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The Mission of the Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District is to protect public health and the environment by providing effective wastewater collection, treatment, and recycling services.

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA

REVISED : Updated June 18, 2021

June 22, 2021

In accordance with Government Code Section 54956

Crystal J. Yezman, Board President, has called for a Special Meeting

On March 12, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-25-20, which enhances State and Local Governments' ability to respond to COVID-19 Pandemic based on Guidance for Gatherings issued by the California Department of Public Health. The Executive Order specifically allows local legislative bodies to hold meetings via teleconference and to make meetings accessible electronically, in order to protect public health. In light of this, the June 22, 2021 meeting of the LGVSD Board will be held via Zoom electronic meeting. There will be NO physical location of the meeting. Due to the current circumstances, there may be limited opportunity to provide verbal comments during the meeting. Persons who wish to address the Board for public comment or on an item on the agenda are encouraged to submit comments in writing to the Board Secretary (tlerch@lgsd.org) by 6 am June 21, 2021. In addition, Persons wishing to address the Board verbally must contact the Board Secretary, by email (tlerch@lgsd.org) and provide their Name; Address; Tel. No.; and the Item they wish to address by the same date and time deadline for submission of written comments, as indicated above. Please keep in mind that any public comments must be limited to 3 minutes due to time constraints. Any written comments will be distributed to the LGVSD Board before the meeting.*

**Prior to the meeting, participants should download the Zoom app at:
<https://zoom.us/download>*

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Join Zoom Meeting online at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82840388738>

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By teleconference at: +16699009128 Meeting ID: 828 4038 8738

MATERIALS RELATED TO ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA ARE AVAILABLE FOR

PUBLIC INSPECTION ON THE DISTRICT WEBSITE WWW.LGVSD.ORG

NOTE: Final board action may be taken on any matter appearing on the Agenda

Estimated
Time

OPEN SESSION:

8:00 AM

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons desiring to address the Board on matters not on the agenda and within the jurisdiction of the Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District. Presentations are generally limited to three minutes. All matters requiring a response will be referred to staff for reply in writing and/or placed on a future meeting agenda. Please contact the General Manager before the meeting.

8:05 AM

2. EMPLOYEE CLIMATE SURVEY CONTRACT AWARD

Board to review and consider approving the Employee Climate Survey Contract Award.

8:20 AM

3. HYBRID OPERATIONS CONTROL CENTER ALTERNATIVE

Board to consider a Hybrid Operations Control Center (OCC) alternative for the OCC project.

9:00 AM

4. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

1. CLARK

- a. NBWA Board Committee, NBWA Conference Committee, 2021 Operations Control Center Ad Hoc Committee, Other Reports

2. ELIAS

- a. NBWRA, Ad Hoc Engineering Committee re: STPURWE, 2021 GM Evaluation Ad Hoc Committee, 2021 Operations Control Center Ad Hoc Committee, Other Reports

3. MURRAY

- a. Marin LAFCO, CASA Energy Committee, 2021 GM Evaluation Ad Hoc Committee, 2021 Legal Services Ad Hoc Committee, Marin Special Districts Association, Other Reports

4. SCHRIEBMAN

- a. Gallinas Watershed Council/Miller Creek Watershed Council, JPA Local Task Force NBWA Tech Advisory Committee, Other Reports

5. YEZMAN

- a. Flood Zone 7, CSRMA, Ad Hoc Engineering Committee re: STPURWE Engineering Subcommittee, 2021 Legal Services Ad Hoc Committee, Other Reports

9:15 AM

5. BOARD REQUESTS:

- A. Board Meeting Attendance Requests – Verbal
- B. Board Agenda Item Requests – Verbal
- C. Pending Board Agenda Item Requests
 - i. INFORMATION - Pump Station Vegetation and Safety Report
 - ii. INFORMATION – Marsh Pond Long Term Vegetation Management Comments
 - iii. INFORMATION – HR Semi- annual report

- iv. ACTION - Relocation Assistance Act Policy for Real Estate Acquisitions
- v. ACTION – Parliamentary meeting Procedure
- vi. ACTION – Board Policies regarding Resolutions
- vii. ACTION – Board Norms Summary Document
- viii. ACTION – Strategic Plan Workshop

9:25 AM 6. VARIOUS INDUSTRY RELATED ARTICLES

9:30 AM 7. ADJOURNMENT

FUTURE BOARD MEETING DATES: JULY 1, JULY 8 AND JULY 15, 2021

AGENDA APPROVED:	Crystal J. Yezman, Board President	Patrick Richardson, Legal Counsel
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CERTIFICATION: I, Teresa Lerch, District Secretary of the Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District, hereby declare under penalty of perjury that on or before June 21, 2021, 8:00 am I posted the Agenda for the Board Meeting of said Board to be held June 22, 2021, at the District Office, located at 101 Lucas Valley Road, Suite 300, San Rafael, CA.

DATED: June 18, 2021




Teresa L. Lerch
District Secretary

The Board of the Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District meets regularly on the First and Third Thursday of each month. The District may also schedule additional special meetings for the purpose of completing unfinished business and/or study session. Regular meetings are held at the District Office, 101 Lucas Valley Road, Suite 300, San Rafael, CA. 94903

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the District at (415) 472-1734 at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. Notification prior to the meeting will enable the District to make reasonable accommodation to help ensure accessibility to this meeting.

Agenda Summary Report

To: LGVSD Board of Directors 
From: Mike Prinz, General Manager
(415) 526-1511 mprinz@lgvsd.org
Meeting Date: June 22, 2021
Re: 2021 Employee Climate Assessment – Contract Award
Item Type: Consent _____ Action X Information _____ Other _____
Standard Contract: Yes _____ No X (See attached) Not Applicable _____

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Board to review and consider approving the proposed contract with FutureSense to conduct an Employee Climate Assessment.

BACKGROUND

The Board retained FutureSense in 2017 to evaluate the organizational climate of the District and to understand working conditions experienced by District Staff. FutureSense conducted an extensive survey of Staff on a variety of topics in order to determine organizational themes and areas on which to focus in order to improve the culture of the District. The initial effort in 2017 was triggered by organizational conditions near the end of the prior general manager's tenure with the District.

The Board retained FutureSense again in 2018 and 2019 to conduct follow up climate assessment work in order to evaluate how conditions were evolving. The most recent Climate Assessment Report was delivered to the Board on January 9, 2020, and an updated report was transmitted on February 11, 2020.

The Board previously indicated that an Employee Climate Report should be conducted on a regular basis, potentially every 12-24 months for the foreseeable future, in order to verify trends, determine organizational health norms, and make adjustments as needed.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION

The Board discussed options to proceed with a climate assessment update during the Board meeting on June 3, 2021. The Board directed staff to obtain a proposal from FutureSense for a climate assessment. That proposal is attached to this staff report. The Board indicated a desire to have the next assessment commence after ongoing labor negotiations with Operating Engineers Local 3 conclude.

On January 9, 2020, the Board created an ad hoc Subcommittee regarding FutureSense's 2019 work. On August 6, 2020, the Board dissolved this ad hoc committee after having considered its original purpose fulfilled.



On September 28, 2017, the Board created an ad hoc Subcommittee regarding FutureSense's 2017 work. On January 10, 2019, the Board dissolved this ad hoc committee after having considered its original purpose fulfilled.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT

The proposed fee for the 2021 employee climate assessment is \$25,200.

June 9, 2021

Mike Prinz
General Manager
Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District
300 Smith Ranch Road
San Rafael, CA 94901

RE: ENGAGEMENT LETTER TO CONDUCT CLIMATE ASSESSMENT – 2021

By Email to: mprinz@lqvsd.org

Dear Mike:

Thanks for reaching out to me to provide request a proposal for this potential engagement to update the Employee Climate Assessment that we conducted in 2017, 2018 and 2019. This letter will highlight my understanding of your situation, our approach to working with you, and the staffing, timing, and fees for our engagement.

Our Understanding of Your Situation

In 2017, FutureSense was retained to conduct a discovery into the culture, communications, leadership dynamics and the employees' reception to change at LGVSD. This was in response to concerns of the board regarding staff complaints and turnover. Our discovery led to an extensive report with four main areas to improve (climate of distrust and fear, professional communication and channels, role of HR, and governance guardrails) and twelve specific recommendations.

A subsequent interim assessment was conducted in 2018 and included electronically gathered data without interviews. This information was also included in our 2019 report which was a full study. You requested that the climate assessment in 2019 include board members and your outside partners at RSG, who at that time had been working with you on *Goal 5 Organizational Analysis*. You were hoping to learn more about how to bring closure to people's perception of the past which will allow the organization to move forward without always looking back.

We identified 15 recommendations in 5 broad categories in 2019 (the report was shared with the board in January 2020). You have requested a full update of the climate assessment to be completed in 2021. The specific climate assessment tool (41 scaled qualitative questions) we will continue to use is part of an integrated process of discovery – management interviews, focus group sessions with staff, and an online assessment. While we are sensitive to fees, we believe that it is necessary to conduct the assessment using all approaches of data gathering. This will give us the best and most consistent insight relating to progress (or lack thereof) since November 2019.

Our Approach

Our approach to working with you includes the following process:

Phase I: Assess

The first step in the process is to conduct a discovery into the culture, communication, leadership dynamics, and the employees' reception to change. To do this our team will:

1. Interviews with Staff - Our team will conduct 30-minute individual interviews with your key leaders, managers, and supervisors. These will be scheduled in-person or over the telephone or by Zoom based on scheduling availability. In addition, staff level interviews will be available for those who request it. We expect to spend one day conducting these interviews.
2. Employee Focus Group – 1-2 focus groups will be conducted with staff to garner the employee perspective from front line staff. The focus group sessions will be 1 hour each. If we are successful, we can schedule the focus groups the same day as the leadership interviews.
3. Interviews with Board Members and Pacific Crest Group – We will meet with each of the 5 Board member to download with them their perceptions as well. We will suggest meeting with the lead consultant from Pacific Crest Group to assure that we get their input as well.
4. Online Survey - All staff and employees will be asked to participate in an online survey. We propose to use the same instrument as last time with 41 scaled qualitative questions. This will provide an assessment of the climate beyond the personal interviews and focus groups. We find that piggybacking the survey to the interviews and focus groups allows for greater clarity and information to supplement the interview process.

Phase II: Align

In Phase 2, our team will aggregate the results from Phase 1 (Assessment) and provide recommendations. This will come in two forms:

1. Recommendation Report – Our team will put together a report that includes a summary of our findings, as well as a series of recommendations to help improve the climate and communications for all levels of staff and leadership at Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District in both the short-term and long-term. As was the case in the past, our recommendations can be mindful of finding reporting mechanisms and channels to help the board stay abreast of the opportunities and challenges within the organization.
2. Presentations – In addition to the written report members of the FutureSense team will present our findings and recommendations to senior leadership and to the board, and then subsequently to employees as appropriate and necessary. In our pricing, we assume one meeting with leadership, one meeting with the Board and one meeting with staff, each to last 60-90 minutes. I will make all of the presentations along with our project manager, as available.

Phase III: Act

The third phase in this project would be executing against the recommendations from Phase II. Due to the unknown nature of the discovery, pricing for this part of the project would be determined after Phase 2 is completed.

Our Staffing, Timing and Fees

I will be the client manager for this engagement. I will be involved in all activities and will be assisted by other members of the FutureSense team, Brett Finkelstein, and Stacy Wanninger. Brett will function as the day-to-day project manager. This will give us the depth to conduct the analysis in an efficient manner – both in terms of time as well as fees. Brett has worked on all of the previous engagements. You can learn about our team member’s capabilities and backgrounds on our website at <http://www.futuresense.com/team/>.

At this point, we are prepared to begin this project within 2-3 weeks of being retained. A project of this nature is highly dependent on the availability of people for interviews and focus groups and the ease in setting up those meetings. Typically, this type of project takes 4-6 weeks in elapsed time to complete.

We do not typically charge on an hourly rate basis, but rather charge for our services on a value-based project basis. Based on our assessment of this project and its importance to your success as an organization, we are requesting consulting fees as follows. *Please note: our rates have increased since 2019, but we still offer a 10% discount for public sector and non-profit organizations and these are factored into our bid.*

- **Phases I & II:** \$24,000 plus administrative fees of 5% for **total fees of \$25,200**
- **Phase III:** TBD after Phases I & II

We request payment of ½ of total fees at the time we are engaged and the other ½ at the time we are complete or at 60 days after engagement, whichever is sooner. In addition, we charge for out-of-pocket expenses for travel at cost and when incurred. Our terms are net 30.

About FutureSense

FutureSense provides integrated solutions to build and sustain human capital capacity and optimize organizational performance. Founded in 1995 as FutureSense, Inc., we successfully completed a joint venture with The Innovation Institute (www.ii4change.com) on November 1, 2015 and are now known as FutureSense, LLC. We are valued partners with our clients in the areas of strategy, organization and people -- building relationships with a thoughtful, responsive, and authentic approach to business practices. Our current motto – “Thoughtful. Responsive. Authentic.™” – exemplifies our continued commitment to building and maintaining relationships with our clients and community, and delivering results that drive innovation, optimize organizational capacity, and build relationships.

- **Thoughtful.** We are Innovative, insightful, and intentional. We help our clients creatively and conscientiously, keeping our finger on the pulse and staying one step ahead of the curve.
- **Responsive.** Speed of thought, speed of action, speed of results. We attend to clients' needs clearly, effectively, and accurately. Communication and timeliness are our calling cards.
- **Authentic.** We are all about relationships and people. We grow connections with our clients and our community, sprouting vibrant futures and bettering the lives of those we serve.

We have strong beliefs that guide our values and how we work with our clients:

- **Integrity.** We say it like it is. We tell you what you need to hear, not what you want to hear.
- **Relationships.** We care. Because the only way we can get the job done right, is working together with you.
- **Transformation.** We are change agents. We want to move the meter in your organization and create positive change.
- **Sustainability.** We seek to provide sticking power. We work with you to get the job done now and continue to do so throughout the future.
- **Solutions.** We execute. The solution is yours, not ours - we get the job done the way it works best for you.
- **Speed.** We get it done. We purposely keep our organization nimble so we can move yours in the right direction.

You can learn more about us on our website at www.futuresense.com.

Mike, I would personally welcome the chance to work with you, the Board, and your staff in helping you to continue to build a strong culture at Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District. If you agree with the terms of this engagement letter, please sign below and return to me at jim@futuresense.com. Of course, if you have questions or want clarifications or to make changes to this engagement letter, please do not hesitate to contact me by email or by phone at 415-299-4456 (mobile).

Cheers,

Approved,



Jim Finkelstein
President and CEO
FutureSense, LLC
415-299-4456
jim@futuresense.com

cc: Brett Finkelstein

Title _____
Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District

_____ Date





Agenda Summary Report

To: LGVSD Board of Directors
From: Mike Prinz, General Manager *MSP*
 (415) 526-1511 mprinz@lgvsd.org
Meeting Date: June 22, 2021
Re: Hybrid Operations Control Center Alternative
Item Type: Consent Action Information Other
Standard Contract: Yes No (See attached) Not Applicable

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Board to direct staff regarding potential consideration of a hybrid approach to the Operations Control Center (OCC) Project. A hybrid approach would consist of acquisition of offsite office space in conjunction with new construction of an Operations Control Center at the treatment plant.

BACKGROUND

The District has been pursuing a project to replace the existing administrative building at the District's Treatment Plant since approximately 2016. The OCC project was put on temporary hold just prior to construction of the District's largest ever capital improvement project, the Secondary Treatment Plant Upgrade and Recycled Water Expansion, which began in early 2019.

The existing administrative building at the treatment plant is approximately 67 years old. A design of a new building is approximately 50% complete and the Board is poised to make a final site selection for a new building in July, 2021. Two sites at the treatment plant are currently under consideration. Site selection and building design are moving forward and will not be substantively delayed by consideration of the hybrid approach described herein.

The OCC Project intent is to construct a 15,000 square foot building that will house all staff and all staff support areas such as locker rooms, showers, break and lunchrooms, a lobby area, offices spaces, Board and conference rooms, the District laboratory, and an educational area.

Full costs for the desired building are estimated at approximately \$30 million, or \$2,000 per square foot. This cost includes both hard costs (actual construction and site development) and soft costs (design, construction management, and administrative costs). These costs have been verified by a subconsultant to MWA Architects as part of their Site Evaluation contract, and more recently by Hazen and Sawyer. A summary of these costs will be presented to the Board during the site selection agenda item in July, 2021.

In order to temporarily alleviate overcrowded conditions in the existing administrative building at the treatment plant, Engineering and Administrative staff were temporarily relocated to leased space at 101 Lucas Valley Road in December of 2019. As a result, the District has essentially been operating in a hybrid mode with two nonadjacent facilities since this office space was leased. While this constitutes a notable change from historical staffing accommodations, no



significant problems with this mode of operations have been encountered and staff are continuing to adapt reasonably well to the change.

There are advantages and disadvantages of a hybrid approach to the OCC Project. The primary advantage is cost savings as described in Table 1, below. This table is based on Engineering and Administrative Staff being housed in offsite office space as is currently occurring in leased space. (Depending on available properties, there could be additional workgroup and Board room configuration possibilities.)

	Engineering and Administrative Square Footage, approximate (SF)	Cost/SF	Total Cost
New Construction	5,000	\$2,000	\$10 million
Hybrid (Offsite Acquisition)	5,000	\$300-\$600*	\$1.5-\$3.0 million
Potential Savings	-	-	\$7.0-8.5 million

Table 1. Potential cost savings due to a hybrid OCC project alternative.

*based on recent, preliminary market review

Costs for new construction of the necessary office space for solely Engineering and Administrative functions could be lower, so for conservative estimation purposes, a 50% reduction in savings is conservatively assumed, which calculates to \$3.5 million to \$4.0 Million.

In addition to cost savings, other potential advantages of a hybrid approach include:

1. Operational resilience due to having a satellite facility in the event of an emergency condition at either site.
2. Increased expansion potential attributable to expansion possibilities at both sites.
3. Potential lease revenue if additional square footage is available at a purchased property.
4. Reduction of staff and visitor parking area needs at the treatment plant.

The primary disadvantages with a hybrid approach include:

1. Changes in communication modes in order to accommodate workgroups at two locations.
2. Staff travel time between the two sites. This would be limited by property acquisition location criteria. Travel time is not proving to be a problem with the current leased office space scenario.
3. Utility costs associated with two sites as opposed to one. This most likely would not amount to a significant annual cost.

If consideration of a hybrid alternative is desired by the Board, staff suggests considering office building properties no more than a 5-to-7-minute drive from the treatment plant that require little or no remodeling and have approximately 6,000-12,000 square feet of useful floor area. Staff is aware of some available properties that meet these criteria.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION

- 1) The Board awarded a contract with DHA for the architectural design of the Operations Control Center on October 13, 2016.
- 2) The Board awarded a contract to MWA Architects for the Administration Building Site Evaluation project on December 5, 2019, and Amendment 1 on May 21, 2020. Amendment



2 was awarded on November 19, 2020 for conceptual building elevation development for the existing administration building site.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Final environmental review will be done as needed for the selected future operations control center site.

FISCAL IMPACT

In order to fully determine the semi-detailed nature of a hybrid approach, preliminary design and building programming for the OCC with a reduced scope at the treatment plant would be required. This preliminary design is estimated to cost in the range of \$25,000-\$40,000 and would be accommodated by the current OCC project design budget.

6/22/2021

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

CLARK

NBWA Board Committee, 2021 Operations Control Center Ad Hoc Committee, Other Reports

ELIAS

NBWRA , Ad Hoc Engineering Sub-Committee re: STPURWE, 2021 GM Evaluation Ad Hoc Subcommittee, 2021 Operations Control Center Ad Hoc Committee, Other Reports

MURRAY

Marin LAFCO, CASA Energy Committee, 2021 GM Evaluation Ad Hoc Subcommittee, 2021 Legal Services Ad Hoc Committee, Marin Special Districts Association, Other Reports

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YEZMAN

Flood Zone 7, CSRMA, Ad Hoc Engineering Sub-Committee re: STPURWE, 2021 Legal Services Ad Hoc Committee, Other Reports



AGENDA

Air Quality, Climate Change, and Energy (ACE) Workgroup Meeting

Agenda Item 4.3
Date June 22, 2021

Meeting Date/Time: May 27, 2021 / 8:30 – 10:30 am
Meeting Location: Zoom Link (provided in the meeting appointment)
Dial-in: Zoom Call-In (provided in the meeting appointment)

COMMENCEMENT

ITEM	LEAD
Welcome/Roll Call	Jackie Zipkin (Chair), Greg Kester and Sarah Deslauriers (CASA)
Review/Approval of Agenda	All

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

	ITEM	LEAD	STATUS
1.	2021 Bill Cycle	Jessica/ Alma	Bill Review – Latest ACE Bill Report (separate attachment)
2.	Governor’s Budget	Jessica	May Revise Details, Water-Energy Bond Ask Subgroup

PRIORITY ISSUES/ACTION ITEMS

	ITEM	LEAD	NOTES
1.	COVID-19	Greg	Resources on CASA Website , CASA/CWEA webinar: April 21 , CWEA webinar: May TBD, Wastewater Based Epidemiology (WBE)
2.	PFAS	Greg Jared	SWRCB Order Sampling efforts continue, check Geotracker data, EPA developing single and multi-lab methods
3.	Criteria Pollutants & Toxics Emissions Reporting & AB 2588 Toxics Program	Sarah David	Air Toxics Subgroup, proposed CTR and EICG , drafting 1-page summary of next steps, outlining sector two-step process
4.	SB 1383: Organic Waste Methane Emissions Reductions	Greg	SB 1383 , enforcement remains on schedule, regulations , impacts to POTWs , CalRecycle Webinar Series
5.	100 Percent Clean Energy Act of 2018	Sarah	2021 SB 100 Joint Agency Report , Workshop Jun 2 on next steps
6.	CARB Advanced Clean Truck Rule (2020) & Advanced Clean Fleet Rule (2021)	Sarah	Advanced Clean Vehicle Subgroup, One-Time Reporting data, Clean Fleet Rule – Coalition and CARB Board Member outreach
7.	New BACT for Large Emergency Diesel Engines: BAAQMD, SMAQMD, SCAQMD	Sarah David	BAAQMD final; comments submitted to SMAQMD; SCAQMD to begin public process end May/early June
8.	AB 32 Scoping Plan Update - 2022	Sarah	Workshop series kick-off June 8
9.	CA Adaptation: SWRCB/RWQCBs, Coastal Commission, OPC, CA Adaptation Strategy	Sarah	Climate Change Preparedness Subgroup, SWRCB Survey late 2021, SF Bay RWQCB survey , CA Adaptation Strategy workshop May 26

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

	ITEM	LEAD	NOTES
1.	Soil Enrichment Protocol	Sarah	Webinar overview – June 23 or 24
2.	Carbon Sequestration Meta-Analysis	Sarah	Request for help w/ systematic article reviews and data extraction
3.	Biogas/Biomethane Management: EPA Renewable Fuel Standard RINs	Greg	Communication with Kurt Gustafson resuming to discuss the R3 vs R5 value for sludge-based vs codigestion-based biogas
4.	CPUC Self-Generation Incentive Program	Greg	CASA develops follow-up letter to Commissioner
5.	BAAQMD Climate Pollutants Regulation	Sarah	Regulation 13 suspended, Organic Recovery Technical Working Group BMPs for controlling CH ₄ /VOCs, BACWA to Survey POTWs
6.	Central Valley Salinity Alternatives for Long-Term Sustainability (CV SALTS)	Debbie Layne	Notice to Comply for salinity released, nutrient management early action plans released, Attorneys Roundtable held Apr 29
7.	SCAQMD Rule 1118.1 (to limit NOx)	David	Research/technology assessments, impact to standby engine use
8.	Biosolids & Fire Reclamation Efforts	Greg	Status of Las Virgenes/Calabasas, sampling into spring 2021
9.	USFS Wood Innovation Grant	Greg	2-yr project testing use of biochar for odor control, Final Report

UPCOMING CONFERENCES/EVENTS

NAME	DATE/LOCATION
CWEA Annual Conference	June 7-10, Virtual
CWEA-CASA COVID-19 Webinar Series	June 30, Virtual
NACWA Utility Leadership Event	July 20-21, Virtual
CASA Annual Conference	August 11-13, San Diego, CA

NEXT MEETING: June 24th, 8:30 to 10:30 am (webinar/conference call)



AGENDA

Air Quality, Climate Change, and Energy (ACE) Workgroup Meeting

Additional topics we review periodically for progress or changes:

State

- CARB Natural & Working Lands
- CARB Mandatory GHG Reporting Regulation
- CARB 2030 Target Scoping Plan
- CEQA Guidance on GHG Emissions
- CNRA Climate Change Assessment
- CNRA Online CA Sea Level Rise Database
- CNRA Safeguarding CA: Implementation Action Plans
- CEC Climate Change Research Plan
- OEHHA CalEnvironScreen Tool
- California's Climate Future report (by Governor Brown)
- Funding opportunities

Regional Adaptation Collaboratives

- Bay Area Climate Adaptation Network (BayCAN)
- San Francisco Bay Regional Coastal Hazards Adaptation Resiliency Group (CHARG)
- Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Regional Climate Adaptation Framework

National

- NEPA Guidance on GHG Emissions
- EPA EJScreen Tool
- WERF Phase II Project (lab scale based model) - N₂O Emissions from Wastewater Treatment Processes
- WERF High Quality Biosolids from Wastewater Project
- EPA Mandatory GHG Reporting Regulation Updates
- EPA Clean Power Plan (on stay)
- EPA Existing Source Performance Standards
- EPA Biogenic Emissions Accounting Framework
- White House Budget for DOE Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Programs
- NACWA Energy Workgroup
- NACWA Climate & Resilience Workgroup
- Funding opportunities

International

- Global GAP (Good Agricultural Practices) & Biosolids
- IWA Nitrous Oxide Modeling

CASA ACE Committee Bill Tracker

5/21/2021

AB 72

(Petrie-Norris D) Environmental protection: Natural Resources Agency: coastal adaptation projects: sea level rise: regulatory review and permitting: report.

Current Text: Introduced: 12/7/2020 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 12/7/2020

Status: 5/20/2021-Coauthors revised. From committee: Do pass. (Ayes 16. Noes 0.) (May 20).

Location: 12/7/2020-A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

Calendar: 5/24/2021 #13 ASSEMBLY SECOND READING FILE -- ASSEMBLY BILLS

Summary: Would enact the Coastal Adaptation Permitting Act of 2021. The bill would require the agency to explore, and authorize it to implement, options within the agency's jurisdiction to establish a more coordinated and efficient regulatory review and permitting process for coastal adaptation projects, as defined. The bill would require the agency to submit, by July 1, 2023, a report to the Legislature with suggestions and recommendations for improving and expediting the regulatory review and permitting process for coastal adaptation projects.

Position

Refer to ACE
Committee

Assigned

CASA ACE Cmte,
Jessica

AB 284

(Rivas, Robert D) California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: climate goal: natural and working lands.

Current Text: Amended: 4/14/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 1/21/2021

Last Amend: 4/14/2021

Status: 5/20/2021-From committee: Do pass. (Ayes 12. Noes 4.) (May 20).

Location: 5/5/2021-A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

Calendar: 5/24/2021 #39 ASSEMBLY SECOND READING FILE -- ASSEMBLY BILLS

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. This bill would require the state board, when updating the scoping plan and in collaboration with the Natural Resources Agency and other relevant state agencies and departments, to take specified actions by January 1, 2023, including, among others, identifying a 2045 climate goal, with interim milestones, for the state's natural and working lands, as defined, and identifying practices, policy and financial incentives, market needs, and potential reductions in barriers that would help achieve the 2045 climate goal.

Position

Refer to ACE
Committee

Assigned

CASA ACE Cmte,
Jessica

AB 322

(Salas D) Energy: Electric Program Investment Charge program: biomass.

Current Text: Amended: 4/12/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 1/26/2021

Last Amend: 4/12/2021

Status: 5/20/2021-Read third time. Passed. Ordered to the Senate. In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.

Location: 5/20/2021-S. RLS.

Summary: Current law creates in the State Treasury the Electric Program Investment Charge Fund to be administered by the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission and requires the PUC to forward to the Energy Commission, at least quarterly, moneys for those EPIC programs the PUC has determined should be administered by the Energy Commission for deposit in the fund. Current law requires the Energy Commission, in administering moneys in the fund for research, development, and demonstration programs, to develop and implement the EPIC program for the purpose of awarding funds to projects that may lead to technological advancement and breakthroughs to overcome barriers that prevent the achievement of the state's statutory energy goals and that may result in a portfolio of projects that are strategically focused and sufficiently narrow to make advancement on the most significant technological challenges. Current law, until January 1, 2023, requires the Energy Commission to expend certain percentages of the moneys appropriated from the fund for technology demonstration and deployment at sites that benefit certain communities. This bill would require the Energy Commission to consider, in the investment planning process for the EPIC program, bioenergy projects for biomass conversion, as specified.

Position

Support

Assigned

CASA ACE Cmte,
Jessica

AB 585

(Rivas, Luz D) Climate change: Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Program.

Current Text: Amended: 3/17/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/11/2021

Last Amend: 3/17/2021

Status: 5/20/2021-From committee: Amend, and do pass as amended. (Ayes 13. Noes 1.) (May 20).

Location: 4/14/2021-A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

Calendar: 5/24/2021 #287 ASSEMBLY SECOND READING FILE -- ASSEMBLY BILLS

Summary: Would establish the Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Program and would require the Office of Planning and Research to administer the program. Under the program, the bill would require the Office of Planning and Research to coordinate the state’s efforts to address extreme heat and to facilitate the implementation of local, regional, and state climate change planning into effective projects through the awarding of competitive grants to eligible entities for implementation of those projects. The bill would establish the Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Fund in the State Treasury and would require the office, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to expend moneys in the fund for the implementation of the program.

Position

Refer to ACE
Committee

Assigned

CASA ACE Cmte

AB 843

(Aguiar-Curry D) California Renewables Portfolio Standard Program: renewable feed-in tariff: Bioenergy Market Adjusting Tariff program: community choice aggregators.

Current Text: Amended: 4/12/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/17/2021

Last Amend: 4/12/2021

Status: 5/20/2021-From committee: Amend, and do pass as amended. (Ayes 12. Noes 0.) (May 20).

Location: 4/28/2021-A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

Calendar: 5/24/2021 #312 ASSEMBLY SECOND READING FILE -- ASSEMBLY BILLS

Summary: The California Renewables Portfolio Standard Program requires every electrical corporation to file with the Public Utilities Commission a standard tariff for electricity generated by an electric generation facility, as defined, that qualifies for the tariff, is owned and operated by a retail customer of the electrical corporation, and is located within the service territory of, and developed to sell electricity to, the electrical corporation. The commission refers to this requirement as the renewable feed-in tariff. This bill would provide that the renewable feed-in tariff would apply to a qualifying electric generation facility that is developed to sell electricity to the electrical corporation or, for a bioenergy electric generation facility, to an electrical corporation or a community choice aggregator within the electrical corporation’s service territory.

Position

Support

Assigned

CASA ACE Cmte,
Jessica

AB 897

(Mullin D) Office of Planning and Research: regional climate networks: climate adaptation action plans.

Current Text: Amended: 4/19/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/17/2021

Last Amend: 4/19/2021

Status: 5/20/2021-From committee: Do pass. (Ayes 12. Noes 3.) (May 20).

Location: 5/12/2021-A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

Calendar: 5/24/2021 #139 ASSEMBLY SECOND READING FILE -- ASSEMBLY BILLS

Summary: Current law requires, by July 1, 2017, and every 3 years thereafter, the Natural Resources Agency to update, as prescribed, the state’s climate adaptation strategy, known as the Safeguarding California Plan. Current law establishes the Office of Planning and Research in state government in the Governor’s office. Current law establishes the Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program to be administered by the office to coordinate regional and local efforts with state climate adaptation strategies to adapt to the impacts of climate change, as prescribed. This bill would authorize eligible entities, as defined, to establish and participate in a regional climate network, as defined. The bill would require the office to encourage the inclusion of agencies with land use planning authority into regional climate networks. The bill would authorize a regional climate network to engage in activities to address climate change, as specified.

Position

Refer to ACE
Committee

Assigned

CASA ACE Cmte

AB 1086

(Aguiar-Curry D) Organic waste: implementation strategy.

Current Text: Amended: 4/5/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/18/2021

Last Amend: 4/5/2021

Status: 5/20/2021-From committee: Do pass. (Ayes 16. Noes 0.) (May 20).

Location: 4/14/2021-A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

Calendar: 5/24/2021 #171 ASSEMBLY SECOND READING FILE -- ASSEMBLY BILLS

Summary: Would require the Natural Resources Agency, in coordination with specified state agencies, and in consultation with stakeholders and relevant permitting agencies, to prepare and submit to the Legislature, by January 1, 2023, a report that provides an implementation strategy to achieve the state's organic waste, and related climate change and air quality, mandates, goals, and targets. The bill would authorize the Natural Resources Agency to, by July 1, 2022, contract with outside entities, including the California Council on Science and Technology and the University of California, to prepare the report. The bill would require the implementation strategy to include, among other things, recommendations on policy and funding support for the beneficial reuse of organic waste.

Position	Assigned
Refer to ACE Committee	CASA ACE Cmte, Jessica

AB 1261 (Burke D) State Air Resources Board: greenhouse gas emissions: incentive programs.

Current Text: Amended: 3/18/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/19/2021

Last Amend: 3/18/2021

Status: 5/20/2021-From committee: Amend, and do pass as amended. (Ayes 16. Noes 0.) (May 20).

Location: 5/12/2021-A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

Calendar: 5/24/2021 #355 ASSEMBLY SECOND READING FILE -- ASSEMBLY BILLS

Summary: Would require the State Air Resources Board, on or before January 1, 2023, to establish specified processes to assist the state in achieving its greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals, including a process to identify any overlap among its incentive programs that share the same objectives and a process to define, collect, and evaluate data on the behavioral changes that result from each of its incentive programs. The bill would require the state board to use the information collected pursuant to these processes to refine the greenhouse gas emissions estimates for each of its incentive programs in its annual reports to the Legislature, its funding plans, and any long-term planning documents or reports.

Position	Assigned
Refer to ACE Committee	CASA ACE Cmte

AB 1279 (Muratsuchi D) Coastal resources: sustainable kelp.

Current Text: Amended: 3/25/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/19/2021

Last Amend: 3/25/2021

Status: 5/20/2021-Read second time. Ordered to Consent Calendar.

Location: 5/19/2021-A. CONSENT CALENDAR

Calendar: 5/24/2021 #470 ASSEMBLY CONSENT CALENDAR 1ST DAY-ASSEMBLY BILLS

Summary: Would require the Protection Council to work with private and nonprofit entities to bring sustainable kelp to the coastal waters of the state, as provided. The bill would require the council to review and assess data from existing research and ongoing pilot projects to identify critical knowledge gaps related to, among other things, kelp forest ecosystems

Position	Assigned
Refer to ACE Committee	CASA ACE Cmte

AB 1371 (Friedman D) Recycling: plastic: packaging and carryout bags.

Current Text: Amended: 4/21/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/19/2021

Last Amend: 4/21/2021

Status: 5/20/2021-From committee: Amend, and do pass as amended. (Ayes 12. Noes 4.) (May 20).

Location: 5/12/2021-A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

Calendar: 5/24/2021 #361 ASSEMBLY SECOND READING FILE -- ASSEMBLY BILLS

Summary: Would prohibit an online retailer that sells or offers for sale and delivers purchased products in or into the state from using single-use plastic packaging that consists of shipping envelopes, cushioning, or void fill to package or transport the products, on and after January 1, 2023, for large online retailers, as defined, and on and after January 1, 2025, for small online retailers, as defined. The bill would prohibit a manufacturer, retailer, producer, or other distributor that sells or offers for sale and delivers purchased products in or into the state from using expanded polystyrene packaging to package or transport the products.

Position	Assigned
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AB 1500 (Garcia, Eduardo D) Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparation, Flood Protection, Extreme Heat Mitigation, and Workforce Development Bond Act of 2022.

Current Text: Amended: 5/11/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/19/2021

Last Amend: 5/11/2021

Status: 5/20/2021-Joint Rule 62(a), file notice suspended. From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on RLS. (Ayes 12. Noes 3.) (May 20). Re-referred to Com. on RLS.

Location: 5/20/2021-A. RLS.

Summary: Would enact the Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparation, Flood Protection, Extreme Heat Mitigation, and Workforce Development Bond Act of 2022, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$7,080,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance projects for safe drinking water, wildfire prevention, drought preparation, flood protection, extreme heat mitigation, and workforce development programs.

Position

Support, if
amended

Assigned

CASA ACE Cmte,
Jessica

AB 1559 (O'Donnell D) Energy: Innovative Renewable Energy for Buildings Act of 2021.

Current Text: Amended: 3/18/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/19/2021

Last Amend: 3/18/2021

Status: 3/22/2021-Re-referred to Com. on NAT. RES.

Location: 3/18/2021-A. NAT. RES.

Summary: Current law requires the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission to administer the Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program to provide financial assistance for the development and deployment of innovative technologies that transform California's fuel and vehicle types to help attain the state's climate change policies. This bill, the Innovative Renewable Energy for Buildings Act of 2021, would, until January 1, 2031, require the commission to establish and implement a program to provide financial incentives to producers for the production of renewable propane, renewable hydrogen, and renewable dimethyl ether meeting certain requirements and that is used as an energy source for buildings in the state.

Position

Refer to ACE
Committee

Assigned

CASA ACE Cmte,
Jessica

SB 1 (Atkins D) Coastal resources: sea level rise.

Current Text: Amended: 3/23/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 12/7/2020

Last Amend: 3/23/2021

Status: 5/20/2021-From committee: Do pass. (Ayes 6. Noes 1.) (May 20). Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

Location: 5/20/2021-S. THIRD READING

Calendar: 5/24/2021 #177 SENATE SENATE BILLS -THIRD READING FILE

Summary: Thee California Coastal Act of 1976 establishes the California Coastal Commission and provides for planning and regulation of development in the coastal zone, as defined. The act requires the commission, within 90 days after January 1, 1977, to adopt, after public hearing, procedures for the preparation, submission, approval, appeal, certification, and amendment of a local coastal program, including a common methodology for the preparation of, and the determination of the scope of, the local coastal programs, as provided. This bill would also include, as part of the procedures the commission is required to adopt, recommendations and guidelines for the identification, assessment, minimization, and mitigation of sea level rise within each local coastal program, as provided. The bill would delete the timeframe specified above by which the commission is required to adopt these procedures.

Position

Refer to ACE
Committee

Assigned

CASA ACE Cmte,
Jessica

SB 18 (Skinner D) Green electrolytic hydrogen.

Current Text: Amended: 5/20/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 12/7/2020

Last Amend: 5/20/2021

Status: 5/20/2021-From committee: Do pass as amended. (Ayes 7. Noes 0.) (May 20). Read second time and amended. Ordered to second reading.

Location: 5/20/2021-S. SECOND READING

Calendar: 5/24/2021 #8 SENATE SENATE BILLS - SECOND READING FILE

Summary: Would require the State Air Resources Board, by December 31, 2022, as a part of the scoping plan and the state's goal for carbon neutrality, to prepare a strategic plan for accelerating the production and use of hydrogen, including a specific plan to accelerate production and use of green hydrogen, in California and an analysis of how curtailed electrical generation could be better utilized to help meet the state's greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals. The bill would require the state board, in developing the strategic plan, to consult with the California Workforce Development Board and labor and workforce organizations.

Position
Refer to ACE
Committee

Assigned
CASA ACE Cmte,
Jessica

SB 27

(Skinner D) Carbon sequestration: state goals: natural and working lands: registry of projects.

Current Text: Amended: 5/20/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 12/7/2020

Last Amend: 5/20/2021

Status: 5/20/2021-From committee: Do pass as amended. (Ayes 5. Noes 2.) (May 20). Read second time and amended. Ordered to second reading.

Location: 5/20/2021-S. SECOND READING

Calendar: 5/24/2021 #11 SENATE SENATE BILLS - SECOND READING FILE

Summary: Would require, no later than July 1, 2022, the Natural Resources Agency, in coordination with the California Environmental Protection Agency, the State Air Resources Board, the Department of Food and Agriculture, and other relevant state agencies, to establish the Natural and Working Lands Climate Smart Strategy that serves as a framework to increase adoption of natural and working lands-based carbon sequestration and that advances the state's climate goals. The bill would require the state board, as part of its scoping plan, to establish specified carbon dioxide removal targets for 2030 and beyond.

Position
Refer to ACE
Committee

Assigned
CASA ACE Cmte,
Jessica

SB 45

(Portantino D) Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2022.

Current Text: Amended: 4/8/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 12/7/2020

Last Amend: 4/8/2021

Status: 5/20/2021-From committee: Do pass. (Ayes 5. Noes 2.) (May 20). Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

Location: 5/20/2021-S. THIRD READING

Calendar: 5/24/2021 #184 SENATE SENATE BILLS -THIRD READING FILE

Summary: Would enact the Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2022, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$5,595,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance projects for a wildfire prevention, safe drinking water, drought preparation, and flood protection program.

Position
Support, if
amended

Assigned
CASA ACE Cmte,
Jessica

SB 83

(Allen D) Sea Level Rise Revolving Loan Program.

Current Text: Amended: 5/20/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 12/15/2020

Last Amend: 5/20/2021

Status: 5/20/2021-From committee: Do pass as amended. (Ayes 6. Noes 0.) (May 20). Read second time and amended. Ordered to second reading.

Location: 5/20/2021-S. SECOND READING

Calendar: 5/24/2021 #21 SENATE SENATE BILLS - SECOND READING FILE

Summary: Current law establishes in state government the Ocean Protection Council. Current law requires the council to, among other things, establish policies to coordinate the collection, evaluation, and sharing of scientific data related to coastal and ocean resources among agencies. Current law establishes the State Coastal Conservancy with prescribed powers and responsibilities for implementing and administering various programs intended to preserve, protect, and restore the state's coastal areas. This bill would require the council, in consultation with the conservancy, to develop the Sea Level Rise Revolving Loan Program for purposes of providing low-interest loans to

local jurisdictions for the purchase of coastal properties in their jurisdictions identified as vulnerable coastal property, as provided.

Position	Assigned
Refer to ACE Committee	CASA ACE Cmte, Jessica

SB 372 (Leyva D) Medium- and heavy-duty fleet purchasing assistance program: zero-emission vehicle

Current Text: Amended: 5/20/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/10/2021

Last Amend: 5/20/2021

Status: 5/20/2021-From committee: Do pass as amended. (Ayes 6. Noes 1.) (May 20). Read second time and amended. Ordered to second reading.

Location: 5/20/2021-S. SECOND READING

Calendar: 5/24/2021 #52 SENATE SENATE BILLS - SECOND READING FILE

Summary: Would establish the Medium- and Heavy-Duty Zero-Emission Vehicle Fleet Purchasing Assistance Program within the Air Quality Improvement Program to make financing tools and nonfinancial supports available to the operators of medium- and heavy-duty vehicle fleets to enable those operators to transition their fleets to zero-emission vehicles. The bill would require the state board to designate the California Pollution Control Financing Authority as the agency responsible for administering the program and would require the state board and the authority to enter into an interagency working agreement for the development and administration of the program. The bill would require the authority to consult with various state agencies and stakeholders in the development and implementation of the program.

Position	Assigned
Refer to ACE Committee	CASA ACE Cmte, Jessica

SB 418 (Laird D) Sea level rise planning: database.

Current Text: Amended: 3/17/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/12/2021

Last Amend: 3/17/2021

Status: 5/20/2021-From committee: Do pass. (Ayes 7. Noes 0.) (May 20). Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

Location: 5/20/2021-S. THIRD READING

Calendar: 5/24/2021 #286 SENATE SENATE BILLS -THIRD READING FILE

Summary: Current law requires the Natural Resources Agency, in collaboration with the Ocean Protection Council, to create, update biannually, and post on an internet website a Planning for Sea Level Rise Database describing steps being taken throughout the state to prepare for, and adapt to, sea level rise. Current law further requires that various public agencies and private entities provide to the agency, on a biannual basis, sea level rise planning information, as defined, that is under the control or jurisdiction of the public agencies or private entities, and requires the agency to determine the information necessary for inclusion in the database, as prescribed. Current law repeals these provisions on January 1, 2023. This bill would extend the sunset date for the above provisions until January 1, 2028.

Position	Assigned
Refer to ACE Committee	Alma, CASA ACE Cmte

SB 619 (Laird D) Organic waste: reduction regulations.

Current Text: Amended: 4/13/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/18/2021

Last Amend: 4/13/2021

Status: 5/20/2021-Read third time. Passed. (Ayes 35. Noes 0.) Ordered to the Assembly. In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.

Location: 5/20/2021-A. DESK

Summary: Current law requires the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, in consultation with the state board, to adopt regulations to achieve those targets for reducing organic waste in landfills, and authorizes those regulations to require local jurisdictions to impose requirements on generators or other relevant entities within their jurisdiction, to authorize local jurisdictions to impose penalties on generators for noncompliance, and to include penalties to be imposed by the department for noncompliance. Current law provides that those regulations shall take effect on or after January 1, 2022, except that the imposition of penalties by local jurisdictions pursuant to the regulations shall not take effect until 2 years after the effective date of the regulations. This bill, until January 1, 2023, would require the department to only impose a penalty on a local jurisdiction, and would require a penalty to only accrue, for a violation of the regulations if the local jurisdiction did not make a reasonable effort, as determined by the department, to comply with the regulations.

Position
Support

Assigned
Alma, CASA ACE
Cmte, Jessica

SB 669 **(Borgeas R) California Renewables Portfolio Standard Program: bioenergy projects.**

Current Text: Introduced: 2/19/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/19/2021

Status: 3/3/2021-Referred to Com. on RLS.

Location: 2/19/2021-S. RLS.

Summary: Current law requires electrical corporations, by December 1, 2016, to collectively procure, through financial commitments of 5 years, their proportionate share of 125 megawatts of cumulative rated generating capacity from bioenergy projects commencing operation prior to June 1, 2013. Current law additionally requires a local publicly owned electric utility serving more than 100,000 customers to procure their proportionate shares of 125 megawatts of cumulative rated generating capacity from those kinds of bioenergy projects subject to terms of at least 5 years. This bill would make a nonsubstantive revision to a definition applicable to the above-described requirements for the procurement of generating capacity from bioenergy projects.

Position
Watch Close

Assigned
CASA ACE Cmte,
Jessica

SB 759 **(Hueso D) Short-lived climate pollutants: methane: organic waste: landfills.**

Current Text: Introduced: 2/19/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/19/2021

Status: 3/3/2021-Referred to Com. on RLS.

Location: 2/19/2021-S. RLS.

Summary: Current law requires the State Air Resources Board to complete, approve, and implement a comprehensive strategy to reduce emissions of short-lived climate pollutants in the state and to achieve a reduction in the statewide emissions of methane by 40%, hydrofluorocarbon gases by 40%, and anthropogenic black carbon by 50% below 2013 levels by 2030, as provided. Current law requires the methane emissions reduction goals to include specified targets to reduce the landfill disposal of organics. This bill would make a nonsubstantive change to that latter provision.

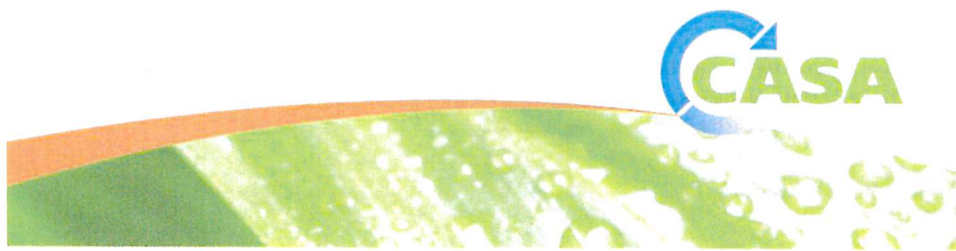
Position
Refer to ACE
Committee

Assigned
CASA ACE Cmte,
Jessica

Total Measures: 22
Total Tracking Forms: 22

Air Quality, Climate Change, & Energy (ACE) Workgroup Meeting

May 27, 2021 (8:30 – 10:30 am)
Zoom Link – See Meeting Appointment



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Legislative Update



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Assembly Bills – 2021

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- AB 72 (Petrie-Norris D) Coastal adaptation projects: sea level rise: regulatory review and permitting
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- AB 284 (Rivas, Robert D) Climate goal: natural and working lands
- AB 322 (Salas D) Electric Program Investment Charge program: biomass
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- AB 585 (Rivas, Luz D) Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Program
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- AB 843 (Aguiar-Curry D) Renewables Portfolio Standard Program: renewable feed-in tariff
- AB 897 (Mullin D) ORP: regional climate networks: climate adaptation action plans
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- AB 1086 (Aguiar-Curry D) Organic waste: implementation strategy (includes “biosolids”)
- AB 1261 (Burke D) State Air Resources Board: greenhouse gas emissions: incentive programs
- AB 1279 (Muratsuchi D) Coastal resources: sustainable kelp
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- AB 1317 (Berman D) Clean energy

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Assembly Bills (cont’d) – 2021

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- AB 1371 (Friedman D) Recycling: plastic: packaging and carryout bags
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- AB 1500 (Garcia, Eduardo D) Safe DW, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparation, Flood Protection, Extreme Heat Mitigation, and Workforce Development Bond Act of 2022
- AB 1559 (O'Donnell D) Energy: Innovative Renewable Energy for Buildings Act of 2021

Senate Bills – 2021

- SB 1 (Atkins D) Coastal resources: sea level rise
- SB 18 (Skinner D) Green hydrogen – send to Workgroup for review of definitions
- SB 27 (Skinner D) Carbon Sequestration: state goals: natural and working lands: registry
- SB 45 (Portantino D) Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2022
- SB 83 (Allen D) California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank: SLR Revolving Fund
- SB 372 (Leyva D) Medium- and heavy-duty fleet purchasing assistance program: zero-emission vehicles
- SB 418 (Laird D) Sea level rise planning: database
- SB 619 (Laird D) Organic waste: reduction regulations
- SB 669 (Borgeas R) California Renewables Portfolio Standard Program: bioenergy projects
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- SB 759 (Hueso D) Short-lived climate pollutants: methane: organic waste: landfills

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Governor's Budget and Senate Budget Plan

- **CalRecycle – Senate proposes supporting \$130M, but rejecting Climate Catalyst Fund:**
 - \$50M Climate Catalyst Fund Recycling Infrastructure
 - \$5M Food Waste Prevention and Rescue Grants
 - \$5M Increase Community Composting Opportunities
 - \$35M Invest in New Composting and Anaerobic Digester Facilities
 - \$20M Expand Co-Digestion Capacity of Wastewater Facilities
 - \$15M Recycling Technology Feasibility Grants
- **CDFA – Senate proposes rejecting \$50M for Climate Smart Agriculture within Climate Catalyst Fund**
- **CDFA – Senate proposes approving \$776M for Climate Smart Agriculture**
- **CARB Cap & Trade Revenues – Senate proposes approving \$1.5B, working on details**
- **Wildfire and Healthy Forests – Senate proposes approving \$1B**



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Priority Issues/ Action Items



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1. COVID-19

- CWEA Webinar – May 25th
- CWEA-CASA Webinar – June 30th
- CASA website for resources: <https://casaweb.org/covid-19/>
- Wastewater-based epidemiology (WBE) efforts →
 - Survey sent (from Greg Kester) on behalf of Water Quality Monitoring Council to understand who is participating in WBE and other details
 - CDC managing national database (SWRCB to submit data) – National Wastewater Surveillance System
 - Health and Human Services data collection target: 30% population



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2. Per and Poly-fluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)

- Quick facts:
 - Background (or baseline) levels are in ppb range
 - Notification levels: PFOS at 6.5, PFOA at 5.1 ppt, PFBS at 500 ppt
 - Response levels for PFOS/PFOA: 40/10 ppt (from 70 ppt), PFBS at 5000 ppt
- SWRCB Order
 - Quarterly sampling of influent, effluent (if ≥ 1 mgd)
 - Quarterly sampling of biosolids if ≥ 5 mgd or annual if 1-5 mgd
 - GW monitoring programs to do one-time sample
 - Check Geotracker data – not always accurate and units vary!
- Region 2 response in partnership with SFEI
(Phase 1 data to inform Phase 2 – data being QA/QC'd)

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2. Per and Poly-fluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)

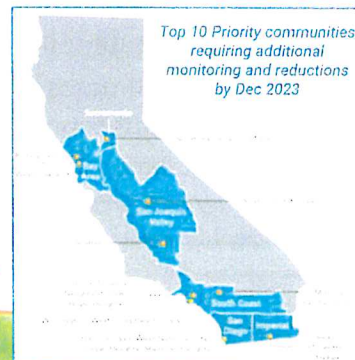
- EPA PFOS/PFOA Problem Formulation
 - Recognizes receivers, importance of source control
 - EPA Risk Assessment Process (adopt by end 2021)
 1. Deterministic screening model
 2. Probabilistic model (full risk assessment)
 - Single lab method available
 - Multi-lab method by end of 2022, permit requirements next
 - Looking at thermal technologies
- EPA to award 4 teams summer 2021, ~\$1.5 M each to investigate pollutants in biosolids (27 proposals)
- Other efforts underway
 - National Coalition of Receivers – fact sheet revisions and engaging new congress



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3. Criteria Pollutants & Toxics Reporting and Air Toxics “Hot Spots” Program Updates

- Enacted January 1, 2020 via AB 617
- Gives CARB authority to “harmonize” air monitoring, reporting, & emissions reduction programs from stationary sources
 - Assess community exposure
 - Establish criteria for air monitoring
 - Identify strategies for emissions reduction
- Steps being taken to:
 - Establish emission reduction targets & enforcement programs
 - Develop uniform statewide reporting and public access to enhance public’s right to know



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3. Criteria Pollutants & Toxics Reporting and Air Toxics “Hot Spots” Program Updates

- Expanding the compound list to >1000 compounds (previously >500)
- KEY ISSUES:
 - Many of the compounds do not have known toxicity levels
 - Many of the compounds do not have known emission factors
 - Many of the compounds are not relevant to WWTPs
- Where does this leave WWTPs?
 - What do we report?
 - How can we report if there are no known emissions factors or toxicity levels?



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3. How can WWTPs comply with the updated CTR and Air Toxics “Hot Spots” Programs?

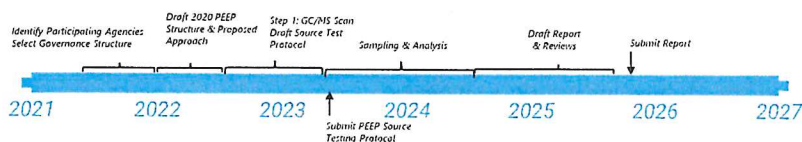
- WWTPs to report business as usual through 2028
- In meantime, WWTPs w/ air permits perform a “two-step process” to determine shortlist of compounds
- Two-Step Process consists of:
 - GC/MS Scan for determining detectable compounds
 - Quantification Process (Mimic 1990 Pooled Emissions Estimation Program, PEEP)
 - Quantification methods approved by CAPCOA
 - Toxicity potentials approved OEHHA Scientific Review Panel



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3. Next steps for the Wastewater Sector...

- California Association of Sanitation Agencies to draft proposal for performing the Two-Step Process with members
- Approximate timeline for Two-Step Process: ~5 years
- Approximate total cost: ~\$10 Million (spread across participating members)
- Execute the Two-Step Process requires various steps



CASA One-Page Summary to educate your staff and local air district staff – draft underway!



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4. SB 1383: Organic Waste Methane Emissions Reduction

- 40% methane reduction by 2030 (relative to 2013 levels)
- Organic waste diversion from landfills (includes biosolids, digestate, and sludges)
 - 50% by 2020 (relative to 2014 levels)
 - 75% by 2025 (relative to 2014 levels)
- Implementation
 - State to enforce on jurisdictions Jan 1, 2022
 - Local jurisdictions to start enforcement Jan 1, 2024
 - Compliance by Jan 1, 2025



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4. SB 1383: Organic Waste Methane Emissions Reduction

- Items to address...
 - Transfer of Emission Reduction Credits (offsets) from landfills to projects that divert/process organic waste – if combusting onsite (discussing with CAPCOA and air districts)
 - Designating facilities as landfilling that are not determined to be diversion, can go through determination process to get approved
 - Understand procurement of products and if they will consider other products (specifics in regulations) and how they apply to city and district facilities
 - Non-Local Entities (including special districts)
 - Streamlining permitting (Ventura County composting facility)
 - Understand how to handle County Ordinances
 - Updates to General Order
- Leave behind a map of ordinances to CalRecycle for outreach



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5. SB 100 Joint Agency Report

- 100% Clean Energy Act of 2018
- Renewable and zero-carbon resources to supply 100% of electric retail sales to end-use customers by 2045
- CEC, CPUC, and CARB drafted joint agency report to Legislature identifying pathways to achieve mandate
- CASA submitted comments recommending:
 - Inclusion of biogas/biomethane in SB 100 PATHWAYS
 - State level interagency coordination on utilization of biogas/biomethane supporting goals/mandates
 - Utilizing cost and supply information already compiled
 - Support for the Draft Report's recommendation supporting research and innovation in clean energy technologies, including biogas/biomethane produced by POTW anaerobic digesters

*Upcoming Workshops on
Next Steps to Plan for SB
100 Resource Build*

June 2nd Sessions

*Session 1 - 10 AM: Framing
the SB 100 Resource Build*

*Session 2 - 2 PM:
Stakeholder Perspectives
Roundtable*



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6. CARB Advanced Clean Vehicle Regulations

Advanced Clean Truck Rule

- Requires manufacturers increase electric vehicles sales thru 2045
- Requires large entities report vehicle 2019/2020 activity by **May 1, 2021**:
 - >\$50 M in revenue from related subsidiaries, subdivisions, or branches, and has at least one vehicle
 - Owns 50 or more vehicles
 - Dispatches 50 or more vehicles into or throughout California
 - Is a government agency (federal, state, local, and municipalities)!

Next Steps...

- OAL approved March
- **Report activity data by May 1st**
- Activity data will be used as basis for Clean Fleet Rule regulatory development.
- Be sure to report:
 - Mileage
 - Hours of operation
 - Remote assets
 - Specialty vehicles and needs



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6. CARB Advanced Clean Vehicle Regulations

Advanced Clean Fleet Rule

- Zero-emission fleets by 2045
- Government entities viewed as early adopters
- Convert public fleets by 2035 (purchase agreement by 2027)
- Goal to adopt regulation by end of 2021 (may extend into 2022)
- Workshops held 3/2 and 3/4

*Specialty Vehicle Coalition
with ACWA, CMUA, SCPPA,
CSDA and SoCalGas*

 CASA Subgroups

Next Steps...

- Comments submitted 4/2
 - Provisions for essential public services
 - Wastewater biogas as a low carbon transportation fuel
 - Develop exemption process with timeline for essential public services (consider cost)
 - Support normal replacement cycle of vehicles within public fleets and delayed start date for low population counties
 - Support purchases of NZEV
 - Regulatory timeline to reflect the need for flexibility in planning
 - Avoid stranded assets
 - Early action credit
- Draft regulation to come – 45-day comment period



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7. New BACT for Large Emergency Diesel Engines ≥1,000 bhp

- Kicked off by BAAQMD issuing determination December 22, 2020
- No stakeholder process, no previous notification
- Deemed achieved-in-practice based on installations vs operation
- Applied to permit applications open since Jan 1, 2020

EPA Tier 4 Emission Sta

Pollutant	BACT Limit
POC	0.14 g/bhp-hr
NO _x	0.5 g/bhp-hr
SO ₂	CARB Diesel (15 ppm sulfur)
CO	2.6 g/bhp-hr
PM-10	0.02 g/bhp-hr



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7. New BACT for Large Emergency Diesel Engines ≥1,000 bhp

- BACWA to brief BAAQMD Board Members / electeds on BACT process, communication issues, POTW planning process
- BACWA to provide BAAQMD staff specific asks (points made to Board)
- CASA tracking/responding to requests from other Air Districts
 - Sacramento Metro AQMD – comments submitted by 4/30
 - South Coast AQMD – end of May/early June
 - Coordinate with Hospital Association as an essential public service (Tier 4 Engine in SoCal hospital automatically shut off due to low urea)
- Local status updates



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8. AB 32 Climate Change Scoping Plan Update 2022

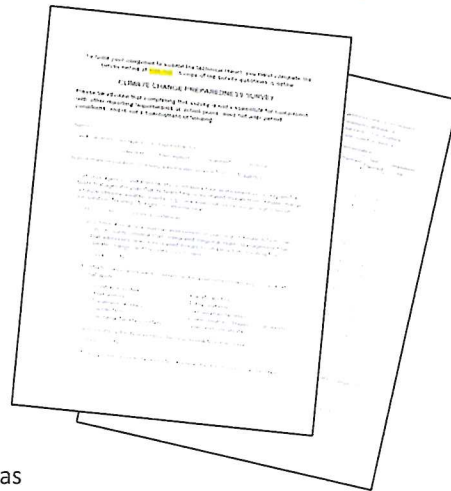
- CARB to kick off workshop series June 8th for development of 2022 Scoping Plan Update to achieve carbon neutrality by 2045 (previous updates 2008, 2013, 2017)
 - June 9 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Focus Area Discussion: Natural and Working Lands
 - June 9 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Focus Area Discussion: Equity and Environmental Justice
 - June 10 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Focus Area Discussion: Transportation Sector
 - June 10 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Focus Area Discussion: Electricity Sector



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9. CA Adaptation: SWRCB Climate Change Preparedness Survey

- State Water Board to:
 - Send NPDES and WDR permit holders to be surveyed in late 2021
 - 45-day response
 - Webinar after formal distribution
- Actions:
 - Consider piloting survey (like the Bay Area a
 - Consider developing guidance for responding to survey
 - Determine new lead at SWRCB
 - Follow development of 4 priority areas (drinking water, wastewater/co-digestion, sea level rise, harmful algal blooms)



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9. CA Adaptation: Coastal Commission and Natural Resources Agency efforts

- Coastal Commission planning for sea level rise – met with staff to discuss:
 - Better coordination on a project/permit basis – avoid duplication of efforts
 - Better coordination at state agency level between CCC and SWRCB on requirements for performing vulnerability assessments
 - Certainty of which projections (and documents) agencies rely upon in their planning (i.e., the 2018 OPC Sea Level Rise Guidance, [Principles for State Action](#))

- Natural Resources Agency to update CA Adaptation Strategy (4th)
 - Kickoff workshop held May 26th
 - Series of region-specific workshops kicking off next week – beginning in north central valley June 1, 2, and 3
 - Draft strategy update to be released Q3 of 2021 with goal to final by end 2021



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Informational Items



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1. Soil Enrichment Protocol (SEP)

- Climate Action Reserve (Reserve)
- Published September 2020
- Provides guidance to **account for, report, and verify** GHG emission reduction associated with soil enrichment projects
- Produce **carbon offset credits**, referred to as Climate Reserve Tonnes (CRTs)
- **Soil enrichment projects** are defined as the adoption of sustainable agricultural land management practices intended to increase soil carbon sequestration and/or decrease net GHG emissions, via changes to:
 - Fertilizer application
 - Soil amendment application
 - Water management/irrigation
 - Tillage/residue management
 - Crop planting and harvesting
 - Fossil fuel usage
 - Grazing practices



Presentation to step through the calculation process – June 23/24

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2. Carbon Sequestration Meta-Analysis

- **Request for Biosolids Soil Carbon Systematic Article Reviews and Data Extraction**
- Virginia Tech researchers to quantify C-sequestration potential from land-applied biosolids from analysis of existing research/data
- Systematic review of published and unpublished data (13,000+ abstracts)
- Seeking assistance with Full-text Review (2 people per Review) – focused on Materials and Methods section and checking for soil organic carbon/matter data
- No funds available to compensate for time, offering authorship
- If you, a PhD student, postdoctoral researcher, or someone who would like to help, **please reach out to Mike Badzmierowski, Greg Evanylo, and Lee Daniels!**

- If you have non-published data showing changes in soil organic carbon/matter concentrations and stocks, consider sending to be included
- Data (with consent of authors) to be added to an open-access repository
- Promote biosolids research, identification of research gaps, and inform and harmonize future collection methods

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3. Biogas/Biomethane Management: RINs

- EPA Renewable Fuel Standard RINs
 - Met with Kurt Gustafson
 - Discussed interpretation of RFS related to RIN values for sludge-based biogas (D3, cellulosic) vs food waste-based biogas (D5, advanced biomass fuel)
 - Current interpretation is that all biogas from co-digestion will be valued at D5
- Next Steps
 - Appeal to higher authorities within EPA, sending letter
 - Pursue legislative clarity through Congress (some concerns by others)



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4. CPUC Self-Generation Incentive Program

- CASA responded Mar 22nd to questions, developing follow-up letter
- The Commission asked if it should revise SGIP renewable generation technology requirements to:
 1. Remove directed biofuels as an eligible fuel?
 2. Remove internal combustion engines from the list of eligible technologies?
 3. Exclude crops grown solely for energy production (commonly referred to as "purpose-grown crops") as eligible feedstocks for renewable fuels?
 4. Limit eligible sources of renewable hydrogen to "green electrolytic hydrogen"?
 5. Define green electrolytic hydrogen as hydrogen produced at the project site, or delivered to the project site by vehicle or dedicated pipeline, that was produced through electrolysis using:
 - 100% renewable electricity, as defined by the RPS, with the addition of large hydro;
 - 100% renewable electricity from a RPS purchase program that provides bundled renewable energy credits to the electricity purchaser; and
 - excluding hydrogen gas manufactured by any other method?
 6. Direct SGIP Program Administrators to issue a single 30-day warning when renewable fuel use documentation is not provided as required, followed by issuance of an infraction and initiation of procedures of the SGIP handbook if the required information is not provided within 30 days of issuance of the warning?

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5. BAAQMD Climate Pollutants Regulation 13



Rule development suspended due to COVID-19 & lack of data

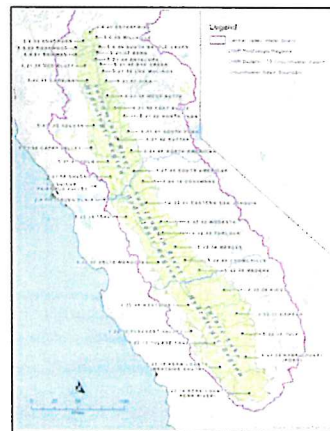
- BAAQMD realized it needed more data, before drafting regulations!
- Draft BMPs summarized for Organic Material Handling and Compost Facilities
- BACWA to summarize current BMPs for POTWs via survey, specifically:
 - Anaerobic digesters and ancillary equipment
 - Other treatment processes (i.e., lagoons)
- BAAQMD may incorporate BMPs as part of standard permit conditions vs further regulate

BACWA Survey to be reviewed by BAAQMD before release to members



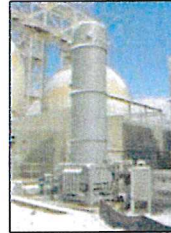
6. Central Valley Salinity Alternatives for Long-Term Sustainability (CV-SALTS)

- **Nutrient (Nitrate) Management**
 - Nitrate Management Orders went to POTWs within priority basins (those land applying biosolids)
 - Only applicable in Priority 1 or 2 GW Basins
 - Early Action Plans approved May 5th (exception of 1 and will resubmit)
 - Roundtable held April 29th
- **Salt Management**
 - Notice to Comply released
 - Phase 1: Prioritization & Optimization Study (P&O Study) approved, pay now
 - Late 2020 to early 2021
 - 30- to 35-year study



7. Rules to limit NO_x: SCAQMD Rule 1118.1

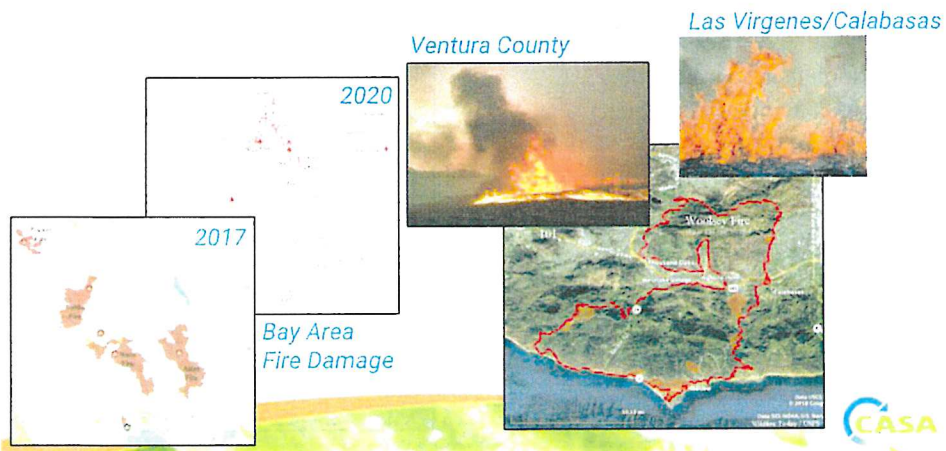
- SCAQMD – Rule 1118.1
 - Technology Assessments Status – SCAQMD staff to work with stakeholders on impacts of food waste diversion and beneficial use alternatives to flaring
 - Impact to emergency engine use



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8. Biosolids and Fire Reclamation Efforts

- Site secured in Las Virgenes/Calabasas (Phase 1) for Class B cake, Class A compost, and Class A dried pellets for land application + control site
 - Finalizing data analysis from Dec 2019 rain sample, to continue through spring 2021
 - Formal report to come in 2021
- Looking for a site in Bay Area (Phase 2) and back to Colorado (Phase 3)



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9. U.S. Forest Services Wood Innovation Grant



- Two-year grant from Sierra-NV Conservancy & Governor's Office of Planning & Research (completed Dec 2019)
- Collaboration with U-CO and UC-Merced unit (owned by Phoenix Energy)
- Investigate viability of replacing GAC with biochar (from gasification of dead trees) for pre- and post-treatment odor control
 - Year 1: Perfect activation of biochar (bench to full scale)
 - Year 2: Agency testing (Delta Diablo, LACSD)
- University of CO has written report summarizing additional needs to develop a marketable product – Greg Kester finished reviewing report last year
- Finding: Biochar did not perform as well as GAC, but recommendations for improving its performance are provided
- Report anticipated to be complete any time now, final formatting underway



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Upcoming Conferences/Events

- **CWEA Annual Conference**
June 7th-10th, Virtual
- **NACWA Utility Leadership Conference**
July 20th–21st, Virtual
- **CASA Annual Conference**
August 11th-13th, San Diego



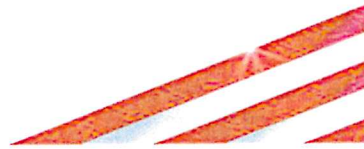
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Upcoming Meeting

June 24th



MEMORIAL DAY
REMEMBER AND HONOR



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EESI

Unlocking Capital For Climate Solutions: The Benefits of a National Climate Bank

www.eesi.org (all slides, items online)

June 8, 2021

Craig K. Murray

Dan Bressette

- Need to Rethink America National Energy Policy. EESI: Hill Briefings, Climate Change Solutions, Social Media (@EESIONLINE); Fact Sheets. Upfront Costs: Actual Barrier. More Challenging Solar and Energy Efficiency and this is where Green Banks come in to bring affordable Capital to low, mod and communities of color and reach those that need it most.
- Green Banks need resources. Proposals in Congress and Panel to describe.

Jeffrey Schub, Exec. Dir. , Coalition for Green Capital. Clean Energy and Sustainability Accelerator. Review History of Federal Green Economy. Started in 2009 (Markey and Holland). Tied up in Cap and Trade and did not get to floor. 2019 (Dingal) National Climate Act. 1x Federal Appropriation for non profit to fund network of green banks across the US. Part of America Jobs Plan. Green Bank: Put in \$1 Public: Leverage \$3 private money. Overtime, increases because recycle dollars and loan to itself. 21 Green banks in 15 states and DC during last 10 years. 22 States on the way. Bipartisan legislation in Maine and Minnesota and concept of leveraging private investment is popular. Accelerator funds: State Green Banks in every US. Help local communities to transition to green energy economy. Problem carbon power hits consumers harder, differently in different states. Not price of electricity but level of burden on household based on household income (states with low income and stress). Level of support does need to vary by state. States with highest level of carbon power (eg CA, TX, LA, FLA, GA, Ill..) Indicator of negative health impacts (Asthma, health). Map shows central south states. 6 distinct regions with workers in different energy dependence. Conc. Of Wind in upper Midwest and wind in north east coast and west coast. Benefit to transition to clean energy is lower energy costs for everyone and savings accrue to the households esp. those with high reliance on fossil fuels. \$100B Accelerator vital to Critical objectives: Massive increase in wind 6x, transmission lines, and vehicles driven. Jobs for Range of skillsets: Production and Manufacturing 36% (mining job avg. 3.8 years), clean energy jobs will be true and abundant. 7 different sectors to invest (grid, transporation, building...). Accelerator: \$100B: \$800B private= \$900B invested in 10 years, 4 M jobs in 4 years, work in every community. Justice for communities harmed by pollution, hit by job loss, left out of gains enjoyed by the rest of country. 40% benefits low income communities. Single biggest climate reduction program per dollar: Accelerator-driven investment: reduces 20% of emissions. WE have done this type of big change before: Mid-90s to 2010 total transformation of information platform. Clean Energy and Sustainability Act (HR806) National Climate Act (S283).

Bryan Garcia, President and CEO, CT Green Bank. Quasi-public Org. similar to Corporation to State of CT. Focus on finance clean energy (including manuf. Fuel cells). State support \$0.001/kWh surcharge on electric rate payer bills (\$7-\$10 per household per year = \$25MM per year). Pursue investment strategies that advance market transformation in green investing. What after: Cleaner, Resilient, Healthier, Cheaper (net Savings, put more cash back into end use customer by reducing their bill with 20-25 year loans). CT Green Banks: \$30M/year. Invest public resources first (\$6:\$1) Public investment \$1: Private investment: \$6.60 and get all social and environmental benefits. Key thing: investment drives everything, the deployment of clean energy. Social and Environmental: Investment, economic development, environmental protection, tax benefits. Posi Gen is example of Residential solar PV to low and moderate income. Can pay 10-15% for energy. Can reduce financial affordability gap through

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up front financing solution. Food Waste to Energy: Quantum Bio Power in CT. Peoples Bank, subordinated debt at 20% provided. New England hydropower. All of New England old and aging dams, restored dam in Meriden CT. Key Bank, Bank of America, Webster Bank worked with. Unique to CT: Can issue CT Green Bank Bonds. WW II effort \$3T Bonds raised. CT wanted citizens to buy clean investment bonds. Paris Agreement: mitigation and no more than \$1k and certification that use and proceeds go to that purpose. Last Earth Day: \$100M sold to CT and others across country. Vision Statement: a planet protected by the love of humanity. Focus in future is more investment to reduce energy burden. www.ctgreenbank.com

Duanne Andrade, CFO, SELF. Univ. Latin American for Social Responsibility. FL SELF CFO. Solar and Energy Loan Fund. Certified CDFI. Social Justice, Environmental Justice, Economic Justice. First non profit green bank in FL (founded in 2009). Right after the housing crisis and to revitalize economy with Obama ARRA. SELF founded \$3M grant from US DOE. 2005 CDFI: to fulfill financing gaps left behind by traditional banks. Mandate 60% to be spent in low and mod income census tracts mainly energy efficiency and clean energy. Microlending based on ability to pay. Leveraged \$3M: \$25 M (8:1 ratio). Unsecured home improvement loans. Small \$10k loans. 50% clients with less than 680 credit scores. Less than 2% avg. default rate. Fund assist contractor. JP Morgan assisting to create new fund for green affordable housing (help renters in affordable housing buildings and utility bills take up most of their income so will finance with \$65M for affordable energy). PACE program in St Lucie County. Also do disability and aging in place home modifications. Lending programs: CDFI (no min. credit score or income, unsecured, 5% -10.99%| 3-10yr term), KICA (raise funds globally, bring capital into community.. crowdfunded loans focused on Veterans and Women), SAFE HOME, HALO, WQL. Wind hazard mitigation is 40% of lending. 76% is low mod income lending. Low mod income have a lot more needs (ie fix roof) before go solar. HCIF housing and community impact fund. Philanthropic fund: Leon Lowenstein: \$200k grant; leveraged \$800k. Now have 25 investors including Faith Based Investors. Federal/Gov funds are only 16% of total funding.

Brittany Heller, CO. Grid Alternatives Colorado. Direct solar project development & tech. asst. Nation's largest solar installer. 1.3 GHG emissions prevented from being released. Hands on training solar skills including those impacted by the criminal justice system. Eg 1.2MW community solar array: reduce 15 tons emissions. 900k solar workers required by 2035 to decarbonize the grid. Grid CO provides Paid training esp. important with people with barriers to employment. CO: 2019 Polis Admin roadmap to 100% renewable energy by 2040. bheller@gridalternatives.org

Miguel Yanez. Q/A. ? how will increase to serve underserved communities of color. A: Jeff. Premise of energy and climate justice and have the least access. Intrinsic is very localized and meeting folks where they are and very hard to do that with a national structure so it empowers local partners. Standard loans doesn't deliver because not the right terms so really is about the right terms. Need local participation and decision making and local control to develop cooperative ownership products and control what they own. Bryan: Whites own 85% of their homes v. Blacks and Hispanics own 5% of their homes so only small area of those of most vulnerable citizens. CT will go farther with National Climate Bank. Duanne: Change way think of LMI. Not because lazy, poor or don't have assets. Shift that thought. 30%-120% of avg. median income is LMI. Need to see what market needs are in LMI. ALICE: not poor enough for grants and stuck in middle. About 40% of America and don't qualify per banking standards, so look at them as credit worthy and accommodate per their cash flow. We apply it successfully. It works, it is good investments. ? How do you work with fed., state and local stakeholders on community investments. Brittany: can always find a project but difficult to find funds. Connected to CDBG dollars and all funds go to the homeowner. Other funds need to see ROI and more equity focus difficult in

reaching LMI customers. Duanne: St. Pete, Orange Co. each local government has their own goals, frame ourselves as implementation goals, we come in and we do the work for you. Financial coaching we partner with others, specialists. Job training. Leveraging partnerships is really imp. We are resource center for everyone as well. In community, when we partner everyone wins. Solar system on public housing building and Grant Co. septic to sewer is win-win partnerships. Bryan: 45% GHG reduction by 2030 as a foundation. Look at sec. 8 housing and how to mobilize improvements with tenants and property owners. Opportunities for Fed. To resolve owner/tenant problems. Give more CRA credits to banks to drive more investment. Jeff: very hard to address DOE smaller projects, not designed to have targeting flexibility between federal depts. Accelerator will oppty. For utility with stranded asset costs such as pulp mill transitioning. Dan: Rural financing. On bill financing to reach communities. Jeff: lot of green banks use on bill financing and need to use every tool available. Duanne: eg Martin Co. utilities, really need a lot of work to work with the utilities. Bryan: we have 169 cities in Towns in CT. About 59%.

Dan: national climate bank and emissions. Materials available at: www.eesi.org/060821bank. Briefing archive, presentation materials. Two more in 3 part energy emission series.

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Certificate of Attendance for 1.0 Contact Hours

U. S. EPA's Small Water Systems Monthly Webinar Series
Harmful Algal Blooms and Algal Toxins

May 25, 2021

Craig Murray

This certificate represents participation in the webinar mentioned above as part of U.S. EPA's *Monthly Small Systems Webinar Series: Challenges and Treatment Solutions for Small Water Systems*. The webinar series is a collaboration between U.S. EPA's Office of Research and Development and Office of Water. The participant named above met the attendance requirements to receive the listed number of contact hours.



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BOARD AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS

Agenda Item 5A

- Separate Item to be distributed at Board Meeting
- Separate Item to be distributed prior to Board Meeting
- Verbal Report
- Presentation



BOARD MEMBER MEETING ATTENDANCE REQUEST

Date: _____ Name: _____

I would like to attend the _____ Meeting
of _____

To be held on the _____ day of _____ from _____ a.m. / p.m. to
_____ day of _____ from _____ a.m. / p.m.

Location of meeting: _____

Actual meeting date(s): _____

Meeting Type: (In person/Webinar/Conference) _____

Purpose of Meeting: _____

Meeting relevance to District: _____

Request assistance from Board Secretary to register for Conference: YES NO

Frequency of Meeting: _____

Estimated Costs of Travel (if applicable): _____

Date submitted to Board Secretary: _____

Board approval obtained on Date: _____

Please submit this form to the Board Secretary no later than 1 week prior to the Board Meeting.

Agenda Item 6
Date June 22, 2021



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Are Public Agency Remote Meetings Coming to an End?

By Kristin Withrow posted 4 hours ago

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With the planned reopening of the State on June 15, many public agencies are asking if the Governor plans to rescind his Executive Orders ([N-25-20](#) and [N-29-20](#)) that suspend certain provisions of the Brown Act and allow public agencies to hold teleconferenced or remote meetings. While there has been speculation, unfortunately there has been no indication from the Governor's office what he plans to do with regard to that issue. The Governor has numerous options on how to proceed. Ideally, the Governor would leave the Executive Orders in place for the foreseeable future, allowing public agencies to consider the local health conditions and allowing agencies to evaluate if it is safe for them to meet in-person, as many public agencies have already begun to do, or continue to meet remotely while ensuring public access to those meetings. Additionally, the Governor could rescind the Executive Orders outright and immediately require public agencies hold in-person public meetings of their governing boards. This would create significant challenges for agencies that have already scheduled remote meetings and for those agencies that are not prepared to hold socially-distanced in-person meetings.

Chat-How Can We Help?



Not knowing how the Governor plans to proceed, CSDA along with several other public agency associations – including the California State Association of Counties and the League of California Cities – submitted the attached letter asking the Governor, should he decide to rescind the Executive Orders, to provide public agencies with a 30-day transition period to shift from remote to in-person meetings in order to “allow local agencies time to effectively adjust to whatever new state or local public health and safety requirements may exist to ensure a deliberative and collaborative approach to return to in-person public meetings.”

Though the Governor’s exact plans for lifting certain COVID-19 restrictions on June 15 are still unknown, CSDA is actively working to ensure special districts’ ability to effectively deliver critical services to their communities remains a key component of his decision-making process. As details of the Governor’s plans become available, CSDA will provide updates through our various means of communication to our membership.

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May 18, 2021

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: **Transition Period Prior to Repeal of COVID-related Executive Orders**

Dear Governor Newsom:

On behalf of the California State Association of Counties (CSAC), Urban Counties of California (UCC), Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC), League of California Cities (CalCities), California Special Districts Association (CSDA), California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions (CALAFCO), Association of California School Administrators (ACSA), Association of California Healthcare Districts (ACHD), California Municipal Utilities Association (CMUA), and the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA), we write to respectfully request that you assist local governing bodies by providing time to prepare for the eventual repeal of COVID-related Executive Orders, including those that allow local legislative bodies to hold public meetings remotely. While our respective members welcome the opportunity to return to in-person public meetings and events with the improvements in public health metrics over the last few months, local government leaders around the state have considerable work to do to effectively transition back to conducting the public’s business in meetings where elected and appointed officials, staff, and the public are physically present.

As you are aware, local agencies have been operating under the provisions of Executive Order N-25-20 and N-29-20, which you signed on March 12 and 17, 2020, authorizing local agencies to hold public meetings via teleconferencing and requiring public comment to be presented electronically. These Executive Orders also waived the requirement to post the remote meeting locations (typically the home addresses of elected and appointed officials and staff), as well as making those locations accessible to the public. Since then, our members have dramatically shifted the way they conduct their public business to maintain the health and safety of their staff and the public generally, while continuing to include the public in the important work of our local agencies. Returning to conducting business in person will require time and effort to ensure continued public health and safety, even with the state’s improved public health status.

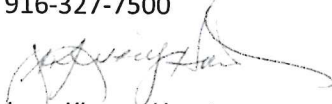
In light of the Center for Disease Control’s May 13 announcement that vaccinated individuals can resume normal activities and in anticipation of the June 15 date for reopening the state, we respectfully request a period of transition of at least 30 days to allow local agencies time to effectively adjust to whatever new state or local public health and safety requirements may exist to ensure a deliberative and collaborative approach to return to in-person public meetings.

We greatly appreciate your leadership during the pandemic to ensure that the public's business would continue unabated and look forward to a return to normalcy. To the extent that you are considering repealing Executive Orders from early in the pandemic, we would greatly appreciate enough time to adjust operations to avoid unnecessary disruption or confusion and to allow us to safely transition back to in-person public meetings. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you wish to discuss further.

Sincerely,



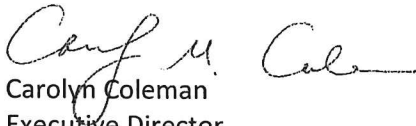
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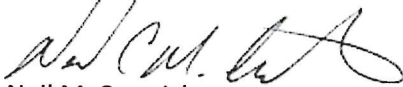
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Today, Ana Matosantos, Cabinet Secretary to Governor Gavin Newsom, responded to a [letter](#) sent to the Governor from CSDA's CEO, Neil McCormick, and other local government association representatives regarding the possible rescission of [Executive Order N-29-20](#) which provided the authority for local governments to conduct their business through virtual public meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The attached response was brief but clear. In part, it read:

"Please be assured that this Executive Order Provision will not terminate on June 15 when the Blueprint is scheduled to terminate. While the Governor intends to terminate COVID19 executive orders at the earliest possible date at which conditions warrant, consistent with the Emergency Services Act, the Governor recognizes the importance of an orderly return to the ordinary conduct of public meetings of state and local agencies and boards. To this end, the Governor's office will work to provide notice to affected stakeholders in advance of rescission of this provision to provide state and local agencies and boards time necessary to meet statutory and logistical requirements. Until a further order issues, all entities may continue to rely on N-29-20."

CSDA will continue to share additional information on this issue as it becomes available.

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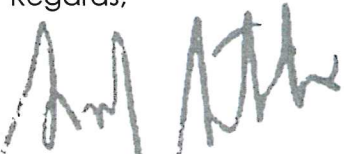
Dear Mr. Knaus, Ms. Miller, Ms. Hurst, Ms. Preston, Ms. Heaton, Ms. King, Ms. Coleman, Ms. Blacet-Hyden, Mr. McCormick, Mr. Anderson, and colleagues,

Thank you for your correspondence of May 18, 2021, inquiring what impact the anticipated June 15 termination of the Blueprint for a Safer Economy will have on Executive Order N-29-20, which provided flexibility to state and local agencies and boards to conduct their business through virtual public meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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We appreciate your partnership throughout the pandemic.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Ana Matosantos', written in a cursive style.

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Businesses adapt to cope under drought restrictions

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District helps firms develop alternative conservation plans

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After a winter of season of record-low rainfall, Corte Madera business owner Paul Burrous knew water restrictions were imminent. That's when he decided to invest in a water truck.

While it costs Burrous several thousand dollars a month to rent and insure, the 2,000-gallon truck allows his business, the Marin Wood Restoration and Painting Co., to continue one of its most demanded services, power-washing, even during what is likely to be the county's worst drought on record.

The Marin Municipal Water District prohibits using potable water for power washing on decks and hard surfaces as part of a suite of restrictions it approved earlier this year.

After negotiating with the district, Burrous' company was able to work around this by filling the water truck with recycled water he secures from the district and using it for power-washing jobs.

"Obviously my business is first and foremost but doing the right thing is important too," Burrous said. "A lot of my clients are sensitive to it. They don't want to waste the precious water."

Burrous' water truck is but one example of ways businesses and agencies are adapting to Marin's worsening water supply issues.

With less than a year of water remaining in its seven reservoirs in the Mount Tamalpais watershed, the Marin Municipal Water District has approved mandatory use restrictions for its 191,000 central and southern Marin residents in April and May.

The rules seek to cut water use by 40% compared to average use during the three-year period of 2018-2020. Restrictions include limiting outdoor sprinkler use to two days per week, banning at-home car washing and other rules.

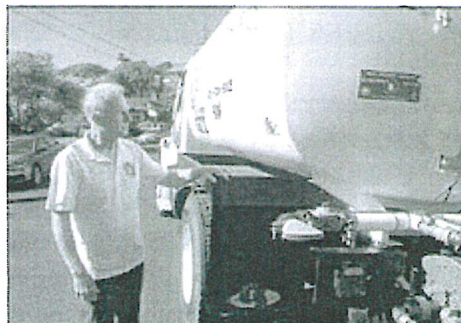
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landscaping, rely more heavily on water use to sustain themselves, the district is working to develop alternative conservation plans that still meet the conservation target.



Gustavo Diaz of Marin Wood Restoration and Painting Co. power washes a fence in Corte Madera. The business rented a water truck and fills it with recycled water for use at job sites.

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Paul Burrous, owner of Marin Wood Restoration and Painting Co., stands next to a water truck he rented that is full of recycled water for use by his business.

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The same rules apply for the 4,000 businesses, industrial customers and government agencies in the district. Recognizing that certain types of businesses, such as golf courses and

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Mill Valley’s municipal golf course is one example. The district’s rules limit golf course watering to greens and tees only, but the utility left open the door for alternative options to reach 40% conservation. Using about 12 million gallons of water in 2020, the Mill Valley Golf Course makes up nearly half of the city’s entire outdoor irrigation and water use, said Tony Boyd, a city public works official.

To prevent the course’s fairways from dying out entirely and having to be replaced, the district is allowing the city to water them as long as it conserves by 40% at the city’s 42 irrigation meters at local parks, athletic fields and playgrounds, Boyd said.

“Our main thing is that we don’t have to replace entire fields at the end of the summer,” Boyd said. “Just try and sustain them is our main goal.”

Two other golf courses have agreed to similar alternative plans, and the district will be tracking their water use monthly to ensure compliance, said Jeanne Mariani-Belding, district communications manager.

“Some are reducing irrigation overall to the roughs, some are removing sprinkler heads,” she said.

Nearly 30 alternative conservation plans, also called variances, have been approved by the district for other businesses, Mariani-Belding said.

“Some are changing business practices to reduce water use overall, and others, including companies that deal with deck and hardscape pressure washing, are using recycled water instead,” Mariani-Belding said.

For Joanne Webster, chief executive of the San Rafael Chamber of Commerce, what is most concerning is not the water restrictions but a proposed suspension of new water service hookups. The Marin Municipal Water District plans to discuss the idea at its meeting on June 15, and the North Marin Water District has already approved a hookup suspension in its Novato service area.

After the pandemic, the top issue among Marin employers is filling vacant jobs, Webster said,

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The Marin Municipal Water District said a hookup moratorium would only save one one-thousandth of its annual potable water demand. For the North Marin Water District, the annual savings would be about 0.1%.

“For us, it’s lawns versus livelihoods of people,” Webster said. “We’re all going to have to do our part and there should be some incentive to rip up your high water use gardening and lawns.”

The Marin Municipal Water District recently tripled its turf replacement rebate from \$1 to \$3 per square foot along with offering other discounts and rebates.

At Mt. Tamalpais Cemetery and Mortuary in San Rafael, the 65 acres of grass is nearly all brown and dried. The cemetery was already under a three-day per week watering limit before the new restrictions.

“We have had to cut it down to almost nothing,” said Jack Thornton, the cemetery’s manager and funeral director.

Thornton said he gets calls almost daily asking why the lawns are so brown. While not aesthetically pleasing, the dry lawns are just a small worry compared to the potential of Marin depleting its water supply, Thornton said.

“We’d love to have the place nice and green but we just don’t want to waste water because people are going to need water to drink with,” Thornton said.

In the previous drought from 2012-2016, Bon Terra Landscapes Inc.co-owner Johnny Fort of Corte Madera said he has always tried to convey to customers how precious water is and promoted more drought tolerant landscaping over traditional lawns. “We never really got the responses we thought we were going to get,” Fort said. “People continued to put in large lawns and even larger.”

But with the second major drought in less than a decade now underway, more people are coming around to the idea. One of Fort’s customers looking to install turf in the front and back yards in recent months

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particularly lower-income jobs. Part of that stems from Marin's high cost of housing.

Limiting new housing production through a hookup suspension would be "devastating" to businesses and would only save a minimal amount of water compared to further restricting or banning lawn irrigation, Webster said.

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decided to switch to synthetic turf as the water situation worsened.

While the drought so far has not affected the business, Fort and his wife and business partner Lisa Sechser said they have noticed more people are asking questions about alternative options to traditional green lawns.

"It's really hard to talk people into spending money on something they don't really want, but at some point in time what they want won't be an option," Fort said.

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By Deborah Wilder, President, Contractor Compliance and Monitoring Inc.

The California Supreme Court recently ruled (March 29, 2021) that prevailing wages are not limited to just construction related projects when it comes to public utility, reclamation and other special districts. The Court essentially ruled that any contracts Special Districts entered into must be paid at prevailing wages.



This case involved the Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 2 and their contract with Barrett Business Services to sort recycling and have other staff operate the Downey Area Recycling and Transfer Station and the Puente Hills Material Recovery Facility. None of the work performed by Barrett was construed as construction, maintenance or repair.

For the last 90 years, prevailing wage or public works projects have been limited to construction or construction related projects, including construction, repair, remodeling, alteration, maintenance, service work, emergency work and warranty work. Even though the California Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) has continued to define the word "construction" in Section 1720 et seq as restricted to construction related work, the court ruled, Section 1720(a)

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includes “work done for irrigation, utility, reclamation, and improvement districts, and other districts of this type.” The court reasoned that the language in Labor Code Section 1720(a)(2) specifically referencing special districts was different than the language relating to other agencies engaged in “public works.” The court stated because this particular section of the code did not specifically call out construction and related work, that the Legislature had meant it to have a more expansive interpretation for special districts to include ALL work awarded by a public agency and paid for in whole or in part from public funds.

What this means is that all contracts between a special district and any contractor would be open to prevailing wages. This could mean financial services, computer maintenance, engineering consultants, janitorial work and more. Because there are not prevailing wage classifications published for non-construction work, special districts are in quite a quandary.

So, what is the solution? ACWA, CASA and CSDA are working toward a legislative correction. The DIR seems to be “studying the issue” and it is highly unlikely that a legislative fix will occur this year (or even next year).

In the meantime, there is a provision in the Labor Code and related regulations that allow an Awarding Agency to request a wage classification and wage rates from the Director of the DIR. The provision requires providing the DIR with 45 days’ notice before the Bid Date to issue a new prevailing wage classification and wage rate. While this may seem like a time-consuming process, the alternative is having the contractors classify their workers into one of the many construction trades in excess of \$50 an hour. For example, most likely the workers sorting the recycling will be classified into the closest prevailing wage classification, likely Laborers with wages upwards of \$55 an hour. A computer programmer may well be classified under the Electrician Inside Wireman trade in excess of \$80 an hour. The only way to prevent that is to request a classification from the Director of the DIR of, for example, “computer service technician” and suggest a “scope of work” and “prevailing wage rate” commensurate with market rates. With no legislative solution in sight, special districts will have to choose between standing in line to get prevailing wage rates for all of their non-construction contracts or risking that the workers will be classified into one of the many construction classifications which already exist.

If you need more information on this topic or want our help in preparing a prevailing wage request to the DIR, please contact CCMI.

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