



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MONTHLY UPDATE

May 2021

DISTRICT UPDATES

Proposed 2021/22 Budget

Staff has made all of the Board recommended changes to the draft budget and will present the final budget at the Board's May 26th meeting. While the fund balances are projected to still be in the District's target reserve range, this is predicated on the adoption of new rates for the start of 2022 that increase District revenue by at least \$1 million per year.

Urban Water Management Plan

The public review draft was made available last week and public comments are open from May 7th to June 7th. If you have any questions, or think the plan needs a substantial change, please reach out to Dan so it can be discussed prior to the May 26th Board meeting.

Drought Outlook

Monitoring industry platforms and discussions amongst peers at other agencies, it is likely that the Governor will make a statewide drought declaration during the summer. What is still unknown is if the State will impose mandatory restrictions or not. As noted in our Urban Water Management Plan, we have sufficient supplies to meet demands this year and even for a longer term drought of 5 years.

GM UPDATES

East Cypress Corridor Development

District staff had a call with DeNova Homes, the developer for Summer Lake North. This is a previously entitled project regarding land use (850+ homes), however staff did notify the developer of the requirement for using the alternative water supply that is being developed for public landscapes.

East Cypress Alternative Water Supply

Test pumping and capacity calculations are occurring this week for the District's existing well at Summer Lake South. Results will be available by the end of May.

County & City General Plan Update

Neither has been released yet. Staff is tracking and will forward via email when available.

COMMUNICATIONS

May Outreach Campaign

The theme for May Outreach is a spotlight on Special Districts week declared to be May 16-22nd by Assembly Concurrent Resolution 17.

June Outreach Campaign

The theme for June Outreach is conservation and rebates, including a "How Do You Conserve?" engagement with prizes.

May Newsletter Topics:

Topics to touch on GSP Public Workshop, ISD Recycled Water Fill Station Opening, and a "Show Us Your Water-Wise Landscape" feature.

DIRECTOR DELIVERABLES

Regulation 101 Comment Deadline Extended:

All questions, comments, and suggestions need to be emailed to Dan by June 9, 2021.

Board Reimbursements

All committee and liason meetings attended in April should be emailed to Kait by May 12, 2021.

Please continue to monitor and respond to district email on a regular basis. Thank You.

WATER EFFICIENT NEW HOMES

District staff are currently pursuing two options that will continue to increase the efficiency of new homes. Based on the requirements of both the Ordinance and Certification below, staff will incorporate language into the new District's Environmental Regulation.

City's Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance

District staff is currently working on proposed language.

EPA WaterSense New Homes Certification

To pursue this path, there are additional steps the District will need to take to become a certifying organization.

INDUSTRY UPDATES

American Water Work Association Benchmarking Survey -

The District is currently participating in its first American Water Work Association (AWWA) benchmarking survey. This is an important tool as it measures many key performance indicators for water utilities. The results will be available in September and will serve as the baseline for year over year improvements and comparison to other water utilities industry-wide.

[List of performance indicators link.](#)

Safe Drinking Water Act's Impacts on Water Affordability -

AWWA has recently released an expert panel paper that discusses the impacts of the Safe Drinking Water Act's impact on water affordability.

[Report link.](#)

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

State of California Draft Budget 2021/22: Currently in budget subcommittee, there is a proposal to allocate some of the State's American Rescue Plan federal funds to assist water ratepayers that have fallen behind on water bills. The process is these items will be heard and voted on by the full budget committee and finally by the full legislature.

- Staff response: We are tracking and will notify our local legislatures that we support this budget proposal.

AB 1434: would reduce indoor water use standards and targets.

Time Frame	Existing Law	AB 1434 (proposed)
Until January 1, 2025	55 gallons per person per day	48 gallons per person per day
January 1, 2025	52.5 gallons per person per day	44 gallons per person per day
January 1, 2030	50 gallons per person per day	40 gallons per person per day

- ACWA position: oppose.
 - Due to: unknown consequences to wastewater facilities, sewer drain lines, negates the negotiated agreement between all stakeholders involved in creating the existing requirements in 2017/18, and no data to support feasibility and impacts of reduced indoor standards.
- Staff recommendation: oppose.
 - ACWA has requested agencies to sign on to their coalition letter.
 - Unless we hear from any Director requesting that we do not join the coalition letter, staff will submit our information to be added to the coalition letter on May 12th @ Noon.

SB 499: would prohibit the land use element of a general plan from designating or expanding land uses that have the potential to significantly degrade local air, water, or soil quality or to adversely impact health outcomes within or adjacent to disadvantaged communities (DACs) or a racially and ethnically concentrated area of poverty.

- ACWA position: watch.
- Staff recommendation: the bill did not progress this legislative cycle and maybe taken up again in 2022.

KEY DATES

E-NEWSLETTER PREVIEW:
May 17th

ISD REGULAR BOARD MEETING:
May 18th

E-NEWSLETTER SENT OUT:
May 19th

CCWD REGULAR BOARD MEETING:
May 19th

REGULAR BOARD MEETING:
May 26th

Memorial Day (office closed):
May 31st