



Santa Clara Valley Water District

File No.: 21-0679

Agenda Date: 6/22/2021

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SUPPLEMENTAL BOARD AGENDA MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT:

Adopt Recommended Positions on State Legislation: AB 252 (Rivas and Salas) Department of Conservation: Multibenefit Land Repurposing Incentive Program: Administration; AB 652 (Friedman) Product Safety: Juvenile Products: Chemicals: Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances; *AB 897 (Mullin) Office of Planning and Research: Regional Climate Networks, Climate Adaptation Action Plans; and Other Legislation Which May Require Urgent Consideration for a Position by the Board.

RECOMMENDATION:

- A. Adopt a Position of "Support" on: AB 252 (Rivas and Salas) Department of Conservation: Multibenefit Land Repurposing Incentive Program: Administration.
- B. Adopt a Position of "Support" on: AB 652 (Friedman) Product Safety: Juvenile Products: Chemicals: Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances.
- C. *Adopt a Position of "Support" on: AB 897 (Mullin) Office of Planning and Research: Regional Climate Networks, Climate Adaptation Action Plans.

REASON FOR SUPPLEMENTAL MEMORANDUM:

This supplemental Board agenda memorandum conveys additional information received after the initial agenda item was released, consistent with Executive Limitations Policy EL-7-10-5.

SUMMARY:

AB 897 (Mullin) Office of Planning and Research: Regional Climate Networks, Climate Adaptation Action Plans.

Position Recommendation: Support

Priority: 3

AB 897 would require the Office of Planning and Research (OPR) to facilitate the creation of regional climate networks and regional climate adaptation action plans by providing guidelines and technical assistance to local entities.

On or before July 1, 2022, OPR would establish geographic boundaries for regional climate networks and publish guidelines on how local entities can form one, including information on how to establish governance boards within a network.

On or before January 1, 2023, OPR would provide guidelines on what information, analyses, and contents a regional climate network should include in a regional climate adaptation action plan. By

that date, OPR would make recommendations to certain policy and budget committees of the Legislature on potential sources of financial assistance for the implementation of action plans. Lastly, OPR would provide technical assistance for regions seeking to establish a regional climate network and for already established networks in the process of developing an action plan.

Importance to Valley Water

Climate change is expected to alter the local climate in Santa Clara County and cause more frequent droughts, increasing storm intensity, and rising sea levels. Addressing these impacts is crucial to ensuring that Valley Water can continue to provide a clean, reliable water supply, natural flood protection, and water resources stewardship in the future.

Valley Water's Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP) outlines the goals and strategies for addressing climate change in each of our mission areas, including water supply reliability, flood risk reduction, water resources stewardship, and emergency response. With climate adaptation projects such as the South San Francisco Shoreline Project and our recycled water facilities, Valley Water is taking a leadership role in addressing climate change.

AB 897 would support our efforts by facilitating increased coordination with our regional partners and stakeholders. By working more closely together with other local entities, climate action can be streamlined and made more efficient. Most importantly, the bill creates a new pathway for potential funding to support climate action plans, which could support our own projects as well.

Pros

- Provides guidelines and technical assistance for the creation of regional climate networks and regional climate adaptation plans.
- Encourages more regions to prepare for climate change impacts with an emphasis on regional coordination.
- Requires OPR to make recommendations for potential sources of financial assistance.

Cons

- Funding for implementation of a grant program is not included and would need to be appropriated at a later time.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact associated with these items.

CEQA:

The recommended action does not constitute a project under CEQA because it does not have a potential for resulting in direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment.

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ATTACHMENTS:

None.

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