

**SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY**  
**1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, CA**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Agenda**  
**May 5, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.**

**1. Call to Order, Flag Salute and Roll Call**

**2. Adoption and Adjustment of Agenda**

**3. Public Comment**

Members of the public may address the Board at this time concerning items relating to any matter within the Agency's jurisdiction. To comment on specific agenda items, please complete a speaker's request form and hand it to the board secretary.

**4. Consent Calendar:**

If any board member requests that an item be removed from the Consent Calendar, it will be removed so that it may be acted upon separately.

A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, April 21, 2014\* (Page 2)

B. Approval of the Minutes of the Finance and Budget Workshop, April 28, 2014\* (Page 6)

C. Approval of the Finance and Budget Workshop Report, April 28, 2014\* (Page 8)

**5. Reports (Discussion and Possible Action)**

A. General Manager's Report

1. Operations Report

2. General Agency Updates

B. Directors' Reports

**6. New Business (Discussion and Possible Action)**

A. Consideration of Award of Contract to ProCraft for the Beaumont Avenue Recharge Facility Pipeline\* (Page 9)

B. Consideration of Letter of Support for Senator Hueso's SB1250 Water Bond\* (Page 15)

**7. Topics for Future Agendas**

**8. Announcements**

A. Engineering Workshop, May 12, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.

B. Regular Board Meeting, May 19, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.

C. The office will be closed Monday, May 26, 2014 in observance of Memorial Day

D. Finance and Budget Workshop, **Tuesday**, May 27, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.

E. San Gorgonio Pass Regional Water Alliance – Technical Committee Meeting, May 28, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. – Banning City Call Conference Room

F. San Gorgonio Pass Regional Water Alliance Meeting, May 28, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. – Banning City Council Chambers

**9. Adjournment**

**Information included in Agenda Packet**

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**SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY**  
**1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, California 92223**  
**Minutes of the**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**April 21, 2014**

**Directors Present:** John Jeter, President  
Bill Dickson, Vice President  
Mary Ann Melleby, Treasurer  
Ron Duncan, Director (Arrived at 1:46 p.m.)  
Ted Haring, Director  
Barbara Voigt, Director

**Director Absent:** Ray Morris, Director

**Staff Present:** Jeff Davis, General Manager  
Thomas Todd, Finance Manager  
Cheryle Rasmussen, Executive Assistant  
Russ Behrens, Legal Counsel

1. **Call to Order, Flag Salute and Roll Call:** The meeting of the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency Board of Directors was called to order by Board President John Jeter at 1:30 p.m., April 21, 2014 in the Agency Boardroom at 1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, California. Director Dickson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. A quorum was present.
2. **Adoption and Adjustment of the Agenda:** The agenda was adopted as presented.
3. **Public Comment:** President Jeter called upon Eric Fraser (General Manager of Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District). Mr. Fraser commented on the Draft Water Delivery policy.
4. **Consent Calendar:**
  - A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, April 7, 2014
  - B. Approval of the Minutes of the Engineering Workshop, April 14, 2014

Director Dickson moved, seconded by Director Duncan, to approve the consent calendar as presented. Motion passed 5-0, with Director Morris and Duncan absent.

**5. Reports:**

**A. General Manager's Report:**

**(1) Operations Report:** General Manager Davis reported on the following: **SWP Deliveries: (a)** Beaumont Cherry Valley Recreation & Parks Department's Annual Fishing Derby event will be held at BCVWD ponds from April 26 – 27. SWP water conveyance was accomplished by using the Crafton Hills bypass line at 20 cfs for three weeks, and is now flowing at 10 cfs. The Agency has delivered a total of approximately 700 acre-feet to BCVWD so far this month.

**(2) Water Supply Update: a) SWP Allocation:** A Notice to State Water Project Contractors, dated April 18, 2014 was included in the agenda packet. General Manager Davis reported that the Department of Water Resources (DWR) is increasing the 2014 Table A water allocation from 0% to 5%. A condition of this allocation is that SWP contractors take delivery of Table A water after September 1, 2014. DWR wants to maintain about one million AF of SWP water in Lake Oroville through the end of September; this being a prudent step should the drought conditions persist into 2015.

**(3) General Agency Updates: a) Water Bonds:** There are a total of ten water bond bills in Sacramento, ranging from \$5.8 to \$9.5 billion. Governor Brown has not stated his position on a water bond. **b) Cap & Trade:** According to state law cap-and-trade "fees" are to fund programs that reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Governor Brown wants to use the revenues for the bullet train, whereas others wish to use the revenues for other projects. Any such action would have to be passed by the legislature. It is possible that some of the revenue could be set aside for the water industry to make improvements in energy efficiency, but this would only be a small portion of the total cap and trade revenues. **c) San Geronio Pass Regional Water Alliance Tour (SGPRWA):** General Manager Davis is working with Phil Rosentrator and DWR on the upcoming SGPRWA tour that will be held on April 23, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Director Melleby commented on item 3a, stating that ACWA recently changed its position and is now supporting Senator Hueso for SB1250 water bond language. ACWA is asking members for letters of support. The Board was in agreement to discuss sending a letter of support for Senator Hueso's bill and to place this item on a future agenda.

**B. Directors Reports: (1) Director Melleby** reported that she attended the BCWWD Board meeting on April 9<sup>th</sup> and the Beaumont Chamber of Commerce Breakfast on April 11<sup>th</sup> – topic of discussion was on the Sun Cal project. Director Melleby also attended the State of the Region luncheon - Research Economist Dr. John Husing was the guest speaker. Director Melleby provided Dr. Husing's analysis of economic trends, statistical data and job forecasting. She stated that Dr. Husing's outlook for the Inland Empire is that it is shaping up economically for 2014. **(2) Director Voigt** stated that she attended the BCWWD's Board meeting and YVWD's Board meeting. **(3) Director Duncan** stated that he attended the Banning Chamber of Commerce Member Appreciation dinner. He informed the Board that Cabazon Water District has canceled its upcoming board meeting, due to lack of a quorum. **(4) Director Dickson** announced that Banning Replier Park is hosting a Disaster Preparedness event this coming Saturday.

## 6. New Business: (Discussion and Possible Action)

**A. Consideration of Resolution No. 2014-03 Urging Heightened Water Conservation by Customers in Response to Drought Conditions:** A staff report and a copy of Resolution No. 2014-03 were included in the agenda packet. General Manager Davis stated that ACWA is requesting its members to pass resolutions urging heightened water conservation throughout the state this year. Should the Board approve the Resolution a copy would be sent to ACWA. Director Dickson made a motion, seconded by Director Melleby, to approve Resolution No. 2014-03 Urging Heightened Water Conservation by Customer in Response to Drought Conditions. Motion passed 6 –

0, with Director Morris absent. Director Melleby requested that Resolution No. 2014-03 be posted to the website and that there be a press release on the Resolution.

**B. Consideration of Drought Update Meeting for the Region:** A staff report and a copy of a letter from the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), dated April 14, 2014 were included in the agenda packet. General Manager Davis briefed the Board on the many activities that is processed through the LAFCO board. Every two years, special districts in Riverside County elect a member of the LAFCO board. Phil Williams will be running for LAFCO's board once again. He stated that no action needs to be taken, unless a board member wishes to be considered as a candidate. President Jeter suggested that if there is no objection this item will be tabled until a board member comes forth stating that they wish to be nominated as a candidate. The Board did not object to President Jeter's suggestion.

**C. Consideration of Drought Update Meeting for the Region:** A staff report was included in the agenda packet. General Manager Davis stated that he has been approached by a number of people asking how the drought is impacting the region. He suggested that the Agency host an event that would be held for elected officials, SGPRWA members, service organizations, planning commissioners, HOAs, media representatives, etc. Speakers would include drought experts from DWR, Rich Atwater of Southern California Water Committee and other drought experts. This would provide an opportunity for attendees to ask questions first-hand on the drought situation and relay the information to their constituents/members. Mayor Franklin (City of Banning) suggested that the event be held during a SGPRWA meeting, as the venue (Banning City Hall) would accommodate a large crowd. Director Melleby suggested that the event be co-sponsored with SGPRWA and that it would include food and refreshments. The Board supported the concept and asked staff to coordinate the event with SGPRWA.

7. **Topics for Future Agendas:** President Jeter requested continued updates on the water bond and EBX II.

8. **Announcements:** *President Jeter reviewed the following announcements:*

- A. San Gorgonio Pass Regional Water Alliance Group Tour – April 23, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (Tour begins and ends at the SGPWA Parking Lot)
- B. Finance and Budget Workshop, April 28, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.
- C. Regular Board Meeting, May 5, 2014 at 1:30 p.m. (*General Manager Davis informed the Board that the time for this meeting is subject to change, due to a scheduling conflict.*)

9. **Closed Session (2 Items) Time: 2:09**

- A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION – Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9 (one potential case)

**B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**  
Consideration of Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9 (one potential case).

The meeting reconvened to open session at: Time: 3:10

Legal Counsel Russ Behrens reported that the Board met on both items listed on the agenda. No action was taken on either item that is reportable under the Brown Act.

**10. Adjournment:** President Jeter adjourned the meeting at 3:12 p.m.

**DRAFT – SUBJECT TO BOARD APPROVAL**

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Jeffrey W. Davis, Secretary of the Board

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**SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY**  
**1210 Beaumont Avenue**  
**Beaumont, California 92223**  
**Minutes of the**  
**Board Finance and Budget Workshop**  
**April 28, 2014**

**Directors Present:** Bill Dickson, Vice President  
Mary Ann Melleby, Treasurer  
Ron Duncan, Director (left the meeting at 1:45 pm)  
Ted Haring, Director  
Ray Morris, Director  
Barbara Voigt, Director

**Directors Absent:** John Jeter, President

**Staff and Consultants Present:**  
Jeff Davis, General Manager  
Tom Todd, Jr., Finance Manager

1. **Call to Order, Flag Salute and Roll Call:** The Finance and Budget workshop of the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency Board of Directors was called to order by Vice-President Bill Dickson at 1:30 p.m., April 28, 2014, in the Agency Conference Room at 1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, California. Director Ron Duncan led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. A quorum was present.
2. **Adoption and Adjustment of Agenda:** The agenda was adopted as published.
3. **Public Comment:** There was no public comment at this time.
4. **New Business:**  
*Vice-President Dickson turned the meeting over to Director Voigt, Chair of the Finance & Budget Committee.*
  - A. Ratification of Paid Invoices and Monthly Payroll for the Month of March, 2014 by Reviewing Check History Reports in Detail: After review and discussion, a motion was made by Director Duncan, seconded by Director Melleby, to recommend that the Board ratify paid monthly invoices of \$3,679,583.29 and payroll of \$30,741.33 for the month of March, 2014, for a combined total of \$3,710,324.62. The motion passed unopposed, with President Jeter absent.
  - B. Review and Consideration of Pending Legal Invoices for March, 2014: After review and discussion, a motion was made by Director Haring, seconded by Director Morris, to recommend that the Board approve payment of the pending legal invoices for March, 2014. The motion passed unopposed, with President Jeter absent.

- C. Review of March, 2014 Bank Reconciliation: After review and discussion, a motion was made by Director Duncan, seconded by Director Morris, to acknowledge receipt of the Wells Fargo bank reconciliation for March, 2014 as presented. The motion passed unopposed, with President Jeter absent.
  - D. Review of Budget Report for March, 2014: After review and discussion, a motion was made by Director Morris, seconded by Director Melleby, to acknowledge receipt of the Budget Report for March, 2014 as presented. The motion passed unopposed, with President Jeter and Director Duncan absent.
  - E. Review of Cash Reconciliation Report for March 31, 2014: Finance Manager Tom Todd handed out a new Page 13, to replace the one that was in the agenda packet. The Cash Reconciliation report is a 2-page report that contains financial information on page 1 and investment information on page 2. General Manager Davis and Finance Manager Todd reviewed a few budget categories that were over budget, and explained the situation with each category. After review and discussion, a motion was made by Director Morris, seconded by Director Dickson, to acknowledge receipt of the Cash Reconciliation Report for March 31, 2014. The motion passed unopposed, with President Jeter and Director Duncan absent.
  - F. Review of Reserve Allocation Report for March 31, 2014: After review and discussion, a motion was made by Director Melleby, seconded by Director Dickson to recommend that the Board approve the Reserve Allocation Report for March 31, 2014. The motion passed unopposed, with President Jeter and Director Duncan absent.
5. **Announcements:** Director Voigt reviewed the following announcements:
- A. Regular Board Meeting, May 5, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.
  - B. Engineering Workshop, May 12, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.
  - C. Regular Board Meeting, May 19, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.
  - D. The office will be closed in observance of Memorial Day, May 26, 2014.
  - E. Finance and Budget Workshop, Tuesday, May 27, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.
6. **Adjournment:** The Finance and Budget workshop of the San Geronio Pass Water Agency Board of Directors was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

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Jeffrey W. Davis, Secretary of the Board

## **Finance and Budget Workshop Report**

From Director Barbara Voigt, Chair of the Finance and Budget Committee

The Finance and Budget Workshop was held on April 28, 2014. The following recommendations were made:

1. The Board ratify payment of Invoices of \$3,679,583.29 and Payroll of \$30,741.13 as detailed in the Bank Register Report for Accounts Payable and the Bank Register Report for Payroll for March, 2014 for a combined total of \$3,710,324.62.
  
2. The Board authorize payment of the following vendor's amounts:

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3. The Board acknowledge receipt of the following:
  - A. Wells Fargo bank reconciliation for March, 2014
  - B. Budget Report for March, 2014
  - C. Cash Reconciliation Report for March 31, 2014
  
4. The Board approve the following:
  - A. Reserve Allocation Report for March 31, 2014



## MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** General Manager

**RE:** Award of Construction Contract for Beaumont Avenue Recharge Facility Pipeline

**DATE:** May 5, 2014

### **Summary:**

In February, the Board authorized staff to advertise the Beaumont Avenue Recharge Facility pipeline for construction. The purpose of this proposed Board action is to award a construction contract to the lowest responsible bidder for the project.

### **Background:**

The Agency has been involved in the planning, environmental review, and design of the Beaumont Avenue Recharge facility for several years. At the completion of each step, the Board has authorized staff to move on to the next step. At the February 18 Board meeting, the Board voted unanimously to direct staff to advertise the first phase of the project, the pipeline, for construction.

As a result of that Board action, staff completed the design of the pipeline, along with the contract documents, and advertised the project for construction in accordance with California public contracting law. The project was advertised in mid-March, both through advertisements in the Banning Record Gazette and in a nationally known construction publication.

A mandatory pre-bid conference was held on Friday, April 4. Bids were opened on Friday, April 25. Staff has reviewed the bids and has recommended that the Board award a construction contract to the lowest bidder, Pro-Craft Construction of Redlands.

The EIR recognized the traffic problems that could ensue if the pipeline, which runs along Beaumont Avenue from Orchard to

Brookside, were constructed during the school year. Therefore the Agency committed in the document to construct the pipeline during the summer, when school is out. While construction will still impact traffic on Beaumont Avenue, the traffic will be considerably less than it would be during the school year. In order to ensure completion of the construction before school begins in August, the Board will have to award a contract at the Board meeting today.

**Detailed Report:**

Eight bids were received. The attached memorandum from Atkins Global summarizes the three lowest bids. The bids ranged from a low of \$1.345 million to a high of \$1.97 million. The Engineer's Estimate, without contingency, was \$1.23 million. With a 15% contingency, the Engineer's Estimate was \$1.42 million. The low bid was between these two numbers. The attached bid summary sheet summarizes all eight bids.

The three lowest bids were scrutinized for math errors, contractors' licenses, bonds, and other factors required in order to award a construction contract. After reviewing these three bids, the Agency's engineer for the project, Atkins Global, recommends awarding a construction contract to Pro-Craft Construction for \$1,345,044.00. Pro-Craft is well-known, has an excellent reputation, has the appropriate licenses, and has worked for other local water agencies. The bid included all necessary documents, including a notarized bid bond.

In addition to the cost of the contract, other costs to be incurred by the Agency include engineering support from Atkins Global and mitigation monitoring support from First Carbon Solutions. The Board earlier authorized contracts with these two consultants.

Assuming the Board authorizes this contract, construction will begin in early June and should be completed by the middle of September. That portion of the work on Beaumont Avenue and Brookside Avenue that would impact school traffic would be completed before school starts in August.

**Fiscal Impact:**

The Board discussed financing of this contract at the February 24 Finance and Budget workshop. At that workshop, staff recommended that the Board finance the pipeline and service connection contracts for this project from the reserve for new infrastructure, and the Board concurred. Thus, all costs associated with the construction of this pipeline will be drawn from this reserve fund. The total cost of this contract, including the post design work from the two consultants, is expected to be approximately \$1.6 million. The reserve for new infrastructure currently has \$3.6 million in it.

The fiscal year 2013-2014 general fund has a small amount of money budgeted for the construction of this project, as construction was always anticipated to begin in June, the last month of the fiscal year. The great majority of the costs will be included in the 2014-2015 budget, which will be discussed at the May and June Finance and Budget workshops.

**Relationship to Strategic Plan:**

One of the goals of the strategic plan is to develop a regional infrastructure plan. This facility is part of that regional infrastructure plan. Thus constructing this pipeline directly relates to a major goal in the Agency's strategic plan.

**Recommendation:**

Staff concurs with the recommendation of Atkins Global that the Board authorize staff to execute a construction contract with Pro-Craft for \$1,345,044.00 and to move forward with the construction of the Beaumont Avenue Recharge Facility pipeline.



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April 29, 2014

Mr. Jeff Davis, PE  
General Manager/Chief Engineer  
San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency  
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Beaumont, CA 92223

**Subject: Beaumont Avenue Recharge Facility Pipeline  
Bid Review and Recommendation of Contract Award**

Dear Mr. Davis:

On Friday April 25, 2014, the Agency received a total of eight (8) bids for subject project ranging in amounts from \$1.35M ± to \$1.97M ±. The Engineering's estimate (from March 17, 2014; including contingency) was \$1.42M ±; the published Engineer's Estimate (without contingency) was \$1.23M. Of said eight, the three lowest bids are as follows:

<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Total Bid Amount</b>
1. Pro-Craft Construction Inc.	\$1,345,044.00
2. Christensen Brothers General Engineering, Inc.	\$1,432,475.75
3. C.P. Construction Co., Inc.	\$1,467,708.30

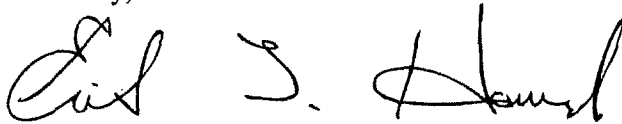
Based on our review of the apparent low bidder, Pro-Craft (Contractor), we offer the following comments:

1. The bid package was complete, and the bidding sheets had no mathematical errors.
2. The Contractor's License No. 467234 (Classes "A/ B/ C2/ C34/ C36 & C-42") was verified from California Contractors State License Board ([www2.cslb.ca.gov](http://www2.cslb.ca.gov)) and is current and active.
3. Atkins is familiar with Pro-Craft and believe them to be a competent and qualified Contractor, with satisfactory performance. In addition, they have reputable experience with pipeline construction for other local public agencies including:

Yucaipa Valley Water District, City of Banning, San Bernardino County Special Districts Department, and Rancho California Water District.

Therefore, based on our review of the lowest bid, we recommend Pro-Craft be awarded the Contract. If you have any questions or require additional information, please call me (direct) at 909.521.3766. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Erik Howard". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "E" and "H".

Erik Howard, PE, PLS  
Sr. Project Manager



San Geronio Pass Water Agency  
**Beaumont Avenue Recharge Facility Pipeline**  
Bid Opening Results  
April 25, 2014 - 9:00 a.m.

Bid Rec'd	Company	Contractor's Name (Rep)	City	Amount of Bid
X	WEKA Inc.	Jered Himle	Highland	\$1,494,976.00
X	Trautwein Const	Kyle Trautwein	Rancho Cucamonga	\$1,723,478.00
X	Hemet Mfg Co. Inc. (dba Genesis Const.)	Chrissy Peterson	Hemet	\$1,640,777.00
X	ProCraft	Travis Burton	Redlands	\$1,345,044.00
X	TK Construction	Troy Kirtley	San Bernardino	\$1,955,493.00
X	GRF Co. Inc.	Vienna Jimenez - Prime	Moreno	\$1,966,720.00
X	Christensen Bros. Gen. Eng. Inc.	Scott Perry -	Apple Valley	\$1,432,475.75
X	C.P. Construction Co., Inc.	Tomas Ramirez - Prim	Ontario	\$1,467,708.30

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## MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** General Manager

**RE:** Water Bond Support Letter

**DATE:** May 5, 2014

### **Summary:**

At the last Board meeting, the Board asked staff to look into the possibility of sending letters of support to legislators on water bond bills approved by ACWA. The purpose of this proposed Board action is to determine if the Board wants to send such letters.

### **Background:**

An \$11.14 billion water bond bill passed by the legislature in 2010 has been postponed twice and thus has not yet appeared on the ballot for voters to consider. The legislature is conscious of the fact that the previous bond issue is unlikely to be approved by voters, even in a drought year, and is holding hearings on a number of water bond bills of varying dollar amounts.

The Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) is monitoring the various bills and is supporting two of them—AB 2686 (Perea) and SB 1250 (Hueso). ACWA has asked its members to send letters of support to legislators for these two bills.

### **Detailed Report:**

The attached email from ACWA contains basic information about the two bills, as well as contact information for the legislators who sit on the committees that will consider the bills. The deadline for the Assembly bill has passed, but there is still time to send a letter of support for the Senate Bill. An unsigned letter is included in the agenda package for the Board's review.

### **Fiscal Impact:**

There is no fiscal impact to sending letters of support for bills in the legislature.

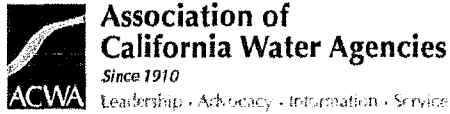
**Relationship to Strategic Plan:**

There is no direct relationship to the strategic plan.

**Recommendation:**

Staff has no recommendation. The Board can choose to send the letter drafted, send a revised version of the letter, or send no letter at all.





# STATE LEGISLATIVE OUTREACH ALERT



April 17, 2014

Support Letters Needed on ACWA-Supported Water Bond Bills

Hearings Set in Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee and

Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee

With action heating up on a modified water bond for the 2014 ballot, ACWA is actively supporting two bills expected to be heard April 29 in two different committees.

The bills – AB 2686 by Assembly Member Henry Perea (D-Fresno) and SB 1250 by Sen. Ben Hueso (D-San Diego) – closely reflect ACWA’s proposal for a modified water bond. It is critical that both measures advance when they are heard in their first policy committees on April 29.

ACWA has been working over the past several months to develop one or more bills consistent with ACWA’s Board-adopted direction for a modified 2014 water bond. AB 2686 and SB 1250 are the first bills to meet that objective.

The goal now is to get one or more ACWA-supported bills through both houses of the Legislature with a 2/3 vote and onto the Governor’s desk. ACWA is working with a broad coalition to secure final, bipartisan action on an ACWA-supported bond bill before the Legislature adjourns for summer recess on July 3.

## Action Requested

The need for a comprehensive water bond has never been more urgent. California remains locked in a severe drought, and public awareness and concern about water are at an all-time high. Now is the time to act.

ACWA urges its members to send support letters on AB 2686 and SB 1250 to the committees that will hear the bills on April 29. ACWA members whose Assembly or Senate representative serves on the committees are urged to make personal contacts with their representatives and ask for their support.

See below for further details.

AB 2686 (Perea) – Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee

AB 2686, set to be heard in the Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee, would replace the existing \$11.14 billion water bond set for the November 2014 ballot with a new measure authorizing more than \$9 billion in funding for key water supply reliability and safe drinking water programs. The proposed funding levels in AB 2686 are either identical to those proposed by ACWA or very close.

For example, the bill proposes \$3 billion for water storage, continuously appropriated, and \$2.25 billion for Delta sustainability. It also proposes \$1 billion for Integrated Regional Water Management Projects, just under the \$1.1 billion ACWA has proposed for that category. Funding amounts for recycling/desalination and groundwater unspecified for now, and the final numbers likely will be determined in discussions with legislative leadership.

SB 1250 (Hueso) – Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee

SB 1250 by Sen. Ben Hueso (D-San Diego) will be heard in the Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee. As proposed to be amended, the bill would replace the existing \$11.14 billion water bond with a \$9.4 billion measure that is highly consistent with ACWA's proposal.

The measure proposes funding levels that are identical to ACWA's proposal for the critical funding categories of Delta sustainability (\$2.25 billion) and water storage (\$3 billion, continuously appropriated). The chapters that include those categories are based on the current version of the bond set for the November 2014 ballot. The bill also includes chapters on groundwater and recycled water that are based on language suggested by ACWA.

Take Action Now

Please take the following actions to advance these water bond bills now.

1. Click [here](#) to edit and send the sample letter below on AB 2686 to members of the Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee, and click [here](#) to send the letter on SB 1250 to the Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee. Please be sure to edit the sections of the letter, including the body of the message, referencing your agency name. Letter should be sent to no later than April 22.

A list of committee members is also provided below for your reference. Please be sure to send a blind copy of your letters to ACWA by emailing to [mariam@acwa.com](mailto:mariam@acwa.com).

2. If your elected Senate or Assembly member serves on one of the above committees, please make a personal phone call or contact to ask for their support. This is critical to showing legislators that water agencies in their districts support a responsible and comprehensive water bond as proposed in AB 2686 and SB 1250.

Members of the Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee

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Sample Support Letter on AB 2686 (Perea)  
April<Date>, 2014

The Honorable <Insert Name Here>  
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Sincerely,

Name  
Position  
Agency Name

cc: The Honorable Ben Hueso  
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