




BOARD MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 4, 2024

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Steve Cole 
Assistant General Manager

SUBJECT: May 16, 2024 Public Outreach and Legislation Committee Meeting Recap Report

The Public Outreach and Legislation Committee met at 5:30 PM on Thursday, May 16, 2024, at the Engineering Services Section (ESS) Boardroom located at 26521 Summit Circle, Santa Clarita, CA 91350. In attendance were Committee Chair Maria Gutzeit, Directors Kathye Armitage, and Beth Braunstein. Staff members present were Assistant General Manager Steve Cole, Communications Manager Kevin Strauss, Executive Assistant Eunie Kang and Information Technology Technician II Jonathan Thomas. Attending virtually were Consultant Geoff Bowman from Van Scoyoc Associates and Consultant Dennis Albiani and Annalee Akin Augustine from California Advocates. The public was also present. A copy of the Agenda is attached.

Item 2: Public Comment – There was no public comment.

Item 3: Legislative Consultant Reports – Staff and the Committee reviewed the federal legislative report by Geoff Bowman and the state legislative report by Dennis Albiani and Annalee Akin Augustine.

Item 4: Discussion of Legislative Advocacy Contract Renewals – After review and discussion, the Committee recommended through consensus to move this item forward for consideration and approval by the Board of Directors. This item has been deemed suitable for the Consent Calendar and will be presented as a separate report going to the June 4, 2024, regular Board meeting.

Item 5: Communications Manager Activities – Kevin Strauss congratulated the Outreach Team for their impressive awards from the California Association of Public Information Officials. Their first-place win for the Agency's public newsletter is a testament to their commitment to effective communication. Additionally, their second-place achievements in Agency's branding, website redesign, and the consumer confidence report for 2023 highlights the team's key role in elevating the Agency's public perspective. And lastly, Kevin Strauss, the Communications Manager, was recognized and received the 2024 Communicator of the Year award.

Furthermore, Kevin reported on the Agency's digital advertising metrics and shared the statistics on bottles saved using the water station to serve water at numerous events.

Item 6: Committee Planning Calendar – After staff and Committee reviewed the Planning Calendar, the decision was made to cancel the Committee meeting scheduled for July 18, 2024.

Item 7: Committee Requests for Future Agenda Items – There were no Committee requests for future agenda items.

Item 8: Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 6:43 PM.

The meeting recording is available on the SCV Water Agency website or by clicking the link here: [Public Outreach and Legislation Committee Meeting Recording](#).

Attachment

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Date: May 9, 2024

To: **Public Outreach and Legislation Committee**
Maria Gutzeit, Chair
Kathye Armitage
Beth Braunstein
Ed Colley

From: Steve Cole, Assistant General Manager *SC*

The **Public Outreach and Legislation Committee** meeting is on **Thursday, May 16, 2024 at 5:30 PM** at **26521 Summit Circle, Santa Clarita, CA 91350 in the Engineering Services Section (ESS) Boardroom**. Members of the public may attend in person or virtually. To attend this meeting virtually, please see below.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

This meeting will be conducted in person at the addresses listed above. As a convenience to the public, members of the public may also participate virtually by using the **Agency's Call-In Number 1-833-568-8864, Webinar ID: 160 706 7493 or Zoom Webinar by clicking on the scvwa.zoomgov.com/j/1607067493**. Any member of the public may listen to the meeting or make comments to the Committee using the call-in number or Zoom Webinar link above. However, in the event there is a disruption of service which prevents the Agency from broadcasting the meeting to members of the public using either the call-in option or internet-based service, this meeting will not be postponed or rescheduled but will continue without remote participation. The remote participation option is being provided as a convenience to the public and is not required. Members of the public are welcome to attend the meeting in person.

Attendees should be aware that while the Agency is following all applicable requirements and guidelines regarding COVID-19, the Agency cannot ensure the health of anyone attending a Committee meeting. Attendees should therefore use their own judgment with respect to protecting themselves from exposure to COVID-19.

Members of the public unable to attend this meeting may submit comments either in writing to ekang@scvwa.org or by mail to Eunie Kang, Executive Assistant, Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency, 26501 Summit Circle, Santa Clarita, CA 91350. All written comments received before 4:00 PM the day of the meeting will be distributed to the Committee members and posted on the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency website prior to the start of the meeting. Anything received after 4:00 PM the day of the meeting, will be made available at the meeting, if practicable, and will be posted on the SCV Water website the following day. All correspondence with comments, including letters or emails, will be posted in their entirety.

MEETING AGENDA

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2. <u>PUBLIC COMMENTS</u> – Members of the public may comment as to items within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Agency that are not on the Agenda at this time. Members of the public wishing to comment on items covered in this Agenda may do so at the time each item is considered. (Comments may, at the discretion of the Committee Chair, be limited to three minutes for each speaker.) To participate in public comment from your computer, tablet, or smartphone, click the “raise hand” feature in Zoom. You will be notified when it is your turn to speak, please unmute when requested. To participate in public comment via phone, dial *9 to raise your hand. When it is your turn to speak, dial *6 to unmute.	
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Posted on May 9, 2024

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