

## SUMMARY FOR MAY 2022

# Office of Government Relations Activities



### STATE ADVOCACY EFFORTS



*California State Capitol.*

#### State Budget Update

On May 13, Governor Gavin Newsom released the May revision to his January budget proposal. The expected budget surplus for fiscal year 2022–23 has exceeded all previous estimates rising to \$97.5 billion. The Governor’s budget has increased to a record \$300 billion.

Since the release of the Governor’s January budget Valley Water has been advocating for several funding priorities, including member funding requests from Assemblymember Kalra for the Anderson Dam Spillway Replacement and Senator Wieckowski’s efforts for the Shoreline Project’s Levee Reaches 4 and 5, both of which may appear in the Legislature’s yet-to-be-released state budget. Staff also have been active participants in coalition funding efforts for dam safety, recycled water, flood subventions, and other issues.

The May revision budget adds to the \$5.1 billion appropriated last year for drought resilience and response by increasing that number by \$2.1 billion for a total of \$7.2 billion. The funding includes \$211 million for water conservation, \$100 million for recycled water, \$200 million for state and federal water projects conveyance repairs, and \$500 million (in FY 2024–25) for Proposition 1 (2014) water storage projects, including the Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project. This is the first time we have seen the Newsom Administration support any funding for dams, albeit only a promise for future funding.

A bright spot in the May revision budget is trailer bill language that extends the liquidation deadline for \$149 million in Proposition 1E (2006) flood subventions funding. Without this

extension, the funding would be lost. Valley Water staff identified the problem, created a coalition of flood protection agencies to advocate for this deadline extension, and convinced the Newsom Administration to include it in the budget.

While the Governor has released his plan for the budget surplus, the Senate and Assembly have released their own plans which will need to be consolidated. The Senate plan includes a much more robust amount of funding for drought and water resilience amid the impacts of climate change. The Assembly plan lacks details but also includes numerous water-related priorities. Staff will continue to advocate to secure both direct and programmatic funding for Valley Water priorities through the end of the budget process.

### LOCAL ADVOCACY AND ENGAGEMENT EFFORTS

#### Drought Update to South County Realtors Alliance

On April 12, Chair Pro Tem Varela gave a presentation on current drought conditions, the Board’s resolution restricting outdoor watering to two days, and the status of the Anderson Dam Project to the South County Realtors Alliance. Following the presentation, Chair Pro Tem Varela engaged in a question and answer session with attendees.



*April 13: Chair Pro Tem Varela speaking to the South County Realtors Alliance.*

#### Gilroy Chamber of Commerce’s 9th Annual Legislative Summit

On April 22, Chair Pro Tem Varela provided an update on the ongoing drought and the status of Anderson Dam at the Gilroy Chamber of Commerce’s 9th Annual Legislative Summit. There were over 80 people in attendance to hear from elected officials about issues affecting South County.



April 22: Speakers at the Gilroy Chamber of Commerce's 9th Annual Legislative Summit. Left to right: Mayor Rich Constantine (Morgan Hill), Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren, Gilroy Chamber of Commerce President/CEO Mark Turner, Supervisor Mike Wasserman, Mayor Marie Blankley (Gilroy), Congressman Jimmy Panetta, and Chair Pro Tem John Varela.

### Valley Water Springs into Earth Day Community Celebrations

Valley Water staff kicked off the community events season by participating in several Earth Day events. Staff engaged with the local community through the use of our water wheel trivia game and distributed literature on Valley Water rebate programs, water conservation, drought resistant plants native to California, as well as ways to volunteer.



(Left) April 22: Staff hosting an informational booth at the Palo Alto March and Rally for Our Earth. (Right) April 23: Staff engaging with a family at the Milpitas Earth Day Event.

#### EARTH DAY COMMUNITY EVENTS

Date	Event
Apr 22	Palo Alto March and Rally for Our Earth
Apr 23	City of Milpitas Earth Day Celebration
Apr 24	Los Altos Hills Earth Day Celebration
Apr 24	Town of Los Gatos Spring into Green

### Calero Water and Wags Festival

On May 7, Valley Water hosted a booth at the Calero Water and Wags Festival held at Calero County Park in San José. This first-time event was partnered with Santa Clara County Parks to focus on protecting our water systems, boater and personal safety, and the value of companion animals in the community. Staff engaged with community residents, answered questions about the ongoing drought, and shared tips on how to conserve water.



May 7: Staff tabling a booth with a furry friend at Calero Water and Wags Festival.

### Berryessa Art & Wine Festival

On May 7, Valley Water staffed a table at the Berryessa Art & Wine Festival, an annual family-friendly event held in the East foothills of San José. Staff handed out literature about Valley Water rebate programs, the water conservation online shopping cart, and information on virtual tours. Additionally, Director Richard Santos attended the event and represented Valley Water at the festival.



May 7: Booth at Berryessa Art & Wine Festival.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 28-29, 2022, Morgan Hill Mushroom Mardi Gras (Booth)
- June 4-5, 2022, Sunnyvale Art and Wine Festival (Booth)
- June 11, 2022, Dia de Portugal (Booth)
- June 18, 2022, City of Palo Alto's Open House (Booth)

Federal Legislation Active in May 2022 with Board-Approved Positions

Bill (Author)	Subject	Position	Status
S. 91 (Sinema) H.R. 535 (Garamendi)	Special Districts Provide Essential Services Act of 2021	Support and Amend	Introduced
H.R. 610 (Speier)	San Francisco Bay Restoration Act	Support	Incorporated into Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (H.R. 3684), which <b>became Public Law 117-58</b>
H.R. 1015 (Napolitano)	Water Recycling Improvement and Investment Act	Support	Incorporated into Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (H.R. 3684), which <b>became Public Law 117-58</b>
H.R. 737 (Valadao)	Responsible, No-Cost Extension of Western Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (RENEW WIIN) Act	Support	Introduced
H.R. 848 (Thompson)	Growing Renewable Energy and Efficiency Now (GREEN) Act of 2021	Support and Amend	Introduced
H.R. 1319 (Yarmuth)	American Rescue Plan Act	Support and Amend	Became Public Law 117-2
H.R. 3684 (DeFazio)	Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act	Support and Amend	Became Public Law 117-58
S. 1179 (Feinstein) H.R. 2552 (Costa)	Canal Conveyance Capacity Restoration Act	Support	Introduced
S. 914 (Duckworth)	Drinking Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Act of 2021	Support and Amend	Incorporated into Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (H.R. 3684), which <b>became Public Law 117-58</b>
H.R. 1915 (DeFazio)	Water Quality Protection and Job Creation Act of 2021	Support	Pieces incorporated into Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (H.R. 3684), which <b>became Public Law 117-58</b>
H.R. 1848 (Pallone)	Leading Infrastructure for Tomorrow's America (LIFT America) Act	Support	Pieces incorporated into Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (H.R. 3684), which <b>became Public Law 117-58</b>
H.R. 3404 (Huffman)	Furthering Underutilized Technologies and Unleashing Responsible Expenditures for Western Water Infrastructure and Drought Resiliency Act (FUTURE Western Water Infrastructure and Drought Resiliency Act)	Support and Amend	Pieces incorporated into Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (H.R. 3684), which <b>became Public Law 117-58</b>
H.R. 3293 (Blunt Rochester)	Low-Income Water Customer Assistance Programs Act of 2021	Support and Amend	Introduced
S. 872 (Duckworth)	Environmental Justice for All Act	Support	Introduced
S. 2334 (Cortez Masto)	Large Scale Water Recycling Project and Drought Resiliency Investment Act	Support and Amend	Pieces incorporated into Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (H.R. 3684), which <b>became Public Law 117-58</b>

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S. 2377 (Manchin)	Energy Infrastructure Act	Support and Amend	Incorporated into Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (H.R. 3684), which <b>became Public Law 117-58</b>
S. 2454 (Padilla)	Water Reuse and Resiliency Act of 2021	Support	Pieces incorporated into Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (H.R. 3684), which <b>became Public Law 117-58</b>
H.R. 4375 (Kuster) S. 2356 (Feinstein)	Twenty-First Century Dams Act	Support and Amend	Introduced
H.R. 4647 (Huffman)	Water Conservation Rebate Tax Parity Act	Support	Introduced
H.R. 4712 (Levin)	Desalination Development Act	Support and Amend	Introduced
H.R. 4915 (McClintock)	Water Supply Permitting Coordination Act	Support	Introduced
H.R. 4235 (Pallone)	Living Shorelines Act	Support and Amend	Introduced
H.R. 4413 (DeLauro)	National Infrastructure Development Bank Act	Support	Introduced
H.R. 5716 (Harder)	Securing Access for the central Valley and Enhancing Water Resources (SAVE Water Resources) Act	Support and Amend	Introduced
H.R. 5781 (Lofgren)	National Wildland Fire Risk Reduction Program Act	Support	Introduced
S. 3282 (Kelly) H.R. 6088 (Gallego)	Water Infrastructure Modernization Act of 2021	Support and Amend	Introduced
S. 3624 (Carper)	Shoreline Health Oversight, Restoration, Resilience, and Enhancement Act	Support	Introduced

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Bill (Author)	Subject	Position	Status
AB 252 (R. Rivas)	Multibenefit Land Repurposing Incentive Program: Compatible Uses: Contracts	Support	Pending – Senate Inactive File – 2 Year Bill
AB 897 (Mullin)	Regional Climate Adaptation Action Plans	Support	Pending – Senate Appropriations Committee – 2 Year Bill
AB 1817 (Wicks)	Product safety: textile articles: perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS)	Support	Pending – Assembly Floor
AB 1993 (Wicks)	Employment: COVID-19 Vaccination Requirements	Support	Died – Assembly Labor and Employment Committee
AB 2016 (Bauer-Kahan)	State Water Resources Control Board: desalination plant: feasibility study	Support	Pending – Assembly Appropriations Committee – Suspense File

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AB 2078 (Flora)	Atmospheric Rivers: Research, Mitigation, and Climate Forecasting Program	Support	Pending – Assembly Appropriations Committee – Suspense File
AB 2142 (Gabriel)	Income Tax: Turf Replacement Water Conservation Program	Support	Pending – Assembly Appropriations Committee
AB 2208 (Kalra)	Fluorescent lamps: sale and distribution: prohibition.	Support	Pending – Senate Rules Committee
AB 2247 (Bloom)	Fluorescent lamps: sale and distribution: prohibition.	Support	Pending – Assembly Appropriations Committee – Suspense File
AB 2313 (Bloom)	Water: Judges and Adjudications	Support	Pending – Assembly Appropriations Committee
AB 2362 (Mullin)	Ecosystem Restoration and Climate Adaptation Projects: Permitting	Support and Amend	Pending – Assembly Appropriations Committee – Suspense File
AB 2451 (Wood)	State Water Resources Control Board: Drought Planning	Oppose Unless Amended	Pending – Assembly Appropriations Committee – Suspense File
AB 2563 (Quirk)	Air pollution: permits: mobile fueling on-demand tank vehicles	Support	Pending – Assembly Appropriations Committee
AB 2639 (Quirk)	Water Quality Control Plans and Water Rights Permits	Oppose Unless Amended	Pending – Assembly Appropriations Committee – Suspense File
AB 2771 (Friedman)	Cosmetic products: safety	Support	Pending – Assembly Floor
AB 2789 (Mullin)	Competitive Bidding: Design-Build and Best Value Construction Contracting	Support	Pending – Assembly Local Government Committee
SB 559 (Hurtado)	Water Conveyance Systems: Canal Conveyance Capacity Restoration Fund	Support	Pending – Assembly Floor – Inactive File – 2 Year Bill
SB 786 (Becker)	Smart Financing for Water Infrastructure	Sponsor	Pending – Assembly Local Government Committee – 2 Year Bill
SB 832 (Dodd)	Water Rights: Measurements of Diversion	Support	Pending – Senate Appropriations Committee – Suspense File
SB 991 (Newman)	Public Contracts: Progressive Design-Build: Local Agencies	Support	Pending – Assembly Desk
SB 1094 (Becker)	Local Planning	Support	Pending – Senate Appropriations Committee
SB 1197 (Caballero)	Water Innovation and Drought Resiliency Act of 2022	Support	Pending – Senate Appropriations Committee – Suspense File
SB 1205 (Allen)	Water Rights: Appropriation	Support if Amended	Pending – Senate Appropriations Committee – Suspense File
SB 1469 (Bradford)	Water Corporations Rate	Support	Pending – Senate Floor

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