

SUMMARY FOR JUNE 22, 2021

Office of Government Relations Legislative Update



FEDERAL ADVOCACY EFFORTS



Director Santos and Valley Water staff presenting the Shoreline project to USACE's New Commander.

Director Santos and Staff Welcome New Army Corps San Francisco District Commander with Shoreline and Upper Guadalupe Projects Tour

On May 19, Director Richard Santos and Valley Water staff joined incoming commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers San Francisco District, Lieutenant Colonel Kevin Arnett, for a tour of the South San Francisco Bay Shoreline Project and the Upper Guadalupe River Project. Colonel Arnett was joined by outgoing commander, Lieutenant Colonel John Cunningham; the incoming deputy district commander, Major Andrew Boggs; and other Corps officials and staff from the California State Coastal Conservancy. Director Santos provided welcoming remarks at Shoreline and Deputy Operating Officer for Watershed Design and Construction, Rechelle Blank, provided an oral presentation of the project before the group began a walking tour along the Reach 2/3 levee. Following the tour at Shoreline, the group departed for a brief stop along Reaches 7 and 8 of the Upper Guadalupe River Project. The purpose was for Colonel Arnett to see two of the District's priority projects and receive a high-level overview of the benefits and challenges present for each project. Colonel Arnett will assume command of the District in mid-July. Valley Water thanks Colonel Cunningham for his close partnership over the past two years, and we look forward to building on this partnership with Colonel Arnett.

STATE ADVOCACY EFFORTS



Valley Water Sponsored Bills Update

AB 271 (R. Rivas) our sponsored bill to use best value procurement for the Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit Project was heard and passed out of the Senate Governance and Finance Committee on June 10. The bill now moves forward to the Senate Appropriations Committee where it will be heard before the August 27 deadline for the fiscal committees to meet and report bills to the floor.

SB 786 (Becker) regarding the District Act Bond Reforms has passed the Senate Floor on a 38-0 vote with two members absent on May 13. The bill has been referred to Senate Rules Committee where Valley Water has requested the bill be held to allow for negotiations on the Board meeting days compensation sunset provisions. The bill may be held in its current place until January of 2021 to allow for the negotiations.

State Legislative Session Reaches Halfway Point

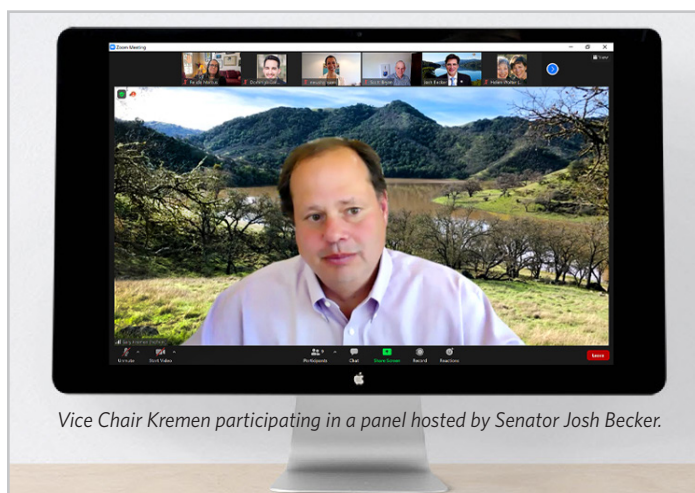
The state legislature has now passed the point at which all the bills introduced in their house of origin have been passed to the other house. Some notable bills the Valley Water Board has adopted a position on which continue to move through the process include:

- AB 361 (R. Rivas) would allow property owners to be indemnified for voluntarily allowing stream restoration work on their property.
- SB 274 (Wieckowski) would allow public agencies to deliver their legislative body agenda items via email or website link.
- SB 559 (Hurtado) would provide state funding to help restore the capacity of the Friant-Kern Canal, Delta-Mendota Canal, San Luis Field Division of the California Aqueduct, and the San Joaquin Division of the California Aqueduct.
- SB 626 (Dodd) would allow the Department of Water Resources to use the design-build and Construction Manager/General Contractor project delivery methods for facilities of the State Water Project, excluding through Delta conveyance.

The legislature continues with the legislative session through the September 10 deadline when all bills are required to be passed on to the Governor for a signature or veto.

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LOCAL ADVOCACY AND ENGAGEMENT EFFORTS



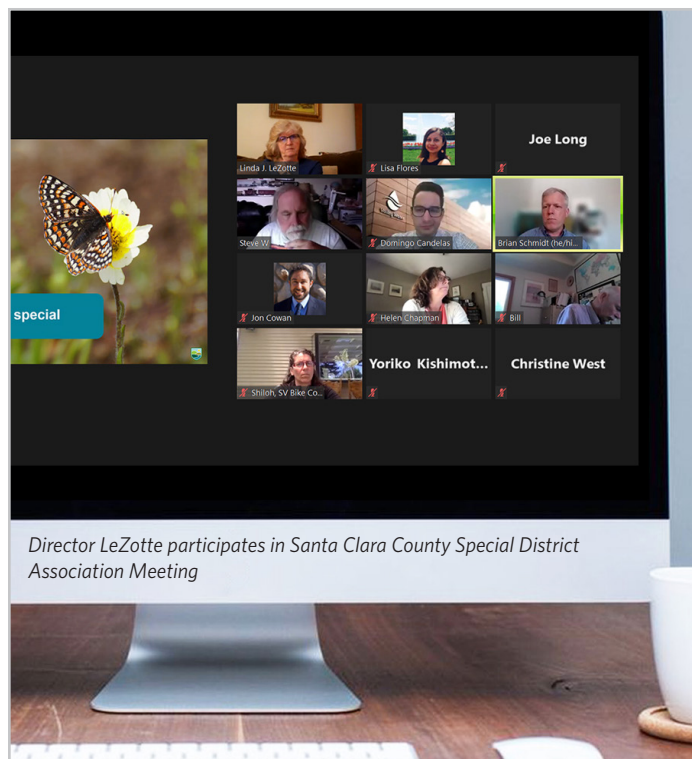
Vice Chair Kremen Talks Drought and Water Conservation

On May 27, Vice Chair Gary Kremen spoke as a panel expert during State Senator Josh Becker's event to discuss the current and future outlook for water in our region, the steps being taken to respond to the drought, and recent innovations in water technology. The conversation also provided an opportunity to share the realities of the current drought situation and the actions Valley Water is taking to continue to provide Silicon Valley with safe clean and reliable water.

Upcoming Events:

Note: due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19), staff is not physically participating in any events during the month of June. Staff is participating in virtual events as they are planned and will assess participation in events in July to follow the Santa Clara County's tier orders.

- June 18, 2021, APALI 24th Anniversary Gala
- June 24, 2021, BAYMEC Community Foundation Premier of documentary *Queer Silicon Valley/Museum Exhibit*
- June 25, 2021, SVLG Energy and Sustainability Summit (Race to Net Zero)



Santa Clara County Special District Association Quarterly Meeting

On June 8, Director Linda LeZotte participated in the Santa Clara County Special Districts Association's (SCCSDA) meeting. This quarter's meeting facilitated by the Office of Government Relations included a non-profit panel presentation from Brian Schmidt of Green Foothills and Shiloh Ballard of the Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition where they spoke about how their nonprofits worked with and collaborate with special districts to positively impact the community.

Redistricting Advisory Committee hosts Virtual Trainings

The Redistricting Project is hosting virtual trainings for the Redistricting Advisory Committee (RAC). Trainings are scheduled to take place on June 23, July 14, and August 18 and will cover various topics relating to redistricting before proceeding to the outreach meetings in all seven districts. Staff is working with the Consultant and Communications team to solicit community input for the effort. More information can be found on our website, <https://www.valleywater.org/how-we-operate/redistricting>.

Federal Legislation Active in June 2021 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	Reported favorably from House Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure on March 24, 2021
H.R. 1015 (Napolitano)	Water Recycling Improvement and Investment Act	Support	Introduced
H.R. 737 (Valadao)	Responsible, No-Cost Extension of Western Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (RENEW WIIN) Act	Support	Introduced

Federal Legislation Active in June 2021 with Board-Approved Positions (continued)

Bill (Author)	Subject	Position	Status
H.R. 848 (Thompson)	Growing Renewable Energy and Efficiency Now (GREEN) Act of 2021	Support and Amend	Introduced
H.R. 866 (Calvert)	Federal Integrated Species Health (FISH) Act	Support	Introduced
H.R. 644 (Calvert)	Reducing Environmental Barriers to Unified Infrastructure and Land Development Act of 2019	Support	Introduced
S. 101 (Markey)	Environmental Justice Mapping and Data Collection Act of 2021	Support	Introduced
H.R. XXXX	American Jobs Plan Act (draft infrastructure package)	Support and Amend	Not yet introduced
S. XXXX (Feinstein)	Draft "Support To Rehydrate the Environment, Agriculture, and Municipalities (STREAM) Act"	Support and Amend	Not yet introduced
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	Passed Senate on April 29, 2021
H.R. 1915 (DeFazio)	Water Quality Protection and Job Creation Act of 2021	Support	Introduced
H.R. 1848 (Pallone)	Leading Infrastructure for Tomorrow's America (LIFT America) Act	Support	Introduced

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AB 271 (R. Rivas)	Timely, Safe and Expert Construction for the Anderson Dam Project	Sponsor	Pending – Senate Governance and Finance Committee
AB 315 (Stone)	Voluntary Stream Restoration Property Owner Liability: Indemnification	Support	Pending – Senate Rules Committee
AB 361 (R. Rivas)	Open Meetings: Local Agencies: Teleconferences	Support	Pending – Senate Governance and Finance Committee
AB 905 (Quirk)	Mobile Fueling On-Demand Tank Vehicles: Performance Standards	Support	Pending – Assembly Transportation Committee – 2 Year Bill
AB 959 (Mullin)	Park Districts: Regulations: Nuisances: Abatement	Support	Pending – Senate Rules Committee
AB 979 (Frazier)	Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta: Projects: Sea Level Rise Analysis Report	Oppose	Failed – Assembly Appropriations Committee – Suspense
AB 1110 (R. Rivas)	Zero-Emission Vehicles: Office of the California Clean Fleet Accelerator: Climate Catalyst Revolving Loan Fund Program	Support	Pending – Senate Rules Committee
AB 1500 (E. Garcia)	Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparation, Flood Protection, Extreme Heat Mitigation, and Workforce Development Bond Act of 2022	Support and Amend	Pending – Assembly Rules Committee – 2 Year Bill
SB 45 (Portantino)	Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2022	Support and Amend	Pending – Senate Inactive File
SB 274 (Wieckowski)	Local Government Meetings: Agenda and Documents	Support	Pending – Assembly Local Government
SB 323 (Caballero)	Local Government: Water or Sewer Service: Legal Actions	Support	Pending – Assembly Local Government
SB 351 (Caballero)	Water Innovation Act of 2021	Support	Failed – Senate Appropriations Committee – Suspense

State Legislation Active in June 2021 with Board-Approved Positions (continued)

Bill (Author)	Subject	Position	Status
SB 372 (Leyva)	Medium- and Heavy-Duty Fleet Purchasing Assistance Program: Zero-Emission Vehicles	Support	Pending – Assembly Desk
SB 496 (Laird)	Flood Control: Water Development Projects: Pajaro River	Support	Pending – Assembly Desk
SB 559 (Hurtado)	Department of Water Resources: Water Conveyance Systems: Canal Conveyance Capacity Restoration Fund	Support	Pending – Assembly Water, Parks, & Wildlife Committee
SB 626 (Dodd)	Department of Water Resources: Procurement Methods	Support	Pending – Assembly Desk
SB 786 (Becker)	Smart Financing for Water Infrastructure	Sponsor	Pending – Assembly Local Government Committee – 2 Year Bill