Agenda

- Legislative Schedule
- Water Tax Update
- 2019 Legislation
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• Bill introduction deadline was February 22

• Over 2,500 bills were introduced before the bill introduction deadline

• Bills must be in print for 30 days before they can be heard in committee
Water Tax Update
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• Senator Monning has introduced SB 200
  – Spot bill that could be a legislative vehicle for the water tax

• Bill does not currently contain any tax or fee provisions

• Asm. Budget Subcommittee 3
  meeting March 20 about Water Tax

• Senate Budget Subcommittee 2
  meeting on March 21 about Water Tax
Water Tax Counter Proposal

• ACWA is sponsoring SB 669 (Caballero)

• SB 669 creates a Safe Drinking Water Fund to assist community water systems in disadvantaged communities that are chronically noncompliant

• Money would be provided from:
  • Federal Contributions
  • Voluntary Contributions
  • Gifts
  • Grants
  • General Fund Transfers
  • Greenhouse Gas Reduction Funds
  • State Bond Funding
  • Net Revenue from Interest
2019 Legislation
SB 332 (Hertzberg)

• Declares discharge from ocean outfalls as waste and unreasonable

• 50% reduction of baseline volume of the facility’s annual flow from outfall by January 1, 2030

• 95% reduction of baseline volume of the facility’s annual flow from outfall by January 1, 2040

• Applies to both NPDES permitholders (owner/operator of wastewater treatment facility) and affiliated water suppliers.

• Status – Referred to the Senate Environmental Quality Committee and will be heard on April 3

• OCSD Legislative Platform Connection
  – Legislative and Regulatory Policies: Work with legislators who introduced legislation such as SB 163 (Hertzberg, 2015) in order to ensure that no unrealistic regulations are placed on wastewater treatment facilities, including OCSD
AB 292 (Quirk)

• AB 292 clarifies the terms used for recycled water

• Cleans up definitions enacted by AB 574 (Quirk) in 2017

• Specifically deletes the terms "direct potable reuse" and "indirect potable reuse for groundwater recharge" and uses the following terms: raw water augmentation, treated drinking water augmentation, groundwater augmentation, and reservoir water augmentation.

• **Status** – Referred to the Assembly Local Government Committee

• **OCSD Legislative Platform Connection**
  – Legislative and Regulatory Policies: Support measures that promote and provide for the use of reclaimed water
Thank You

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