



San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments

AGENDA AND NOTICE OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE WATER POLICY COMMITTEE & WATER TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)

Tuesday, July 9, 2019, 10:00 AM

Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District Office
602 E. Huntington Drive, Suite B Monrovia, CA 91016

Water Policy Committee

Chair: Judy Nelson
City of Glendora

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City of Monrovia

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Thank you for participating in today's meeting. The Water Committee encourages public participation and invites you to share your views on agenda items.

MEETINGS: *Regular Meetings of the Water Committee are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 10:00 AM at the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District Offices (602 E. Huntington Drive, Suite B Monrovia, CA 91016).* The agenda packet is available at the San Gabriel Valley Council of Government's (SGVCOG) Office, 1000 South Fremont Avenue, Suite 10210, Alhambra, CA, and on the website, www.sgvco.org. Copies are available via email upon request (sgv@sgvco.org). Documents distributed to a majority of the Committee after the posting will be available for review in the SGVCOG office and on the SGVCOG website. Your attendance at this public meeting may result in the recording of your voice.

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AGENDA ITEMS: The Agenda contains the regular order of business of the Water Committee and the Water TAC. Items on the Agenda have generally been reviewed and investigated by the staff in advance of the meeting so that the Committee/TAC can be fully informed about a matter before making its decision.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Items listed on the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and will be acted upon by one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless a Committee member or citizen so requests. In this event, the item will be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered after the Consent Calendar. If you would like an item on the Consent Calendar discussed, simply tell Staff or a member of the Committee.



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PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Public Comment (*If necessary, the Chair may place reasonable time limits on all comments*).
4. Changes to Agenda Order: Identify emergency items arising after agenda posting and requiring action prior to next regular meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR (*It is anticipated that the Water Committee/TAC may act on the following matters*)

5. Water Committee/TAC Meeting Minutes – Page 1
Recommended Action: Approve Water Committee/TAC meeting minutes.

PRESENTATIONS

6. San Gabriel Valley Greenway Network: Dan Sharp, LA County Public Works – Page 5
Recommended Action: For information only.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

7. Water Committee Chair Nomination
Recommended Action: Discuss and provide direction to staff.
8. Water TAC Chair/Vice-Chair
Recommended Action: Discuss and provide direction to staff.

UPDATE ITEMS

9. Safe Clean Water Program Update – Page 7
Recommended Action: For information only.
10. Legislative Updates – Page 11
Recommended Action: For information only.
11. E/WMP Updates
Recommended Action: For information only.
12. Water TAC Chair Report
Recommended Action: For information only.
13. Water Supply Update
Recommended Action: For information only.
14. Water Boards Update
Recommended Action: For information only.
15. Litigation Update
Recommended Action: For information only.

CHAIR'S REPORT
ANNOUNCEMENTS
ADJOURN



**SGVCOG Joint Water Policy Committee/TAC Meeting
Unapproved Minutes**

Date: June 11, 2019
Time: 10:00 AM
Location: Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District
602 E. Huntington Drive, Suite B, Monrovia, CA

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:09 A.M.
2. Roll Call

Water Policy Committee Members Present

H. Nguyen, LA County District #1
G. Boyer, Glendora
D. Mahmud, South Pasadena
J. Stark, Claremont
J. Capoccia, Sierra Madre

Water Policy Committee Members Absent

G. Crudgington, Monrovia
M. Clark, Rosemead

Water TAC Members Present

J. Chavez, Alhambra
J. Carlson, Sierra Madre
S. Costandi, Covina
R. Wang, LACPW
Y. Serna, Duarte
T. Love; P. Cortez, USGVMWD

Water TAC Members Absent

A. Tachiki, Monrovia
K. Kearney, Bradbury
V. Hevener, Arcadia
J. Carver, Pomona
E. Reyes, SGVMWD

Ex Officio Members Present

A. Jimenez; Ana R., SG Watermaster
S. Green, LACSD

Ex Officio Members Absent

Guests

R. Kampalath, LA County Chief Sustainability
Office
B. Tansey, South Pasadena News
W. La, SGMRC
R. Ramos, City of Irwindale

SGVCOG Staff

K. Ward

3. Public Comment.
No public comment was given.
4. Changes to Agenda Order.
No changes to the agenda order.

CONSENT CALENDAR

5. Water Committee/TAC Meeting Minutes

There was a motion to approve the consent calendar. (M/S: G. Boyer /J. Capoccia).

[MOTION PASSED]

AYES:	Alhambra, Glendora, Sierra Madre, South Pasadena, LACPW, LA County District #1, Duarte, Claremont, SGVMWD, Covina, USGVMWD
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	
ABSENT:	Bradbury, Arcadia, Rosemead, Pomona, Monrovia

PRESENTATIONS

6. OurCounty Sustainability Plan: Rita Kampalath, LA County Chief Sustainability Office
 R. Kampalath presented on this item. She described how over the past two years, the Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office (CSO) has been working to develop a vision for making communities healthier and more sustainable through the development of a countywide sustainability plan known as “OurCounty.” Since 2017, the CSO has conducted more than 150 stakeholder workshops. As a result, 12 goals, 37 strategies, and 148 actions were developed to form a discussion draft of the plan. R. Kampalath said that the comment period has closed, and the CSO is not officially taking comments at this point on the Plan. The Plan will likely be presented for adoption at the Board of Supervisors sometime in August. She responded to a question on the most controversial action within the Plan, which have focused on oil/gas, and development. In terms of ongoing County plans, for example the LA River Plan, she mentioned that the Sustainability Plan tries not to overlap with ongoing County planning efforts.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

7. Safe Clean Water Program – Draft Implementation Ordinance and Related Documents
 D. Mahmud reported on this item. There was extensive discussion and comments on the draft documents. Staff was directed to submit the following comments to the County:

Draft Implementation Ordinance

- **Program Elements (P. 8):** Recommend deletion of preparation of grant applications as an eligible expenditure. Member agencies desire program funds to be maximized by being used for project design and construction, operations and maintenance costs.
- **Definition of Low Impact Development Ordinance (P. 17):** Recommend modification of the definition of Low Impact Development ordinance by adding (change underlined): “means the most recent ordinance establishing local low impact development standards and requirements on certain new development and redevelopment projects in effect in the jurisdiction in which the project is located that conform to requirements imposed by the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board onto a respective permittee through their specific stormwater discharge permit under the Federal Clean Water Act. In the absence of another applicable LID ordinance, the default is the County’s own most current LID ordinance”
- **Definition of Nature-Mimicking Solutions (P. 17):** Recommend deletion of this term as it is not used and redundant with the term Nature-Based Solution.
- **Municipal Program Implementation Public Information (P. 24):** Recommend replacing the term “up-to-date” public information with the term “annual” as “up-to-date” is vague and cities will necessarily provide information to the public as they identify planned use of SCW funds in their annual budget presentations and documents.
- **Municipal Program Implementation Engage with Stakeholders (P. 24):** Recommend changing the language for the engagement of stakeholders to allow cities to efficiently develop a public input process for stakeholder engagement.

Cities should be able to adopt a public input process for the discussion of proposed use of municipal funds for the Safe Clean Water Program, which would align and mimic engagement during similar municipal processes (e.g. annual budget).

- **Regional Program Implementation Threshold Scoring (P. 28):** Recommend the proposed Threshold Score for project eligibility be specified in the Implementation Ordinance. This will allow for public input on the development of the Threshold Score for Projects.
- **Regional Program Implementation Stormwater Investment Plan (SIP) (P. 28):** Recommend language be added to allow the Watershed Area Steering Committee (WASC) to have an opportunity to amend its SIP based on Regional Oversight Committee (ROC) comments prior to the SIP being submitted to the Board of Supervisors.
- **WASC Membership (P. 41):** Wastewater agency/sanitation agency representative has been omitted from Board-appointed agency stakeholder seat listing, recommend adding in.
- **ROC Annual Review of Municipal Reports (P. 46):** Recommend that Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) staff take on responsibility of annual review of municipal annual reports. LACFCD staff should only submit reports to the ROC for municipalities who are not in compliance with Safe Clean Water Program requirements to the ROC for review. It seems like an inappropriate use of ROC member time to ask them to review 87 reports annually; LACFCD staff can perform this task much more efficiently.

Draft Credit Program Implementation Procedures and Guidelines

- **Low Impact Development (LID) Equivalency Volume (P. 1):** Clarify how the LID equivalency volume is defined, including conditions/capture. Also, provide the definition of “long term” e.g. more than one year? Five years?
- **LID Design Volume Definition (P. 1):** Recommend deletion of this term as it is not used in the guidelines.
- **Credit Eligibility Duration (P. 4):** Recommend that credit eligibility be determined on a triennial basis to lower administrative costs. Additionally, change reference to Tax Year to County fiscal year for clarity and familiarity.
- **Credit Percentages (P. 5):** Clarify if percentages can be adjusted within formulas (e.g. can percentages be lower than the specified maximum). If percentages can be reduced, specify to what extent each percentage can be adjusted.
- **Water Supply Benefit Volume (P. 5):** Recommend providing more detail to quantify water supply benefit volume, including specifying design capacity, estimated annual amount of capture, and annual precipitation anticipated to be captured.

Draft Low-Income Senior Exemption Procedures and Guidelines

- **Application Acceptance:** Recommend the option for cities to assist seniors by accepting applications, then forwarding them to County Tax Assessor.
- **Application Frequency/Eligibility:** Recommend modifying application eligibility be on a biennial or triennial basis.

Draft Tax Appeals Process Tutorial

- **Tax Appeal Threshold:** Clarify that appeal must be at least 10% of tax bill and at least \$50.
- **Examples for Tax Appeal:** Recommend providing examples of a successful and unsuccessful appeal, and the criteria to be used by County in considering an appeal.

Draft Feasibility Study Requirements and Scoring Criteria

- **Water Supply Benefits (P. 6):** Recommend changing project scoring criteria/threshold to account for cities (mainly those based in Rio Hondo and San Gabriel Rivers watersheds) that are unable to claim an increase in water supply for projects capturing water that would otherwise end up at an LAFCD spreading ground downstream of the project.

Draft Watershed Coordinator Scope of Work

- **Community Outreach (P. 1):** Recommend combining Tasks 2 and 3 as they are nearly identical.
- **Overall Comments on Scope of Work (P. 2-4):** Recommend consideration be given to the feasibility of finding an individual/applicant for the Watershed Coordinator position to perform both community outreach and technical skills that are required in the current Scope of Work, especially performing at a full-time capacity. Instead, it would appear it would be more efficient to focus Watershed Coordinator responsibility on outreach and coordination and rely on the LAFCD Technical Resources Program to provide the technical expertise. If the suggested modification of Watershed Coordinator Scope of Work was made, it would not be a full-time position. Additionally, the scope of work, and all draft documents for that matter, do not reference the watershed management plans/Enhanced watershed management plans. Feasibility study requirements of County should specifically reference project that have been identified in the individual watershed management plans/Enhanced watershed management plans, as well as acknowledge and complement previous work put forth by individual watersheds.

UPDATE ITEMS

8. Legislative Updates
K. Ward presented on this item. Updates on the status of AB 1093 (Rubio) was given. It was requested that a member of the Water Policy Committee attend a scheduled hearing. P. Cortez provided an update on the Governor's budget preparation as it relates to the water tax. Over the weekend, provisions of a water tax were removed from budget conferencing and will now move forward without this provision incorporated.
9. E/WMP Updates
No report was given.
10. Water TAC Chair Report
No report was given.
11. Water Supply Update
T. Love provided updates on this item. MWD has reported more than 300 million-acre feet in storage. In terms of local water supply, rainfall is 20% below average, even with recent storms, indicating drought conditions.
12. Water Boards Update
No updates were given.
13. Litigation Update
D. Mahmud reported on this item.

CHAIR'S REPORT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 12:07 PM.

REPORT

DATE: July 9, 2019

TO: Water Policy Committee/ Water TAC

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **SAN GABRIEL VALLEY GREENWAY NETWORK**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

For information only.

BACKGROUND

The SGVCOG and BikeSGV, a regional bicycle coalition, were awarded funding from Caltrans Active Transportation Program (ATP) to support the development of a San Gabriel Valley Greenway Master Plan. The San Gabriel Valley Greenway Network (“Greenway Network”) will transform underutilized flood control channels, abandoned railways, and utility rights-of-ways into bikeways, urban trails, and linear parks.

The project will provide safer connections to schools, transit hubs, health centers, and downtown areas. The Greenway Network promotes cohesive travel throughout the region while improving public health, public safety, mobility and accessibility, economic development, stormwater management, and reducing greenhouse gas. The Greenway Network also provides public recreation and green space for disadvantaged communities located in the area. Below is a timeline of what the Greenway Network has accomplished thus far:


- **April-September 2014** - SGVCOG and BikeSGV partner on successful ATP Cycle 1 grant to conduct regional greenway feasibility study
- **Fall 2015** - City of Baldwin Park awarded funding to construct greenway along Big Dalton Wash
- **April 2016** - District 1 Supervisorial staff and SGVCOG launch bi-monthly regional greenway working group to coordinate efforts
- **May-June 2016** - City of Glendora applies to State ATP to fund design and construction of greenways on the Big and Little Dalton Washes
- **May-June 2016** - Cities of Baldwin Park and West Covina apply to State ATP to fund design and construction of greenways along the Big Dalton Wash and Walnut Creek
- **August 2016** - LA County Department of Public Works awarded funding to construct 1.5 mile greenway along the Eaton Wash in the City of Temple City
- **May 16, 2017** - LA County Board of Supervisors unanimously passes "San Gabriel Valley Regional Greenway Network Implementation Plan" motion, authored by Supervisors Solis and Barger.
- **June 2017** - San Gabriel Valley Regional Active Transportation Planning Project kicks off. Scheduled to be completed in Fall 2018, the plan will include a greenway feasibility study to identify the 50 miles of SGV waterways best suited for short-term greenway implementation.

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- **November 2017** - COG submits successful application for ATP Cycle 3 for the SGV Greenway Network Implementation Plan. The Implementation Plan will provide guidance to the partner agencies along the Greenway Network segments in their respective jurisdictions by preparing detailed designs for two prototypical segments - Big Dalton Wash in in the City of Baldwin Park and San Jose Creek in the City of Pomona. The lessons learned from completing detailed designs for these two projects, which both include several design challenges, will help inform the development of designs for other segments of the Greenway Network. The project will also include develop consistent implementation strategies that will be developed working closely with the partner agencies based on significant community input.
- **June 2018** - City of Glendora hosts grand opening for its first stretch of greenway along the San Dimas Wash.
- **July 2018** - City of South Pasadena hosts grand opening for its first greenway along the Arroyo Seco channel.
- **June 2019** – San Gabriel Valley Regional Active Transportation Planning Project, including the greenway feasibility study is completed.

Dan Sharp, from Los Angeles County Public Works, will provide an update of the San Gabriel Valley Greenway Network at the July 9, 2019, Water Committee Meeting.

Prepared by:



Navneet Kaur
Management Analyst

Approved by:



Marisa Creter
Executive Director

REPORT

DATE: July 9, 2019

TO: Water Committee/Water TAC

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **SAFE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM**

RECOMMENDED ACTION


For information only.

BACKGROUND

A public review period for documents related to Los Angeles County's Implementation Ordinance for the Safe Clean Water Program was held from May 29, 2019 to June 21, 2019. The implementation ordinance will establish guidelines for the Credit Program and low-income senior tax exemptions and will formalize many of the details described in the Safe Clean Water Program Elements. The Flood Control District staff also held four Public Review Open Houses where stakeholders learned more about the Program, had the opportunity to ask questions, and submitted comments. The public comments from stakeholders can be found at: <https://safecleanwaterla.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/SCW-Public-Review-Comments-20190626.pdf>.

The SGVCOG submitted comments as a part of the public review period, which can be found as Attachment A.

The Implementation Ordinance will be presented to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors on July 30 along with supporting documents to codify many of the details described in the Program Elements. Current drafts of these documents can be found at the following link: <https://safecleanwaterla.org/public-review-period-docs/>.

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Management Analyst

Approved by: 

Marisa Creter
Executive Director

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A - Safe Clean Water Draft Implementation Ordinance and Related Documents Letter to Los Angeles County Department of Public Works



June 17, 2019

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RE: SAFE CLEAN WATER DRAFT IMPLEMENTATION ORDINANCE AND RELATED DOCUMENTS

The San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) appreciates the opportunity to give input on the development of the Safe Clean Water program through the public review period.

The SGVCOG includes membership of 29 cities, 3 Supervisorial Districts, and 3 Municipal Water Districts, representing over 2 million residents. We understand and take seriously stewardship of environmental resources and to that end enacted a Stormwater Policy in November of 2016 in which we pledged to protect our watersheds and natural environment from polluted stormwater, and to capture stormwater and dry weather runoff to augment local water supplies. We continue to support compliance with water quality standards and strive to comply in a reasonable, practical, feasible and affordable manner. Over the years, the SGVCOG has actively pursued a path toward compliance within the framework of those four guiding principles—reasonable, practical, feasible, and affordable—and earned a reputation within Los Angeles County and the state as a regional leader on stormwater policy.

In an effort to assist in development of the Safe Clean Water program, we offer the following specific categorized recommendations regarding the draft documents released on May 29.

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Should you have any questions, please contact Katie Ward, Senior Management Analyst, at kwardf@sgvcog.org, (626) 457-1800.

Sincerely,



Marisa Creter
Executive Director
San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments

REPORT

DATE: July 9, 2019
TO: Water Policy Committee/ Water TAC
FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director
RE: **LEGISLATIVE UPDATES**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

For information only.

BACKGROUND

Below are updates on legislation the Water Committee and Water TAC have taken positions on or are currently tracking:

AB 1093 (Rubio) - Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems: Financial Capability Analysis

- **Summary:** This bill would require the State Water Resources Control Board, by July 1, 2020, to establish financial capability assessment guidelines for municipal separate storm sewer system permittees that are adequate and consistent when considering the costs to local jurisdictions.
- **Status:** On July 1, 2019, AB 1093 was referred to the Appropriations and placed on suspense file by a 7-0 vote.
- **SGVCOG Position:** Support (Sponsor)
- **Support:** Association of California Water Agencies, Los Angeles County Division, League of California Cities, Upper San Gabriel Municipal Water District
- **Opposition:** None recorded.

AB 755 (Holden) - California Tire Fee: Stormwater Permit Compliance Fund

- **Summary:** This bill would increase the California tire fee by \$1.50. The bill would deposit the additional moneys in the Stormwater Permit Compliance Fund, which would be established by the bill, and would make the moneys available to the State Water Resources Control Board Division of Financial Assistance. The bill would continuously appropriate moneys in the fund for competitive grants for projects and programs for municipal storm sewer system permit compliance requirements that would prevent or remediate zinc pollutants caused by tires in the state and for an annual audit of the fund.
- **Status:** On May 29, 2019, AB 755 was ordered to the inactive file at the request of the bill's author. Ab 755 has been deemed a two-year bill.
- **SGVCOG Position:** Support (Sponsor)
- **Support:** LA County Division of the League of California Cities, Upper San Gabriel Municipal Water District, Sierra Club, Heal the Bay.
- **Opposition:** Auto Care Assoc., Automotive Service Councils of California, California Autobody Association, California Automotive Business Coalition, California Chamber of Commerce, California Tire Dealers Association, CAWA, Independent Automotive Professionals, Specialty Equipment Market Association, U.S. Tire Manufacturers Association.

AB 1204 (Rubio) - Primary Drinking Water Standards: Implementation Date

- **Summary:** This bill would require the adoption or amendment of a primary drinking water standard for a contaminant in drinking water not regulated by a federal primary drinking water standard or that is more stringent than a federal primary drinking water standard to take effect 3 years after the date on which the State Board adopts or amends the primary drinking water standard. The bill would authorize the State Board to delay the effective date of the primary drinking water standard adoption or amendment by no more than 2 additional years as necessary for capital improvements to comply with a maximum contaminant level or treatment technique.
- **Status:** AB 1204 has been deemed a two-year bill and may be acted upon in January 2020.
- **SGVCOG Position:** Support
- **Support:** Association of California Water Agencies (Sponsor)
- **Opposition:** Unknown

SB 205 (Hertzberg) - Business Licenses: Stormwater Discharge Compliance.

- **Summary:** This bill would require, when applying to a city or a county for an initial business license or business license renewal, a person who conducts a business operation that is a regulated industry to demonstrate enrollment with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit program by providing specified information, under penalty of perjury, on the application, including, among other things, the Standard Industrial Classification Code for the business. The bill would apply to all applications for initial business licenses and business license renewals submitted on and after January 1, 2020. The bill would permit a city or county to develop a provisional license procedure for business license renewals that provides businesses 3 months to comply with these provisions. By requiring that the information be submitted under penalty of perjury, this bill would expand the crime of perjury and impose a state-mandated local program.
- **Status:** On July 1, 2019, SB 205 was read a second time, amended, and re-referred to the Committee on Local Government.
- **SGVCOG Position:** Oppose unless amended
- **Support:** American Rivers, California Coastal Protection Network, California Coastkeeper Alliance, California Metals Coalition, Center for Biological Diversity, Coachella Valley Waterkeeper, Foothill Conservancy, Heal the Bay, Humboldt Baykeeper, Inland Empire Waterkeeper, Los Angeles Waterkeeper, Monterey Coastkeeper, Natural Resources Defense Council, Orange County Coastkeeper, Planning and Conservation League, Russian Riverkeeper, San Diego Coastkeeper, Santa Barbara Channelkeeper, Save the Bay, Surfrider Foundation
- **Opposition:** California Construction and Industrial Materials Association

SB 414 (Caballero) - Small System Water Authority Act of 2019

- **Summary:** This bill would enact the Small System Water Authority Act of 2019 and require the State Water Resources Control Board to order the consolidation of certain small water systems that are not in compliance with specified clean drinking water standards through the formation of a small system water authority. This bill would merge these non-compliant water systems into a larger and more robust public water system that can take advantage of improved economies of scale, streamlined managerial functions, and enhanced financial capacity.
- **Status:** On June 27, 2019, Assembly Rule 56 suspended.
- **SGVCOG Position:** Support

- **Support:** California Municipal Utilities Association (Co-Sponsor), Eastern Municipal Water District (Co-Sponsor), Economic Development Coalition, California Association of Mutual Water Companies, Calleguas Municipal Water District, Cucamonga Valley Water District, El Toro Water District, Emerald Bay Service District, Independent Special Districts of Orange County, Irvine Ranch Water District, Laguna Beach County Water District, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District, Municipal Water District of Orange County, Murrieta/Wildomar Chamber of Commerce, Rincon del Diablo Municipal Water District, Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, South Coast Water District, Southwest California Legislative Council, The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Three Valleys Municipal Water District, Valley Center Municipal Water District, Western Municipal Water District, Yorba Linda Water District.
- **Opposition:** Clean Water Action (Oppose Unless Amended), Community Water Center (Oppose Unless Amended), Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability (Oppose Unless Amended), Rural Communities Assistance Corporation (Oppose Unless Amended), Self-Help Enterprises (Oppose Unless Amended).

SB 669 (Caballero) - Water Quality: Safe Drinking Water Fund


- **Summary:** This bill would create the Safe Drinking Water Fund. The Fund would be established in the State Treasury and would provide that moneys in the Fund are continuously appropriated to the State Water Resources Control Board. This bill would require the State Board to administer the Fund to assist community water systems in disadvantaged communities that are chronically noncompliant relative to the federal and state drinking water standards and do not have the financial capacity to pay for operation and maintenance costs to comply with those standards.
- **Status:** On May 16, SB 669 was held in the Senate Appropriations committee under submission.
- **SGVCOG Position:** Support
- **Support:** Association of California Water Agencies (Sponsor), California Municipal Utilities Association (Sponsor), Amador Water Agency, BizFed, Calaveras County Water District, City of Riverside, Desert Water Agency, Eastern Municipal Water District, El Dorado Irrigation District, Goleta Water District, Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, Humboldt Community Services District, Indian Wells Valley Water District, Irvine Ranch Water District, Los Angeles County Business Federation, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Northern California Water Association, Orange County Water District, Professional Engineers in California Government, Regional Water Authority, Rincon del Diablo Municipal Water District, Rowland Water District, San Diego County Water Authority, San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District, San Gabriel Valley Water Association, San Juan Water District, Southern California Water Coalition, Three Valleys Municipal Water District, Tuolumne Utilities District, Twain Harte Community Services District, Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District, Vista Irrigation District, Walnut Valley Water District, Western Canal Water District, Yorba Linda Water District
- **Opposition:** No known opposition.

HR 1497: Water Quality Protection and Job Creation Act

- **Summary:** This bill authorizes approximately \$23.5 billion in direct infrastructure investment over the next five years to address wastewater infrastructure and local water quality challenges.

REPORT

- **Status:** On March 6, HR 1497 was referred to the House Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment. As of June 25 HR 1497 has 45 cosponsors.
- **SGVCOG Position:** Support
- **Support:** American Public Works Association, American Road & Transportation Builders Association, American Society of Civil Engineers, American Sustainable Business Council, Bipartisan Policy Center, California Association of Sanitation Agencies, Earthjustice, Environmental Law & Policy Center, League of Conservation Voters, National Association of Clean Water Agencies, National Association of Counties, National League of Cities, National Water Resources Association, Natural Resources Defense Council, Sanitation District of Los Angeles County, Sierra Club, U.S. Conference of Mayors
- **Opposition:** No known opposition

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