



WEST VALLEY WATER DISTRICT  
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BOARD WORKSHOP  
LEGISLATIVE PRINCIPLES  
AGENDA

9:00 AM on SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2024

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Daniel Jenkins, Vice President  
Angela Garcia, Director  
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Call to Order  
Roll Call of Board Members

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## DISCUSSION

1. Legislative Process & Calendar
2. Recap of 2023-24 Legislative Session
3. Grants & State Budget Earmarks
4. Regulatory Issues
5. WVWD Legislative Principles Document.

## ADJOURN

### DECLARATION OF POSTING:

I declare under penalty of perjury, that I am employed by the West Valley Water District and posted the foregoing special Agenda at the District Offices on September 10, 2024.

*Elvia Dominguez*

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Elvia Dominguez, Board Secretary

**Please Note:**

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Title	Content	Comments
<p>Title</p> <p>Introduction</p>	<p>West Valley Water Districts Legislative Principles</p> <p>West Valley Water District (WVWD) recognizes the importance of an active legislative program to protect and advocate for the interests of its customers in a timely matter. This program aims to address the challenges posed by proposed legislation, define desired outcomes, and determine positions on issues impacting the region that align with our strategic plan adopted by the district.</p> <p>As is standard practice, all proposed legislation and recommendation will be presented to External Affairs at their regularly scheduled meetings.</p> <p>In some cases, legislative positions of the District are required prior to a schedule External Affairs Committee meeting. In times where action is required prior to a scheduled External Affairs meeting, staff will follow an “Urgent Review Protocol”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff will present a summary of the proposed legislation with the recommendation to the External Affairs Committee members and copy the General Manager for their recommendation.</li> <li>• If the External Affairs Committee is unavailable due to time constraints, the information will be forwarded to the Executive Committee for their consideration.</li> </ul>	<p>Due to recent changes to the Strategic Plan, a minor modification is being made to include strategic pan goals including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diversity, Equity, Inclusion</li> <li>• Transparency</li> <li>• Advancing District initiatives</li> <li>• Customer Connection NEW!!</li> </ul> <p>Info presented based on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Best practice</li> <li>• Legislative advocacy norms</li> <li>• Lobbyist contract scope</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Once approved, the recommendation will be ready for the General Manager’s signature.</li> </ul> <p>All positions taken on behalf of the District will be reported to the full Board. These legislative principles will be reviewed on an annual basis.</p>	
	<p><b>DISTRICT ROLES</b></p>	
<p>Board of Directors</p>	<p>Participates in meetings with legislators, agency representatives, and other stakeholders on behalf of WVWD.</p> <p>Review and advise on adopting a legislative platform for the incoming legislative year.</p> <p>Refrain from taking policy positions on behalf of WVWD, unless adopted by the full Board. Directors can take positions as private citizens of the community.</p>	
<p>General Manager and Public Outreach and Government Affairs Staff</p>	<p>Maintain a list of proposed legislation that may affect WVWD, its customers, and stakeholders.</p> <p>Monitor bills and work with associations such as, but not limited to: Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA), California Special Districts Association (CSDA), American Water Works Association (AWWA), California Municipal Utilities Association (CMUA), California Water Efficiency Partnership (CalWEP) and local water agencies.</p> <p>Work with our wholesale and local retail agencies to advocate on behalf of the needs of the region.</p>	

	<p>Submit letters and give direction to lobbyists to advocate on behalf of <b>WVWD in a timely manner.</b></p> <p>Participate in weekly meetings with lobbyists and other stakeholders.</p> <p>Establish relationships with stakeholders, legislators, staff and others on behalf of WVWD’s advocacy efforts.</p>	
<p>Lobbyists</p>	<p>Provide regular reports to staff and members of the external affairs committee on appropriate bills.</p> <p>Advise staff on State and Federal legislation, relevant budget impacts, funding opportunities, and issues that directly or indirectly impact WVWD in a timely manner.</p> <p>As necessary, attend hearings and provide testimony on behalf of WVWD, as directed by staff.</p> <p>Maintain relationships with legislators, stakeholders and staff on behalf of WVWD.</p> <p>Maintain regular meetings with WVWD.</p> <p><b>Provide End of the Year update to WVWD Board of Directors.</b></p>	
<p>Summary of the positions considered by</p>	<p><b>When considering legislative or regulatory proposals, the Board may support or oppose based on the adopted policy principles.</b></p>	

<p>WVWD staff and Board of Directors</p>	<p><b>Actions that can be taken:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>SUPPORT:</b> This position reflects the District’s interest in seeing the legislation become law. District staff and legislative advocates will work for passage of the bill in its present form.</li><li>• <b>SUPPORT IF AMENDED:</b> This is an affirmative position that suggests conditional support for a measure, but only if it is amended to incorporate specific amendments that directly address District priorities. Staff and legislative advocates will not advocate in support of the legislation unless it is amended as requested by the District.</li><li>• <b>WATCH:</b> Take no action but monitor the bill to see if any amendments are added that may impact the District.</li><li>• <b>OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED:</b> This is a position that suggests conditional opposition to a measure, unless it is amended to incorporate specific amendments that directly address District priorities. District staff and legislative advocates will not advocate in opposition to the legislation if it is amended as requested by the District.</li><li>• <b>OPPOSE:</b> This position reflects the District’s interest in defeating the legislation. WVWD staff and legislative advocates will work for defeat of the measure in its present form and will not pursue amendments to address the measure’s shortcomings.</li></ul>	
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## WVWD 2024-2025 Legislative Priorities

Legislative Priority	Content	Link to Strategic Plan	Comments
Water Supply Reliability	<p>Support measures to expand surface and groundwater supply.</p> <p>Support legislation that enhances water reliability for the region and to the water supplies of West Valley Water District.</p> <p>Support funding, resources, and projects that promote sustainability and resiliency.</p> <p><i>Advocate for projects and initiatives that secure long-term water resources, including infrastructure improvements and new water sources.</i></p>	<p>Manage and Deliver a Safe, Reliable, and Sustainable Water Supply</p>	
Water-Use Efficiency	<p>Support legislation that encourages attainable water efficiency standards &amp; best practices.</p>	<p>Manage and Deliver a Safe, Reliable, and Sustainable Water Supply</p>	



	<p>Support funding for cost-effective water use efficiency and conservation measures.</p> <p>Support the implementation of advanced water technologies and practices that reduce water usage.</p> <p>Support public awareness campaigns to educate customers about the importance of water conservation.</p>		
<p>Local <b>Control</b></p>	<p>Support legislation that is beneficial to Special Districts.</p> <p>Support legislation that expands options for local supply development.</p> <p>Oppose a “public goods charge” or “water tax” on public water agencies or their customers.</p> <p>Oppose measures that may impede the district's ability to maintain day-to-day operations.</p> <p><b>Support legislative and regulatory efforts that minimize cost impacts of</b></p>	<p><b>Develop and Grow Effective Communication and Advocacy Practices</b></p>	

	<p>new or expanded regulations and discourage measures that impose an undue burden on customers.</p> <p>Oppose legislation that pushes for a “one-size fits all” policy</p>		
<p>Strategic Partnership and Coalition Building</p>	<p>Promote collaboration with local, state, and federal agencies to achieve common goals and address shared challenges.</p> <p>Support initiatives that foster partnerships with other water districts, community organizations, and stakeholders.</p> <p>Advocate for policies that encourage resource sharing and joint projects to improve regional water management and service delivery.</p>	<p>Strengthen Partnerships with Outside Agencies</p>	
<p>Workforce</p>	<p>Support legislation that creates workforce and training opportunities in the water industry.</p> <p>Support legislation that addresses economic equity across the water/wastewater industry and</p>	<p>Be an Exemplary Employer</p>	

	<p>encourages more protected class inclusion.</p> <p>Support regional efforts/programs that strengthen the water industry and its workforce.</p>		
<p><b>Diversity, Equity, Inclusion</b></p>	<p>Endorse initiatives that promote diversity, equity, and inclusion within the water industry and community.</p> <p>Advocate for investments and funding allocations that promote a fair and equitable funding process for the public, ensuring diversity and equity considerations for disadvantaged communities.</p> <p>Support policies that ensure equitable access to water services for all customers, regardless of background or socioeconomic status.</p> <p>Advocate for representation and inclusion of diverse voices in decision-making processes.</p>	<p>Public Trust &amp; Integrity</p>	

<p><b>Transparency</b></p>	<p>Support legislation that allows for greater public access to public meetings.</p> <p>Support measures that encourage the streamlining of processes to respond to public records requests.</p> <p>Support measures that protect and advance local governance and transparency.</p> <p>Advocate for practices that build trust and accountability between WVWD and its customers.</p>	<p>Public Trust and Integrity</p>	
<p><b>Advancing District initiatives</b></p>	<p>Protect local revenue sources and reserve funds.</p> <p>Maintain local government control over the rate-setting process.</p> <p>Prioritize cybersecurity to protect sensitive information and ensure compliance with legislative regulations related to data privacy and security.</p> <p>Use Information Technology (IT) tools to facilitate collaboration and</p>	<p>Effective Financial Stewardship</p>	

	<p>communication within the district and with external stakeholders.</p> <p>Embrace digital transformation initiatives to modernize processes and improve service delivery to our customers.</p>		
Water- Energy Nexus	<p>Support funding opportunities for investment in backup energy storage and other infrastructure needs to prepare public agencies to address Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) events.</p> <p>Support preparation for broader deployment of zero-emission fleet vehicles and support efforts to manage energy use.</p>	<p>Sound Planning, Innovation, and Best Practices</p> <p>Health, Safety, and Regulatory Compliance</p>	
Access to Safe Affordable Drinking Water	<p>Support sensible, long-term solutions to assist disadvantaged communities with reliable access to safe, affordable drinking water.</p> <p>Oppose measures that impose fees on drinking water that would increase cost.</p>	<p>Manage and Deliver a Safe, Reliable, and Sustainable Water Supply</p>	

<p>Water Quality</p>	<p>Support measures that promote innovative technologies.</p> <p>Support measures that promote advanced water technologies and practices that reduce water usage.</p> <p>Support measures that promote environmental stewardship, consistent with District’s mission and water rights.</p> <p>Support sound science &amp; transparent regulatory processes in establishing drinking water standards.</p> <p>Advocate for funding and resources to address emerging contaminants and improve water treatment processes.</p> <p>Promote policies that protect water sources from pollution and degradation.</p>	<p>Manage and Deliver a Safe, Reliable, and Sustainable Water Supply</p> <p>Health, Safety, and Regulatory Compliance</p>	
<p>Customer Connection NEW!!</p>	<p>Support initiatives that improve communication and responsiveness to customer needs and concerns.</p>	<p>Superior Customer Service</p>	

	<p>Support initiatives that promote water awareness campaigns in the region to educate our customers on the value of water.</p> <p>Advocate for the implementation of technologies and practices that streamline customer interactions and service delivery.</p>		
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