Energy, Water & Environmental Sustainability Council

June 20, 2014
10-11:30 am

1. Welcome and Self-Introductions

2. San Fernando Valley Groundwater Remediation

   Special Guest: David R. Pettijohn, Director of Water Resources
   Los Angeles Department of Water & Power

3. 2014 Water Bond

   Special Guest: Kathy Cole, Executive State Legislative Representative
   Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

4. Announcements

Next Meeting:
Tuesday, July 15th, 10-11:30 am*
*New date
David R. Pettijohn
Manager
Los Angeles Department of Water & Power

David R. Pettijohn is the Manager of Water Resources for the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power's Water System. With 28 years of water utility experience, Mr. Pettijohn has management oversight for water resource activities including strategic planning, watershed management, conservation, local resource development, climate change adaptation, purchased and transfer water, as well as inter-agency coordination activities and legislative affairs.

Mr. Pettijohn is a registered Civil Engineer in the State of California, as well as a certified Water Distribution Operator. He currently serves on the Colorado River Board of California and as Chairman of the Upper LA River Integrated Regional Water Management Committee. Mr. Pettijohn received his M.S. in Civil Engineering from the University of Arizona at Tucson.
Kathleen Cole
Executive Legislative Representative
Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

Kathleen Cole, Executive Legislative Representative with The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, has been charged with managing the district's state legislative program in Sacramento. Ms. Cole has been with the agency for nearly 23 years and is responsible for promoting and protecting Metropolitan's state legislative objectives, working closely with Metropolitan's Board of Directors, General Manager Jeff Kightlinger, his management team and the district's contract lobbyists in Sacramento.

Prior to her joining Metropolitan, Kathy was a registered lobbyist and office manager for Lynn Suter and Associates, a private advocacy firm which focused primarily local government issues. She cut her teeth on legislative issues through her two years with the state legislative operation for the East Bay Municipal Utility District.
LEGISLATIVE ALERT

SB 848 (Wolk): 2014 Water Bond
As Amended June 10, 2014
Oppose Unless Amended

To: Members of the California State Senate

As business organizations and water agencies that support the co-equal goals of ecosystem restoration for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta (Delta) and a reliable water supply for California, we must oppose SB 848 by Senator Lois Wolk, unless it is amended to address numerous conflicts between the bill and the 2009 Delta Reform Act.
SB 848 directs funding for all Delta ecosystem restoration to the Delta Conservancy (Conservancy). We have serious concerns that the Conservancy is not positioned to be a neutral and credible dispenser of habitat funds, regardless of the project’s value to endangered native fish. Leaving it to the Conservancy to solely determine funding for projects to advance the co-equal goal of habitat restoration in the Delta could jeopardize the issuance of new permits for federal and state water project operations.

We, the undersigned, supported the water bond currently on the November 2014 ballot which explicitly recognizes the importance of identifying potential funding for the broader public benefits associated with the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP), beyond any mitigation obligation of the federal and state water contractors. We are not, however, in current discussions on a replacement bond measure, seeking any formal requirement that directs all restoration funds to meet the objectives of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP). Ecosystem restoration goals must be achieved based on the best projects possible, irrespective of other considerations.

SB 848 also places habitat restoration projects and economic “sustainability” projects in the same category of funding. To date the Conservancy has developed a process to move forward with economic and community projects and has chosen not to design, construct or manage restoration efforts. Its record suggests the real likelihood that most, if not all, available “sustainability” funds would go to fund economic activities and not advance restoration of the Delta ecosystem.

The historic package of Delta and water management legislation from 2009 took a statewide approach to reducing the reliance on the waters flowing through the Delta estuary to meet future needs. The comprehensive legislative package from 2009 called upon all those who rely on water from the Delta watershed to reduce reliance through their own local programs and management tools, such as water recycling and conservation. Rather, SB 848 contains numerous provisions that threaten to abandon the statewide approach to improving water management by creating new, higher standards for some communities and none for others. Maintaining the statewide approach of the 2009 legislation, both in letter and spirit, is essential to gaining a two-thirds majority of the Legislature to approve any new water bond.

SB 848 would need numerous revisions to make it a workable platform for a successful 2014 water bond. We, therefore, must regretfully oppose SB 848. We urge you to support a water bond that truly meets the co-equal goals of Delta restoration and statewide water supply reliability with policy language consistent with the 2009 Delta Reform Act.

Thank you for your consideration.
Dukku Lee, General Manager
Anaheim Public Utilities

Tracy Rafter, CEO
BizFed, L.A. County Business Federation

Ron Davis, General Manager
Burbank Water and Power

Silvio Ferrari, VP of Legislative Affairs
California Building Industry Association

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Richard Hansen, Gen. Mgr./Chief Engineer
Three Valleys Municipal Water District

Robert Reeb, Executive Director
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