

CASA 2018 Legislative Review & 2019 Priorities Preview

Presentation to Orange County Sanitation District
Legislative and Public Affairs Committee

November 5, 2018



CASA Legislative Priorities in 2018

- Microplastics
 - Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Fees
 - Septic to Sewer Conversions
 - Biomethane Procurement
-
- Federal Infrastructure Funding
 - NPDES Permit Terms Extension

Microplastics Legislation in 2018

- **CASA Sponsored bill: SB 1263 (Portantino)**
 - Requires OPC to develop Statewide Microplastics Strategy
 - Adopted and signed by the Governor
- **AB 2379 (Bloom): Microfiber warning labels**
 - CASA supported as focused source control measure
 - Failed to pass out of the Legislature
- **SB 1422 (Portantino): Monitoring for microplastics in drinking water**
 - CASA neutral as it pertains specifically to drinking water
 - Adopted and signed by the Governor

ADU Legislation in 2018

- SB 831 (Wieckowski), SB 1469 (Skinner), AB 2890 (Ting)
– ADU Fees
- As introduced, could have eliminated all local government fee authority for ADU construction
- CASA Position: Oppose, unless amended > Watch
- Coalition effort with ACWA, CSDA, CSAC
- All bills failed to move out of the Legislature

Septic to Sewer Legislation in 2018: SB 1215 (Hertzberg)

- Grants Regional Water Quality Control Boards new authority to order septic to sewer extensions of service in disadvantaged communities under certain conditions
- CASA position: Work with author > Oppose
- SB 1215 adopted and signed by the Governor
- Likely limited applicability

Biomethane Procurement in 2018: SB 1440 (Hueso)

- Biomethane procurement program: pipeline injection
- Requires CPUC to consider biomethane procurement program,
- Initiative led by Bioenergy Association of California (BAC)
- Stakeholder effort included publicly owned gas corporations (PG&E, SoCalGas) dairy, solid waste, wastewater, and other bioenergy groups.
- CASA Position: Support
- SB 1440 Adopted and signed by the Governor

Other Bills of Interest

- AB 1912 (Rodriguez): JPA pension liability
 - Oppose unless amended > Neutral
- AB 2003 (Daly)
 - Support
- AB 2447 (Reyes): CEQA noticing
- SB 212 (Jackson): Pharmaceutical and sharps stewardship program
 - Support
- AB 327 (Gipson): SCAQMD mobile sources
- SB 966 (Wiener): Onsite water treatment systems

2018 Federal Priorities

- **Priority Issues:**
 - WRDA Package – passed/signed in October 2018
 - 10 year permit terms legislation – bipartisan support

- **Other Issues of Interest:**
 - Regulatory reform proposals
 - Low income water rate assistance proposals

Looking Forward to 2019

- **CASA SLC Planning Meeting December 14th**
 - Non-flushable products legislation?
 - Sales tax exemption for wastewater chemicals
 - ADU legislation: Housing & Community Development report on local government permitting fees due Spring 2019
 - Microplastics/microfibers legislation

- **CASA FLC Planning Meeting December 7th**
 - Mid-term elections and lame duck
 - WRDA & WIFIA
 - 10 year permit terms legislation

Mid-term Elections

- California: New Administration
 - Changes to Budgetary spending and priorities
 - Cap & Trade funding?
 - New cabinet and key staff
 - Several new legislators in State Senate and State Assembly

- Washington D.C.
 - Possible change in control of the House of Representatives?
 - Changes to key committee memberships?
 - Dynamic with Trump Administration
 - Lame duck actions?

OCSD Well Represented in CASA Programs

- State Legislative Committee: Rebecca Long, Committee Member
- Federal Legislative Committee: Jim Colston, Committee Member and Past Chair
- Communications Committee: Jennifer Cabral, Committee Chair
- Program Committee: Lisa Haney, Member
- Regulatory Work Group: Lisa Haney, Water Co-Chair, Tom Meregillano, Biosolids Co-Chair
- Collections Work Group: Dindo Carillo, Member

Contact Information:

Adam D. Link, Director of Operations:

alink@casaweb.org

Jessica Gauger, Director of Legislative Advocacy:

jgauger@casaweb.org

Jared Voskuhl, Legislative and Regulatory Analyst:

jvoskuhl@casaweb.org

(916) 446-0388