



Grant and Legislative Update

District Operations Committee

March 26th, 2021



Overview

- Grant Status
- State and Federal Legislative Updates

Recent Grant Awards and Applications

Project	Funder	Amount	Status	Date
Azalea Hill Phase II	RTP	\$700,000	Awarded	September 2020
Lagunitas Creek Enhancement Plan Phase II	CDFW	\$474,430	Denied	November 2020
San Geronimo Supplemental Power Generation	Cal-OES	\$300,000	Denied	February 2021
UC Davis Energy Recovery Turbine Study	APPA	\$125,000	Awarded	October 2020
Forest Health Fuels Reduction	CALFire	\$3.2M	Applied	March 2021
CARES Act Funding for Ratepayer Relief	US Dept. Treasury	N/A	Denied	January 2021

State and Federal Legislation Update

State Legislative Updates

- Low-income assistance/COVID relief
- Urban water use/indoor residential
- Water/sewer rates Statute of Limitations
- Wildfire prevention
- 2022 Climate Bond

Water Affordability

- SB 223—(Dodd; Napa): Discontinuation of Service
- SB 222—(Dodd; Napa): Water Affordability Program
- ACWA Positions: Oppose Unless Amended

Urban Water Use Objectives

- AB 1434—(Friedman; Glendale): Indoor Residential Water Use
- Would establish a new standard for indoor water use, lowering standards to 40 GPCD.
- ACWA Position: Oppose

SB 323—(Caballero; S.D. 12): Water/Sewer Service

- ACWA-sponsored bill.
- Creates a statute of limitations for water/sewer rates.
- Minimizes litigation and fiscal uncertainty for public agencies.
- Potential for Board to adopt “Support” position.

Wildfire/Climate

- SB 45—(Portantino): Wildfire/Flood Protection
- AB 1500—(Garcia): Safe Drinking Water/Wildfire Prevention
- State Budget: \$2.9B for CalFire as proposed.
- Potential for Board to adopt “Support” position.

Federal Legislative Focus

- Stimulus funding
- Infrastructure funding
- Special district eligibility

Stimulus Funding

- \$1.9T American Rescue Plan Act provides:
- \$350B to state and local governments.
- Funds “to make necessary investments in water, sewer and broadband infrastructure.”

Special District Eligibility

- H.R.7073 - Special Districts Provide Essential Services Act
- Introduced by Rep. Garamendi in June, 2020.
- Without eligibility, must partner with cities or counties to obtain relief or infrastructure funding.

Summary

- Continue to pursue grants in support of District initiatives.
- Tracking State and Federal legislation and funding measures.
- Seek to bring selected bills to Board for position adoption.