold, and said he liked the history presented by Ms. Dyer.

Director Longville agreed there is no strong reason to change the legal name now.

Action Item(s): The recommendation of the CEO / General Manager to keep the legal name of the District and, through the branding exercise, identify a common name, was approved by the following roll call vote:

There was no motion or second.	APPROVED: 4-1
AYES:	Botello, Hayes, Longville, Kielhold
NOES:	Harrison
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

4.1 Discuss State and Federal Legislative Update

Strategic Communications Manager Kristeen Farlow introduced Drew Tatum and Letitia White with Innovative Federal Strategies (IFS). Ms. White reported that members of the House and Senate are in Washington D.C. and will be working for the next three weeks on authorization and appropriations, along with gun control legislation and the situation in Ukraine. The Appropriations Committee will begin markups and all eyes are on the District's earmark request.

Mr. Tatum advised about the appropriations process and reviewed the funding requests submitted by Valley District. He noted that the Habitat Plan Coalition has been pushing for assurance that the grant process for approved HCPs is easier to implement moving forward, and IFS has been communicating with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFW) on requirements.

IFS has been working with Congressman Aguilar on the Water Resource Development Act (WRDA) which was passed this week, Mr. Tatum continued. He said they have not given up on some potential language related to the Seven Oaks Dam in the Energy and Water appropriations bill this year.

Senator Feinstein introduced the STREAM Act which would provide \$750 million in funding for water storage projects, which is a continuation of the WIIN Act which the Sites Reservoir has tapped into, Mr. Tatum continued. It also includes water recycling projects which may be beneficial to the Upper Santa Ana River Watershed Infrastructure Financing Authority JPA. Feinstein's Canal Conveyance legislation would also authorize the federal third of funding for subsidence issues in the valley.

In response to Director Harrison, Mr. Tatum detailed the meeting with USFW. He noted that some of the inflexibility may be coming from lower-level staff. This is the time for information gathering mode and working collaboratively, he said. Ms. Dyer explained that Section 6 grants are difficult to get and implement, and arduous requirements are placed on the HCP practitioners. The National HCP Coalition is working to get USFW staff to understand and streamline the process.

Ms. Farlow briefed the Board on the current legislative calendar and process at the State level. Bills that are moving forward must pass by August 31, she reported.

Ms. Farlow highlighted the following:

- AB 1944: Would loosen requirements related to Brown Act meetings, allowing directors to participate remotely without having to identify their location

- AB 2142: Sponsored by the Association of California Water Agencies, this would allow income tax exclusions for turf replacement rebates
- AB 2449: Similar provisions to AB 1944 with a different sunset date
- SB 230: Would require the State Board to develop a program to monitor information received about constituents of emerging concern. It is sponsored by Metropolitan Water District
- SB 1020: Would establish interim targets for clean energy goals and require State agencies to purchase 100 percent zero carbon electricity by 2030. There is concern about implementation costs and accelerated timeline

Ms. Farlow advised the Board that the Governor's May budget revision proposes spending of \$300.6 billion and includes \$22.5 billion over five years for efforts related to climate change. This is where funding may be found in many of the areas of interest to Valley District, she explained. The main budget bill is AB 154. There may also be more specific budget trailer bills, she noted. The legislature must pass the budget by June 15, and the Governor must sign it into law before July 1.

Action Item(s): Receive and file.

5. Future Business.

None added.

6. Adjournment.

Chair Botello adjourned the meeting at 2:58 p.m.

Staff Recommendation

Receive and file.



DATE: July 14, 2022
TO: Board of Directors Workshop – Policy
FROM: Kristeen Farlow, Strategic Communications Manager
SUBJECT: State and Federal Legislative Update

Staff Recommendation

Receive and file.

Summary

Staff is providing the Board of Directors with an update on current significant legislation from the state and federal legislatures.

Background

Each month, staff provides the Board of Directors with a summary of State and Federal Legislative highlights. This information is provided by the District's lobbying firms and supplemented by District Staff. The Gualco Group, Inc., is the District's State lobbyist in Sacramento; Innovative Federal Strategies is the District's Federal lobbyist in Washington D.C. This month, Jack Gualco, from the Gualco Group, will participate in the workshop to provide an update on the state legislative process.

State Legislative Update

California lawmakers adopted a \$308 billion budget June 29, 2022, that will provide refunds to most taxpayers in the state and includes expanded health care access. Governor Newsom

negotiated with leaders of the state Senate and Assembly for several weeks over details, including a major climate package and a plan that would give state regulators more control in approving clean energy projects. The final agreement includes \$234.4 billion in general fund spending, with new spending commitments slashed by several billion dollars and some appropriations only being triggered in future years if revenue estimates are accurate. Reserves will grow to nearly \$38 billion, including more than \$23 billion in the general rainy-day fund.

The California Air Resources Board held its public hearings the week of June 20th on its proposed climate change blueprint for reducing greenhouse gases. The state's power grid needs massive investments to attain the clean-energy future outlined in California's five-year climate roadmap. The proposed strategy would scale back the use of fossil fuels by 91% by 2045 and scale up electric cars and use of renewable energy, such as wind and solar. The plan aims to fulfill state mandates to reduce planet-warming emissions 40% below 1990 levels by 2030 and achieve carbon neutrality by 2045. To achieve the plan's goals, California will need about 30 times more electric vehicles on the road, six times more electric appliances in homes to replace gas appliances, 60 times more hydrogen supply and four times more wind and solar generation capacity.

The calendar for the remainder of the two-year Session is as follows:

- August 1: Legislature returns from summer recess
- August 12: Fiscal committees' deadline
- August 15-31: Floor session
- August 25: Last day to amend bills on the floors of both Houses
- August 31: Final day of the legislative session
- September 30: Deadline for the Governor to act on the bills sent to him

Bills of interest that the District is tracking:

- AB 2142 (Gabriel): Income tax exclusions for turf replacement. This bill is sponsored by the Association of California Water Agencies. *This bill moves through the legislative process.*
- AB 2419 (Bryan): Environmental justice: federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. This bill would require 40% of funds received through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act by the State be allocated to projects that provide direct benefits to disadvantaged communities and other requirements. *This bill moves through the legislative process.*

- AB 2449 (Blanca Rubio): Open meetings: local agencies: teleconferences. This bill revises existing law to authorize members of a legislative body of a local agency to meet via teleconferencing without noticing their teleconference locations and making them publicly accessible until January 1, 2026. This bill is sponsored by Three Valleys Municipal Water District. *This bill will be heard on the Senate Floor in August.*
- SB 230 (Portantino): State Water Resources Control Board and Constituents of Emergency Concern in Drinking Water program. This bill would require the State Board to establish, maintain, and direct a dedicated Constituents of Emerging Concern Program to assess information received, and recommend areas for further study. This bill is sponsored by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. *This bill will be heard by Assembly Appropriations.*
- SB 833 (Dodd and Stern): Community Energy Resilience Act of 2022. Requires the California Energy Commission to develop and implement a grant program for local governments to develop community energy resilience plans to address power outages. *This bill is active in the Committee process, to be heard by Assembly Appropriations.*
- SB 852 (Dodd): Climate resilience districts: formation: funding mechanisms. Allows cities and counties (and special districts) to create climate resilience districts (districts) and provides these districts with various financing powers. *This bill will be heard by Assembly Appropriations.*
- SB 1020 (Laird): Clean Energy, Jobs, and Affordability Act of 2022. This bill establishes interim targets to reach SB 100 clean energy goals and requires state agencies to purchase 100% zero carbon electricity by 2030. Establishes a non-profit organization to help fund various electric utility-related programs and activities. The State Water Contractors have expressed concerns over the cost of such a program, the accelerated timeline to achieve these goals, and the restrictions on renewables that qualify. *This bill will be heard by Assembly Appropriations.*
- SB 1157 (Hertzberg): Urban Water Use Objectives. This bill would change the standards for indoor residential water use beginning 2025 to 47 gpcd and beginning 2030 to 40 gpcd. Several industry associations and water agencies are opposed to this bill. *This bill will be heard in Assembly Appropriations.*

Federal Legislative Update

On June 15, the House began consideration of more than \$1.6 trillion in proposed government funding for the coming fiscal year. The House Appropriations Committee has released all twelve appropriations bills. The majority of what the District is interested in is within the Energy and Water, and the Interior and Environment. The Senate releases their appropriations bills in July. When the Legislature returns after their August recess, it will be a quick turnaround to decide on final appropriations.

The Environmental Protection Agency and the Interior Department are applying President Biden's Justice40 equity effort to nearly 140 programs to direct more federal benefits to disadvantaged populations under programs to reduce lead, increase access to clean water, and restore mining areas and ecosystems. It calls for directing 40% of the overall benefits of clean energy, fighting climate change, affordable housing, and other federal funding to disadvantaged communities.

IFS has been working with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in support of the Habitat Conservation Planning Coalition on changes to the Notice of Funding opportunity for Section 6 grants. These changes are designed to help make the requirements easier for the practitioners.

The House Appropriations Committee has completed its markup of the FY23 Energy and Water Appropriations bills. Thanks to the Districts efforts of working closely with Mr. Aguilar, the following language on Seven Oaks Dam is included:

Seven Oaks Dam, California. -The Committee is aware that nonfederal entities are working with the Corps with the goal to operate the Seven Oaks Dam, California, in a manner that would allow water agencies along the Santa Ana River to capture water released from the dam and recharge it into the groundwater basin. The Committee encourages the Corps to consider applying Forecast-Informed Reservoir Operations to the Seven Oaks Dam and to evaluate potential water control manual changes that may achieve water conservation benefits.

District Strategic Plan Application

The District's state and federal legislation program aligns with the District's mission of *working collaboratively to provide a reliable and sustainable water supply to support the changing needs of our region's people and environment*. By staying active and engaged in legislative issues, the District can establish a presence and build relationships with our State and Federal legislators. We have positioned ourselves to best represent our region on issues of concern regarding ensuring a reliable and sustainable water supply.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact related to this update.

Attachments

State Priority Legislative Tracking Report July 2022
Federal Legislative Matrix June 2022



**San Bernardino Valley
Municipal Water District
Priority Bills
Legislative Tracking Report
July 6, 2022**



Provided by: The Gualco Group, Inc.

Top Ten/Priority

[AB 2313](#) (Bloom D) Water: judges and adjudications.

Current Text: Amended: 6/30/2022 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Status: 6/30/2022-Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 6/29/2022-S. APPR.

Summary: Existing law authorizes the Judicial Council to conduct institutes and seminars for the purpose of orienting judges to new judicial assignments, keeping them informed concerning new developments in the law, and promoting uniformity in judicial procedure, as specified. This bill would authorize the Judicial Council, on or before January 1, 2025, to establish a program that provides training and education to judges in specified actions relating to water, as defined. The bill would provide that the program may be funded by an appropriation from the General Fund in the annual Budget Act or another statute, or by using existing funds for judicial training. The bill would require a court to prioritize assigning a judge with training or education under the program for actions relating to water, if certain conditions are met. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position

Support

[AB 2362](#) (Mullin D) Publicly and environmentally beneficial projects: interagency coordination: permits.

Current Text: Amended: 6/30/2022 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Status: 6/30/2022-Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 6/29/2022-S. APPR.

Summary: This bill would require the Natural Resources Agency, on or before July 1, 2023, in coordination with the California Environmental Protection Agency, to convene the Interagency Working Group comprised of regulatory agencies under the auspices of the agency and the California Environmental Protection Agency that are responsible for permitting environmentally beneficial projects, that include procedures and ongoing management for the protection of the environment and that serve the primary purposes of aquatic, riparian ecosystem, or upland habitat restoration, enhancement, or establishment, to coordinate efficient regulatory review and permitting mechanisms, as provided. The bill would require the Interagency Working Group to, among other things, identify existing programmatic and other efficient permitting mechanisms, coordinate actions to expedite permitting for those projects, and develop and implement, as specified, robust internal training procedures, including manuals, guidelines, and other materials, to ensure that each state entity involved in permitting projects uses the same standards to evaluate permit applications, and would require those training manuals, guidelines, and other materials to be readily and publicly available on each applicable state entity's internet website.

Position

Support

SB 559 (Hurtado D) Department of Water Resources: water conveyance systems: Water Conveyance Restoration Fund.

Current Text: Amended: 8/30/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Status: 9/10/2021-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(15). (Last location was INACTIVE FILE on 9/8/2021)(May be acted upon Jan 2022)

Location: 9/10/2021-A. 2 YEAR

Summary: Would establish the Water Conveyance Restoration Fund in the State Treasury to be administered by the Department of Water Resources in consultation with the State Water Resources Control Board and the Department of Fish and Wildlife. The bill would require all moneys deposited in the fund to be expended, upon appropriation by the Legislature, in support of subsidence repair costs, including environmental planning, permitting, design, and construction and necessary road and bridge upgrades required to accommodate capacity improvements. The bill would require the Director of Water Resources to apportion money appropriated from the fund, subject to specified requirements, for the Friant-Kern Canal, Delta-Mendota Canal, San Luis Field Division of the California Aqueduct, and San Joaquin Division of the California Aqueduct.

Position

Support

SB 852 (Dodd D) Climate resilience districts: formation: funding mechanisms.

Current Text: Amended: 6/6/2022 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Status: 6/28/2022-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 8. Noes 1.) (June 27). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 6/27/2022-A. APPR.

Summary: Would authorize a city, county, city and county, special district, or a combination of any of those entities to form a climate resilience district, as defined, for the purposes of raising and allocating funding for eligible projects and the operating expenses of eligible projects. The bill would deem each district to be an enhanced infrastructure financing district and would require each district to comply with existing law concerning enhanced infrastructure financing districts, unless the district is specified as otherwise. The bill would require a district to finance only specified projects that meet the definition of an eligible project. The bill would define "eligible project" to mean projects that address sea level rise, extreme heat, extreme cold, the risk of wildfire, drought, and the risk of flooding, as specified. The bill would establish project priorities and would authorize districts to establish additional priorities.

Position

SB 1020 (Laird D) Clean Energy, Jobs, and Affordability Act of 2022.

Current Text: Amended: 5/23/2022 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Status: 6/28/2022-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 8. Noes 3.) (June 27). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 6/27/2022-A. APPR.

Summary: The California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 requires the State Air Resources Board to prepare and approve a scoping plan for achieving the maximum technologically feasible and cost-effective reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and to update the scoping plan at least once every 5 years. The act requires the state board to conduct a series of public workshops to give interested parties an opportunity to comment on the plan and requires a portion of those workshops to be conducted in regions of the state that have the most significant exposure to air pollutants, including communities with minority populations, communities with low-income populations, or both. This bill instead would modify, with respect to the provision that a portion of the workshops be conducted in regions of the state that have the most significant exposure to air pollutants, the above-described included communities as additionally being areas designated as federal extreme nonattainment.

Position

SB 1157 (Hertzberg D) Urban water use objectives.

Current Text: Amended: 6/16/2022 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Status: 6/16/2022-Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 6/14/2022-A. APPR.

Summary: Current law, until January 1, 2025, establishes 55 gallons per capita daily as the standard for indoor residential water use. Current law establishes, beginning January 1, 2025, the greater of 52.5 gallons per capita daily or a standard recommended by the Department of Water Resources and the State Water Resources Control Board as the standard for indoor residential water use, and beginning January 1, 2030, establishes the greater of 50 gallons per capita daily or a standard recommended by the department and the board as the standard for indoor residential water use. Current law requires the board, in coordination with the department, to adopt by regulation variances recommended by the department and guidelines and methodologies pertaining to the calculation of an urban retail water supplier's urban water use objective recommended by the department. This bill would eliminate the option of using the greater of 52.5 gallons per capita daily and the greater of 50 gallons per capita daily, as applicable, or a standard recommended by the department and the board as the standard for indoor residential water use. The bill would instead require that from January 1, 2025, to January 1, 2030, the standard for indoor residential water use be 47 gallons per capita daily and beginning January 1, 2030, the standard be 42 gallons per capita daily.

Position

Bill Number	Sponsors	Title and/or Summary	Summary/Status	Latest Action
Status of individual bills included below	Various	FY23 Appropriations Bills	The House and Senate Appropriations Committee Deadlines have all passed as of the end of May for lawmakers to submit programmatic, language, and Community Project Funding / Congressionally Directed Spending Requests.	The House Appropriations Committee completed markups of its versions of the FY23 bills in June. The Senate Appropriations Committee has not yet scheduled markups, though they could begin in late July. The Senate Appropriations Committee may also forgo markups and release their FY23 "recommendations" without holding markups.
Not yet available	Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-CT)	Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2023	This bill provides FY23 appropriations to the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education; and related agencies.	The legislation was reported out of committee on June 30, 2022.
Not yet available	Rep. David Price (D-NC)	Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2023	This bill provides FY23 appropriations to the Department of Transportation (DOT), the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and several related agencies.	The legislation was reported out of committee on June 30, 2022.
Not yet available	Rep. Chellie Pingree (D-ME)	Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2023	This bill provides FY23 appropriations for the Department of the Interior, the EPA, the Forest Service, the Department of Health and Human Services, and several related agencies. Funding for the US Fish and Wildlife Service is included in the legislation along with the Clean and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds.	The legislation was reported out of committee on June 28, 2022.
Not yet available	Rep. Matt Cartwright (D-PA)	Commerce, Justice, and Science Appropriations Act, 2023	This bill provides FY23 appropriations to the Department of Commerce, the Department of Justice (DOJ), the science agencies, and several related agencies. This bill provides funding for the CBDG program.	The legislation was reported out of committee on June 28, 2022.
Not yet available	Rep. Marcy Kaptur (D-OH)	Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2023	This bill provides FY23 appropriations for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers civil works projects, Interior's Bureau of Reclamation (including WaterSMART funding), and the Department of Energy. The bill also provides appropriations to several independent agencies, including the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.	The legislation was reported out of committee on June 28, 2022.

H.R. 8239	Rep. Sanford Bishop (D-GA)	Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2023	This bill provides FY23 appropriations for the Department of Agriculture (USDA), the Food and Drug Administration, the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation Fund, the Food and Nutrition Service, the Foreign Agricultural Service, and other related agencies.	The legislation was reported out of committee on June 27, 2022.
H.R. 8238	Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-FL)	Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2023	This bill provides FY23 appropriations for DOD military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), and several related agencies including the American Battle Monuments Commission, the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, Cemeterial Expenses of the Army, and the Armed Forces Retirement Home.	The legislation was reported out of committee on June 27, 2022.
Not yet available	Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-CA)	Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2023	This bill provides FY2023 appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security.	The legislation was reported out of committee on June 23, 2022.
H.R.5376	President Joe Biden / Congressional Democrats	Build Back Better Act	The Build Back Better Act (as passed by the House) proposes spending nearly \$2 trillion over a 10-year period, with certain programs expiring after only a year or two to keep the total cost of the bill down.	Efforts to pass the legislation in 2021 through reconciliation were unsuccessful even after the House passed a modified version of the legislation. Senate Democrats are attempting to negotiate a scaled down version of the legislation that would raise roughly \$1 trillion in new revenue that would be split between deficit reduction and new spending.
S. 29 / H.R. 2008	Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) / Rep. Angie Craig (D-MN)	Local Water Protection Act	A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize certain programs relating to nonpoint source management, and for other purposes.	The Senate legislation was introduced on January 22, 2021 and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. The legislation in the House was introduced on March 18, 2021 and passed the House under suspension of the rules on June 15.
H.R 1563	Rep. Mike Garcia (R-CA)	To extend the authorities under the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act of 2016 providing operational flexibility, drought relief, and other benefits to the State of California	The legislation would extend the authorities under the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act of 2016 providing operational flexibility, drought relief, and other benefits to the State of California. The legislation would extend 4007 authorities through January 1, 2028.	Introduced on March 3, 2021 and was referred to the House Committees on Natural Resources and Science, Space, and Technology.

S.984 / H.R.2238	Sen. Jeff Merkley (D-OR) / Rep. Alan Lowenthal (D-CA)	Break Free from Plastic Pollutions Act	The comprehensive legislation would require corporations to take responsibility for pollution, incentivize corporations to make reusable products and items that can be recycled, create a nationwide beverage container refund program, and other items to promote recycling and other investments in U.S. domestic recycling.	Introduced on March 25, 2021 and referred to the House Committees on Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means, Transportation, and Foreign Affairs.
H.R. 866	Rep. Ken Calvert (R-CA)	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 waters). Currently, the FWS shares this authority with the National Marine Fisheries Service.	Introduced on February 5, 2021 and referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.
H.R.1881	Rep. John Garamendi (D-CA)	To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act with respect to permitting terms, and for other purposes.	The legislation would extend permit terms for publicly owned water infrastructure projects under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) from 5 years to a maximum of 10 years.	Introduced on March 12, 2021 and referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.
H.R. 1015	Rep. Grace Napolitano (D-CA)	Water Recycling Investment and Improvement Act	This bill makes permanent, and otherwise revises, the Bureau of Reclamation's grant program for the funding of water recycling and reuse projects. Specifically, the bill removes priority under the program for projects in areas that, in the preceding four-year period, have been (1) identified as experiencing severe, extreme, or exceptional drought; or (2) designated as a disaster area by a state. Additionally, the bill increases through FY2025 the authorization of appropriations for the program and otherwise revises provisions related to program funding.	Introduced on February 11, 2021 and referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

S.4231	Sens. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA), Mark Kelly (D-AZ), and Krysten Sinema (D-AZ)	Support To Rehydrate the Environment, Agriculture, and Municipalities Act or "STREAM" Act	This legislation would authorize additional funding for water infrastructure; expedites recycling, desalination and non-federal storage projects with less than \$250 million in federal funding by allowing Interior to approve projects; eliminates the WIIN Act requirement that the Appropriations Committee must not only appropriate storage, recycling, and desal funding but approve funding awards for specific projects; and expedites future federal storage projects where Reclamation notifies Congress of completed feasibility studies each year to set up an orderly process to authorize projects.	Sens. Feinstein, Kelly, and Sinema introduced the legislation on May 17, 2022. The Senate Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water & Power held a hearing on the legislation on Wednesday, May 25.
H.R. 737	Rep. David Valadao (R-CA)	RENEW WIIN Act	Extends the authorities under the WIIN Act of 2016 providing operational flexibility, drought relief, and other benefits to the State of California.	Introduced on February 2, 2021 and referred the House Committee on Natural Resources. 10 members of the CA delegation have cosponsored the legislation.
H.R. 2515	Rep. Garret Graves (R-LA)	Building U.S. Infrastructure through Limited Delays and Efficient Reviews (BUILDER) Act	The legislation modernizes the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and aims to make infrastructure project reviews more efficient, reduce project costs, and spur economic recovery.	Introduced on April 14, 2021 and was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources. The legislation's 46 cosponsors are all Republican, including members of GOP leadership.
H.R. 939	Rep. Doug LaMalfa (R-CA)	Combustion Avoidance along Rural Roads (CARR) Act	The bill exempts wildfire mitigation activities conducted within 300 feet of a road from all laws governing environmental review of proposed agency actions or protection of endangered or threatened species.	Introduced on February 8, 2021 and was referred to the House Committees on Natural Resources and Agriculture.
H.R.3267	Rep. Brendan Boyle (D-PA)	Protect Drinking Water from PFAS Act	The bill amends the Safe Drinking Water Act to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to publish a maximum contaminant level goal and promulgate a national primary drinking water regulation for total per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances.	The legislation was introduced on May 17, 2021 and referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

H.R.3293	Rep. Lisa Blunt Rochester (D-DE)	Low-Income Water Customer Assistance Programs Act	The legislation would amend the Safe Drinking Water Act and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to establish programs to assist low-income households in maintaining access to drinking water and wastewater services.	The legislation was introduced on May 18, 2021 and referred to the relevant committees. The legislation has passed out of the House Energy and Commerce Committee by a vote of 32-24 and now moves on to consideration on the House floor.
S. 953	Sen. Ron Wyden (D-OR)	Water for Conservation and Farming Act	The legislation would create a Reclamation fund of \$300M to support water recycling projects, water-use efficiency projects and dam safety projects; the WaterSMART program to increase water supply reliability by funding infrastructure and conservation projects; establishes a grant program for any Reclamation States, Tribes, nonprofit conservation organizations, irrigation or water districts, and regional and local authorities to complete habitat restoration projects that improve watershed health and mitigate climate change; among other actions.	Introduced on March 24, 2021 and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
H.R. 3286	Rep. Raul Ruiz (D-CA)	Emergency Order Assurance, Safety, and Inspection of water Systems (Emergency OASIS Act)	The legislation would require the EPA to establish regulations to flush a drinking water system if contaminants were present in the system for longer than six months, or if water stood motionless in the system for longer than six months.	Introduced on May 17, 2021 and referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
H.R. 3622 / S. 1907	Rep. Chris Pappas (D-NH) / Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY)	Clean Water Standards for PFAS Act	The legislation would require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to develop effluent limitations guidelines and standards and water quality criteria for PFAS under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, to provide Federal grants to publicly owned treatment works to implement such guidelines and standards	Introduced in the House on May 28, 2021, and in the Senate on May 27, 2021. The legislation in the House is bipartisan.
S. 2168 / S.2567	Sen. Mike Braun (R-IN) / Sen. Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV)	Define WOTUS Act / Navigable Waters Protection Act of 2021	The legislation would amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to modify the definition of navigable waters, and to make the definition of the "waters of the United States" permanent.	These bills were introduced in June and July of 2021 in response to the EPA's announcement earlier in June of its intent to rewrite the Navigable Waters Protection rule.

H.R. 3814 / S. 717	Rep. Liz Cheney (R-WY) / Sen. Mike Lee (R-UT)	Undoing NEPA's Substantial Harm by Advancing Concepts that Kickstart the Liberation of the Economy Act (UNSHACKLE Act)	The legislation combines the following five stand-alone NEPA reform bills on agency process, state expansion, legal changes, and data reporting into one comprehensive text. - NEPA Agency Process Accountability Act - NEPA Accountability and Enforcement Act - NEPA State Assignment Expansion Act - NEPA Legal Reform Act - NEPA Data Transparency Act	The Senate legislation was introduced on March 11, 2021 and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. The House legislation was introduced on June 11, 2021 and referred to the House Committees on Natural Resources; Judiciary; Transportation and Infrastructure; and Energy and Commerce.
H.R. 4647 / S. 2430	Rep. Jared Huffman (D-CA) / Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA)	Water Conservation Rebate Tax Parity Act	The legislation would amend federal tax law so that homeowners wouldn't pay income tax on rebates from water utilities for water conservation and water runoff management improvements	The House legislation was introduced on July 22, 2021 and referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means. The legislation in the Senate was introduced on July 22, 2021 and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.
S.2454	Sen. Alex Padilla (D-CA)	Water Reuse and Resiliency Act	The legislation would authorize \$1 billion over five years for the EPA's Pilot Program for Alternative Water Source Projects grants program. This is an increase from the \$125 million over five years authorized for the program in the Drinking Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Act passed by the Senate in April.	The legislation was introduced on July 22, 2021 and referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.
H.R.4915	Rep. Tom McClintock (R-CA)	Water Supply Permitting Coordination Act	The legislation 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.	The legislation was introduced on August 3, 2021 and referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.
H.R. 4976	Rep. Elissa Slotkin (D-MI)	Ensuring PFAS Cleanup Meets or Exceeds Stringent Standards Act	The legislation directs the Secretary of Defense to ensure that removal and remedial actions relating to PFAS contamination result in levels meeting or exceeding certain standards.	The legislation was introduced in the House on August 6, 2021 and was referred to the House Committees on Armed Services, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Energy and Commerce.

S.2372 / H.R.2773	Sen. Heinrich, Martin (D-NM) / Representative Debbie Dingell (D-MI)	Recovering America's Wildlife Act of 2021	<p>The legislation would fund conservation efforts for more than 12,000 species of wildlife and plants in need of assistance by providing \$1.3 billion in dedicated annual funding for proactive, on-the-ground efforts across the country, ensure wildlife recovery efforts will be guided by the Congressionally-mandated State Wildlife Action Plans, which identify specific strategies to restore the populations of species of greatest conservation need, accelerate the recovery of 1,600 U.S. species already listed as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act, and include improvements to ensure funds are appropriately targeted to the areas of greatest need and facilitate additional investments in protecting at-risk plant species.</p> <p>In the Senate, RAWA also directs fees and penalties assessed for environmental violations to help fund RAWA, using fee and penalty amounts that aren't already targeted for existing environmental funds.</p>	<p>The legislation was introduced on July 15, 2021 and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. It was reported favorably out of Committee on April 27 and placed on the Senate calendar.</p> <p>The House bill was introduced on April 22. The House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife held a hearing on the legislation on July 29, 2021. On January 19, the legislation passed out of the House Natural Resources Committee by a vote of 29-15. It passed the House on June 14, 2022 by a vote of 231-190.</p> <p>The House and Senate hope to come to an agreement on the legislation prior to the end of the Congress.</p>
H.R.4602 / S.3956	Rep. Alan Lowenthal (D-CA) / Rep. Lisa McClain (R-MI) and Sen. Jeff Merkley (D-OR) / Sen. Susan Collins (R-ME)	WIPPES Act	The legislation would direct the Federal Trade Commission to issue regulations requiring certain products to have "Do Not Flush" labeling	<p>The legislation was introduced on July 21, 2021 and referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce. Rep. Lowenthal introduced the stand-alone bill after introducing a similar amendment to the House's infrastructure bill.</p> <p>The Senate bill was introduced on March 30, 2022.</p>
H.R.6591	Rep. Lisa McClain (R-MI) / Rep. Alan Lowenthal (D-CA)	PIPES Act	The legislation would require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to publish a rule that establishes standards for the flushability of disposable nonwoven wipes.	The legislation was introduced on February 3, 2022 and was referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

S. 2806 / H.R. 3534	Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) / Rep. Jimmy Panetta (D-CA)	Wildfire Emergency Act of 2021	Amongst other things, the legislation authorizes \$250 million over 5 years for up to 20 Forest Service projects of 100,000 acres or greater; Establish a new \$100 million grant program to assist critical facilities like hospitals and police stations become more energy efficient and better adapted to function during power shutoffs; Establishes one or more Prescribed Fire Centers to coordinate research and training of foresters and forest managers in the western United States in the latest methods and innovations in prescribed fire (controlled burns) practices.	<p>The Senate legislation was introduced on September 22, 2021 and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.</p> <p>The House bill was introduced on May 25, 2021 and was referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.</p>
S. 3011 / H.R. 5735	Sen. John Cornyn (R-TX) / Rep. Dusty Johnson (R-SD)	State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Fiscal Recovery, Infrastructure, and Disaster Relief Flexibility Act	The legislation provides additional flexibility for States, Tribes, and units of local government to spend their allocations of the COVID Relief Funds on certain infrastructure projects, including water, wastewater, and broadband infrastructure projects. The bill also allows these funds to be used to provide emergency relief from natural disasters. There is a cap—the greater of \$10 million or 30% of the funds—on how much of the COVID money can be spent on these new purposes.	<p>The legislation was introduced on October 19, 2021 and passed the Senate by unanimous consent that day.</p> <p>Senator Alex Padilla (D-CA) is an original cosponsor of the legislation.</p> <p>The act was introduced in the House on October 26 and referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Reform.</p>
H.R. 6461 / S. 3531	Rep. Scott Peters (D-CA) / Sen. Chris Coons (D-DE)	National Climate Adaptation and Resilience Strategy Act	<p>The legislation creates a Chief Resilience Officer, among other positions, that will assist the President to streamline the federal response to climate hazards that threaten human health, safety, and critical infrastructure.</p> <p>The act also calls for a Climate Adaptation and Resilience Strategy that outlines the federal government’s response to climate hazards such as sea level rise, drought, biodiversity loss, and coastal bank erosion.</p>	<p>The legislation was introduced in the House on January 20, 2022 and referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.</p> <p>The legislation was introduced in the Senate on January 20, 2022, read twice, and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Government Affairs.</p>

H.R. 6396	Rep. Earl Blumenauer (D-OR)	Climate RESILIENCE Act	<p>The act amends FEMA's disaster definition to include extreme temperature events, like heat waves and freezes; changes FEMA's definitions and cost share eligibility requirements for disadvantaged communities and underserved communities; includes a focus on resiliency planning and investments; provides both financial and non-financial technical assistance for hazard mitigation planning, as well as for grant applications for small impoverished and disadvantaged communities; and expands Pre-Disaster Mitigation Assistance funding to address FEMA's oversubscription issues.</p>	<p>The legislation was introduced in the House on January 13, 2022 and referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.</p> <p>The legislation has 32 cosponsors, including 8 members of the California delegation.</p>
H.R.6492	Rep. Pramila Jayapal (D-WA)	Climate Resilience Workforce Act	<p>The bill establishes a climate resilience workforce in communities most affected by the climate crisis. It also funds the development of regional, state, local, and community-based climate resilience action plans.</p> <p>The legislation creates an Office of Climate Resilience within the White House, starts new workforce development programs, and removes barriers to employment in climate resilience jobs based on immigration status and prior involvement with the criminal justice system.</p>	<p>The legislation was introduced in the House on January 25, 2022 and referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.</p> <p>The legislation has 38 cosponsors, including 9 members of the California delegation.</p>
H.R. 6989	Rep. Ted Lieu (D-CA)	Housing for All Act of 2022	<p>This legislation would address affordable housing shortages across the country by investing in hotel conversions to permanent housing with services; investing in the Eviction Protection Grant Program; investing in mobile crisis intervention teams; investing in libraries that support people experiencing homelessness; investing in programs that offer a safe place to park and facilitate access to rehousing and essential services; and investing in transit-oriented development and infill development.</p>	<p>The legislation was introduced in the House on March 8, 2022 and referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.</p> <p>The legislation has 14 cosponsors, including 12 members of the California delegation.</p>

S. 623	Sen. Marco Rubio (R-FL)	Sunshine Protection Act of 2021	This bill makes daylight saving time the new, permanent standard time, effective November 5, 2023.	The legislation passed the Senate on March 15, 2022 and sent to the House.
S. 4081 / H.R. 8018	Sen. Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) / Rep. Chellie Pingree (D-ME)	Healthy H2O Act	The bill provides grants for water testing and treatment technology directly to individuals, non-profits and local governments in rural communities. Grants, provided by the USDA, would allow the purchase and installation of point-of-use or point-of-entry water quality improvement systems that remove or significantly reduce contaminants from drinking water.	The legislation was introduced in the Senate on April 26, 2022 and referred to the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. The bill was introduced in the House on June 9, 2022 and referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.
H.R. 7696 / S. 4161	Rep. Chris Pappas (D-NH) / Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY)	Clean Water Standards for PFAS 2.0 Act of 2022	The bill would further regulate PFAS by setting deadlines for the EPA to develop water quality criteria and limits on industrial PFAS discharges into water and to water treatment plants. The bill would also authorize \$200 million per year in grants to assist Publicly Owned Treatment Works with program implementation, which would be appropriated through Fiscal Years 2022-2026.	The legislation was introduced in the House on May 10, 2022 and referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment. The legislation was introduced in the Senate on May 9, 2022 and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
S.1179 / H.R.2552	Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA)	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.	This legislation was introduced on April 15, 2021 in the Senate. The House Companion bill was introduced the same day. The Senate Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water & Power held a hearing on the legislation on Wednesday, May 25. The House Natural Resources Committee has not yet considered the legislation.



DATE: July 14, 2022
TO: Board of Directors Workshop – Policy
FROM: Kristeen Farlow, Strategic Communications Manager
SUBJECT: Discuss Additional Sponsorships for FY 22-23

Staff Recommendation

The Board of Directors is asked to discuss and provide feedback on two additional sponsorships for fiscal year 22-23.

Summary

At the Board of Directors Workshop on June 14, 2022, Staff presented a slate of proposed sponsorships. After discussion, Director Botello recommended two additional sponsorships for consideration and requested additional information be brought to the Board at a future workshop.

Background

The District has sponsored a variety of programs and organizations over the last few years. These sponsorships enable the District to contribute to the work of organizations that align with our mission and values. The fiscal year 22-23 Sponsorships account (6642) includes:

Organization/Event	Sponsorship Amount
Association of California Water Agencies	\$4,500
Building Industry Association Water Conference	\$7,500
Infrastructure Funding Alliance	\$3,000

Inland Solar Challenge	\$6,000
Maven's Notebook	\$10,000
Misc. Potential Sponsorships – Yet TBD	\$6,000
Misc. Water Industry Sponsorships	\$2,500
National HCP Coalition Annual Meeting	\$500
Public Policy Institute of California	\$3,000
Total	\$43,000

The Board of Directors discussed the recommended sponsorships (above) and requested more information for two potential new sponsorships to consider, including The Climate Center and Water Education for Latino Leaders (WELL) . Below and attached is more information on these two opportunities.

- The Climate Center: The Climate Center is a climate and energy policy nonprofit working to rapidly reduce climate pollution at scale, starting in California. Sponsorship levels for the Climate Center Business Network range from \$300 to \$20,000 and include different levels of recognition (attached). <https://theclimatecenter.org/>
- Water Education for Latino Leaders (WELL): WELL educates local Latino elected officials about California water policy to promote timely and equitable actions that serve to develop a robust economy, healthy communities, and a resilient environment for all Californians. Sponsorship levels range from \$2,500 - \$7,500, and from \$7,500 - \$50,000 for conference sponsorships. The levels of recognition are attached. <https://latinosforwater.org/mission-history/>

District Strategic Plan Application

Sponsorships align with the District’s Strategic Plan by being a leader in not just the water industry but in other areas, including climate resilience and public policy. Both of these sponsorship opportunities would be new to the District and align closely with our Strategic Plan.

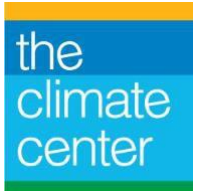
Fiscal Impact

At the Board Workshop on June 14, 2022, the Directors requested Staff add \$6,000 into the sponsorships budget in consideration of the two additional sponsorships noted above, bringing the Sponsorships budget total to \$43,000.

Attachments

Climate Center Levels 2022

WELL Sponsor Levels 2022



The Climate Center Business Network

The Climate Center Business Network supports business' involvement in a climate-safe future through educational and networking opportunities. Members support the work of The Climate Center to advocate for policies that help create a vibrant climate-safe economy.

Partnership, Networking and Co-Branding Opportunities for our Members

Member Benefits	Green	Bronze	Silver	Gold	Platinum	Emerald	Diamond
	\$300	\$500	\$1,000	\$3,000	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$20,000
Complimentary entry to quarterly breakfasts	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Listing in annual report	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Your logo and link featured on TCC website	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Listing as a sponsor in 20 e-newsletter reaching more than 4,000 recipients		●	●	●	●	●	●
Listing in print newsletter, which goes to 1,000 people			●	●	●	●	●
Name and logo prominently displayed at all TCC events			●	●	●	●	●
Article on your business's energy practices shared with TCC network via e-newsletter				●	●	●	●
Article submission on your business' sustainability initiatives to a business journal or other media outlet					●	●	●
2 complimentary tickets to public TCC events					●	●	●
2 additional tickets to events						●	●
Boosted Facebook feature twice per year						●	●
Speaker Intro at Business networking events						●	●
Lunch with TCC Executive Director and a board member							●
Boosted Facebook feature four times per year							●

Webinar Sponsor Information

WELL has a proven track record of educating Latino leaders about water policies and issues in order to support systemic change. To that end, we launched a WELL Webinar event series to expand our educational efforts. We would like to partner with other organizations with the same values as we continue to execute this program.

WELL is committed to providing WELL Webinar sponsors with benefits that will support your organization's vision to provide clean water for a healthy life, environment, and economy. In addition to gaining tools to respond to water crises in their communities, programs like the WELL Webinars enable participants to form better community partnerships and relationships with other local Latino leaders. WELL will conduct four webinars during 2020–2021.

The WELL Webinars offer opportunities to build relationships with local elected officials and water experts from across the state. If you are interested in sponsoring a WELL Webinar, please contact Stephanie Nava-Angeles at stephanie@latinosforwater.org

Webinar Sponsorship Benefits

<p>Bronze (\$2,500)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your organization will be featured on our website as a WELL Webinar Sponsor for this calendar year • A presentation slide will be placed at the end of the webinar presentation to promote your organization • A verbal acknowledgement of your organization in the webinar introductions • Recognition in three monthly e-newsletters • Name recognition in the webinar background slide
<p>Silver (\$5,000)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your organization will be given a special recognition in the opening remarks • Your organization will be featured on our website as a WELL Webinar Sponsor for this calendar year • A presentation slide will be placed at the end of the webinar presentation to promote your organization • A verbal acknowledgement of your organization in the webinar introductions • Recognition in three monthly e-newsletters • Social media advertisement on our Facebook and Twitter • Name recognition in the webinar background slide
<p>Gold (\$7,500)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunity to choose the webinar topic • Your organization will be given a special recognition in the opening remarks • Your organization will be featured on our website as a WELL Webinar Sponsor for this calendar year

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Conference Sponsor Information

The Water Education for Latino Leaders (WELL) conference convenes local Latino elected officials from across California. Our conferences serve to fill the policy void among emerging California Latino elected officials at the local and state levels.

Your early involvement in funding the conference will catalyze this important forum for water policy experts and local Latino elected officials, whose meaningful presence has been lacking in California water policy debates. Your investment will also help to inform the participation of Latino elected officials while improving their effectiveness through awareness. This will in turn improve the environment, infrastructure, supply, and water quality in Latino communities and the state of California as a whole.

This conference offers the opportunity to build relationships with local elected officials and water experts from across the state. Together we can make a difference in water policy that benefits us all.

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor/exhibitor at the conference, please contact us:

Email: stephanie@latinosforwater.org

TRIUNFADOR \$50,000	CAMPEONES \$25,000	SOCIOS \$15,000	AMIGOS \$7,500
Unlimited admission to the WELL 2021 Virtual Conference	Unlimited admission to the WELL 2021 Virtual Conference	Unlimited admission to the WELL 2021 Virtual Conference	Unlimited admission to the WELL 2021 Virtual Conference
Full page color ad in digital Conference program	¾ page color ad in digital conference program	Half page color ad in conference program	¼ page color ad in digital
Digital logo placement in all conference promotional media platforms	Digital logo placement in all conference promotional media platforms	Digital logo placement in all conference promotional media platforms	Digital logo placement in all conference promotional media platforms
Recognition in seven WELL monthly e-newsletters	Recognition in five WELL monthly e-newsletters	Recognition in three WELL	
Prominent digital banner placement at conference			
Invitation to be a Conference planning partner with public acknowledgements			

<p>Acknowledgement in opening remarks</p> <p>A digital sponsor table</p> <p>Season-long recognition and special opportunities to engage and network with board members, partners, and collaborators throughout the year</p> <p>VIP digital meet-and-greet with Keynote Speakers at the WELL 2021 Virtual Conference</p>	<p>Prominent digital banner placement at conference</p> <p>Invitation to be a Conference planning partner with public acknowledgements</p> <p>Acknowledgement in opening remarks</p>	<p>monthly e-newsletters</p> <p>Prominent digital banner placement at conference</p>	<p>Recognition in one WELL monthly e-newsletter</p> <p>Prominent digital banner placement at conference</p>
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