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1. Update on State Legislation  
   Presenter: Jonathan Clay and Erin Gilbert

2. Public Outreach Update  
   Presenter: Sharene Gonzales

3. Review of Hanson Bridgett Legal Services and Fees  
   Presenter: Pat Miyaki

4. Public Comments
TO: Robert Shaver, Alameda County Water District

FROM: JGC Government Relations, Inc.

DATE: September 4, 2020

SUBJECT: August Legislative Report

Just when we thought nothing would compare to last year’s final night of session with blood being thrown over the Senate balcony hitting legislators, 2020 strikes again. Senator Brian Jones (R-San Diego) tested positive for COVID-19 the last week of session and had attended a Republican Caucus lunch prior to receiving his test result, which then set the stage for the nine Republican Senators who also attended the caucus lunch to have to quarantine as a result of being in contact with a positive person. One Republican Senator did not attend the lunch and was allowed on the Senate Floor the final week of session, while the others were voting remotely. With approximately 400 bills needing to be voted on during the final week, this set the stage for an even more challenging end of session.

In this “zoom” world we are now living in, with the daily sayings of “we can’t hear you, you are on mute,” “please remember to mute yourself,” and “hold on, we are having technical difficulties” the remote voting proved challenging, frustrating, and tempers flared. After Democrats attempted to limit debate on the Senate floor given the perception that the Republican members participating remotely were purposely slowing down the process, and Republicans accused the Democrats of not allowing their voices to be heard, a 90-minute recess was called in the Senate to have personal calls between the party leaders and let the issues simmer down.

Not only were the Senate Republicans and Democrats fighting, but the usual tensions between the Assembly and the Senate also flared up. Several priority bills for the Administration and legislators ended up failing in the final minutes before the midnight deadline on August 31st as a result of simply running out of time. Bills on policing, housing production, and plastics reduction, as well as the environmental bond, all failed. We expect to see many of these efforts attempted again in December when the legislature is sworn in for the next two-year session.

There continue to be rumors of if/when the Governor may call a Special Session of the Legislature to attempt to pass some of the priority issues that didn’t make it across the finish. The Governor seems non-committal to calling the legislature back to Sacramento at this point, and it is campaign season where members want to be in their districts.

 Needless to say, the end of session was not dull. We enjoyed working for and representing ACWD in Sacramento and look forward to the start of next session.
### SB 1386

**Moorlach** R

Local government: assessments, fees, and charges: water: hydrants.

**Current Text:** Enrollment: 8/30/2020  [html](#)  [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/21/2020

**Last Amend:** 7/28/2020


**Is Urgency:** N

**Is Fiscal:** N

**Location:** 8/30/2020-S. ENROLLMENT

**Summary:** Current law, known as the Proposition 218 Omnibus Implementation Act, prescribes specific procedures and parameters for local jurisdictions to comply with these requirements and, among other things, authorizes an agency providing water, wastewater, sewer, or refuse collection services to adopt a schedule of fees or charges authorizing automatic adjustments that pass through increases in wholesale charges for water, sewage treatment, or wastewater treatment or adjustments for inflation under certain circumstances. Current law defines, among other terms, the term “water” for these purposes to mean any system of public improvements intended to provide for the production, storage, supply, treatment, or distribution of water from any source. This bill would specify that hydrants, as defined, are part of the system of public improvements included in the definition of “water” for purposes of the Proposition 218 Omnibus Implementation Act.

**Position**

Support

**Subject**

ACWD - Board/Gov

### SB 45

**Allen** D


**Current Text:** Amended: 1/23/2020  [html](#)  [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 12/3/2018

**Last Amend:** 1/23/2020

**Status:** 1/30/2020-In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.

**Is Urgency:** Y

**Is Fiscal:** Y

**Location:** 1/29/2020-A. DESK

**Summary:** Would enact the Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of $5,510,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance projects for a wildfire prevention, safe drinking water, drought preparation, and flood protection program.

**Position**

Pending

**Subject**

ACWD - Finance

### AB 3005

**Rivas, Robert** D

Leroy Anderson Dam and Reservoir: permitting, environmental review, and public contracting.

**Current Text:** Enrollment: 8/31/2020  [html](#)  [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/21/2020
Summary: Would, if the Department of Fish and Wildlife determines that the Anderson Dam project, as defined, will substantially adversely affect existing fish and wildlife resources and the Santa Clara Valley Water District completes certain actions for the project, require the department within 180 days of receipt of a notification, as defined, from the district to issue a final agreement with the district that includes reasonable measures necessary to protect the affected resource, unless the department and the district agree to an extension.

**Position**

Watch

**Subject**

ACWD - Water Resources

**Total Measures:** 3

**Total Tracking Forms:** 3
**AB 992** (Mullin D)  Open meetings: local agencies: social media.

**Current Text:** Enrollment: 8/31/2020  [html](#)  [pdf](#)

**Current Analysis:** 08/25/2020  [Assembly Floor Analysis](#) (text 7/31/2020)

**Introduced:** 2/21/2019

**Last Amend:** 7/31/2020

**Status:** 8/31/2020-Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 5 p.m.

**Is Urgency:** N

**Is Fiscal:** N

**Location:** 8/31/2020-A. ENROLLED

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**Summary:** The Ralph M. Brown Act defines “meeting” for purposes of the act and prohibits a majority of the members of a legislative body, outside a meeting authorized by the act, from using a series of communications of any kind to discuss, deliberate, or take action on any item of business that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body. This bill would provide that, until January 1, 2026, the prohibition described above does not prevent a member from engaging in separate conversations or communications outside of a meeting authorized by this act with any other person using an internet-based social media platform, as defined, to answer questions, provide information to the public, or to solicit information from the public regarding a matter that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body, provided that a majority of the members do not use the internet-based social media platform to discuss among themselves, as defined, business of a specific nature that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body, and that a member shall not respond directly to any communication on an internet-based social media platform regarding a matter that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body that is made, posted, or shared by any other member of the legislative body.

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**Current Text:** Amended: 9/10/2019  [html](#)  [pdf](#)

**Current Analysis:** 09/12/2019  [Assembly Floor Analysis](#) (text 9/10/2019)

**Introduced:** 2/22/2019

**Last Amend:** 9/10/2019

**Status:** 8/25/2020-From inactive file. Ordered to third reading.

**Is Urgency:** N

**Is Fiscal:** Y

**Location:** 8/25/2020-A. THIRD READING

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**Summary:** Would provide that specified records of a private industry employer that are prepared, owned, used, or retained by a public agency are not trade secrets and are public records, including certain records relating to employment terms and conditions of employees working for a private industry employer pursuant to a contract with a public agency, records of compliance with local, state, or federal domestic content requirements, and records of a private industry employer’s compliance with job creation, job quality, or job retention obligations contained in a contract or agreement with a state or local agency.

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**SB 1101** (Caballero D)  Water and Climate Science Advisory Board.

**Current Text:** Amended: 3/25/2020  [html](#)  [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/19/2020

**Last Amend:** 3/25/2020

**Status:** 3/25/2020-From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on RLS.
**Summary:** Would require the Department of Water Resources to convene a Water and Climate Science Advisory Board to consist of 5 members with certain qualifications appointed by the department, the agency, and the State Water Resources Control Board, as provided. The bill would require board members to serve 3-year terms. The bill would require the department to consult with the board when initiating, reviewing, or expanding policies or guidelines regarding impacts of climate change on water resources. The bill would require the department to establish an internal process for department review of and comment on the work of the board, which shall be made publicly available.

**Position**

**Subject**

ACWD - Capital Projects

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**AB 235**


**Current Text:** Amended: 6/29/2020  [html](#)  [pdf](#)

**Current Analysis:** 05/21/2019 Assembly Floor Analysis (text 4/30/2019)

**Introduced:** 1/18/2019

**Last Amend:** 6/29/2020

**Status:** 7/2/2020-Re-referred to Com. on N.R. & W.

**Is Urgency:** Y

**Is Fiscal:** Y

**Location:** 7/2/2020-S. N.R. & W.

**Summary:** The California Endangered Species Act requires the Fish and Game Commission to establish a list of endangered species and a list of threatened species and to add a species to, or remove a species from, either list if it finds, upon the receipt of sufficient scientific information, and based solely upon the best available scientific information, that the action is warranted. The act requires a petition for the listing or delisting of a species to include, at a minimum, sufficient scientific information that the petitioned action may be warranted, including information regarding the population trend, range, distribution, abundance, and life history of the species, the factors affecting the ability of the population to survive and reproduce, and the degree and immediacy of the threat. This bill would require the commission to accept a petition for consideration concurrent with a taking if the commission finds that the petition provides sufficient information to indicate that the petitioned action may be warranted, but the geographic proliferation of the species may lead to significant economic hardship or an impact on critical infrastructure during the above-described review of an accepted petition, and if a preponderance of the evidence presented in the petition shows there is no direct threat to the species that would lead to its decline during that period.

**Position**

**Subject**

ACWD - Capital Projects

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**AB 609**


**Current Text:** Amended: 6/23/2020  [html](#)  [pdf](#)

**Current Analysis:** 08/15/2019 Senate Floor Analyses (text 2/14/2019)

**Introduced:** 2/14/2019

**Last Amend:** 6/23/2020

**Status:** 7/1/2020-Re-referred to Com. on EQ.

**Is Urgency:** N

**Is Fiscal:** Y

**Location:** 7/1/2020-S. E.Q.

**Summary:** The California Environmental Quality Act requires a lead agency to prepare a mitigated negative declaration for a project that may have a significant effect on the environment if revisions in the project would avoid or mitigate that effect and there is no substantial evidence that the project, as
revised, would have a significant effect on the environment. The act requires the lead agency to mail
certain notices to persons who have filed a written request for notices. This bill would require the lead
agency and the project applicant to post those notices on their internet website.

**Position**  
**Subject**  
ACWD - Capital Projects

**AB 2231** (Kalra D)  
**Public works.**

**Current Text:** Enrollment: 8/31/2020  
[html](#) [pdf](#)

**Current Analysis:** 08/24/2020  
[Assembly Floor Analysis](#) (text 8/19/2020)

**Introduced:** 2/13/2020  
**Last Amend:** 8/19/2020

**Status:** 8/31/2020-Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 5 p.m.

**Is Urgency:** N  
**Is Fiscal:** Y

**Location:** 8/31/2020-A. ENROLLED

**Summary:** Current law requires that, except as specified, not less than the general prevailing rate of
per diem wages, determined by the Director of Industrial Relations, be paid to workers employed on
public works projects. Current law defines “public works” to include, among other things, construction,
alteration, demolition, installation, or repair work done under contract and paid for, in whole or in part,
out of public funds, but exempts from that definition, among other projects, an otherwise private
development project if the state or political subdivision provides, directly or indirectly, a public subsidy
to the private development project that is de minimis in the context of the project. This bill would
generally provide that a public subsidy is de minimis if it is both less than $600,000 and less than 2%
of the total project cost. The bill would specifically provide that a public subsidy for a residential project
that consists entirely of single-family dwellings is de minimis if it is less than 2% of the total project

cost.

**Position**  
**Subject**  
ACWD - Capital Projects

**SB 995** (Atkins D)  
**Environmental quality: Jobs and Economic Improvement Through Environmental Leadership Act of 2011: housing projects.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 8/25/2020  
[html](#) [pdf](#)

**Current Analysis:** 09/01/2020  
[Senate Floor Analyses](#) (text 8/25/2020)

**Introduced:** 2/12/2020  
**Last Amend:** 8/25/2020

**Status:** 8/31/2020-Read third time. Passed. (Ayes 62. Noes 4.) Ordered to the Senate. In Senate.
Concurrence in Assembly amendments pending.

**Is Urgency:** N  
**Is Fiscal:** Y

**Location:** 8/31/2020-S. CONCURRENCE

**Summary:** The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires a lead agency, as defined, to
prepare, or cause to be prepared, and certify the completion of an environmental impact report (EIR)
on a project that it proposes to carry out or approve that may have a significant effect on the
environment or to adopt a negative declaration if it finds that the project will not have that effect.
CEQA also requires a lead agency to prepare a mitigated negative declaration for a project that may
have a significant effect on the environment if revisions in the project would avoid or mitigate that
effect and there is no substantial evidence that the project, as revised, would have a significant effect
on the environment. CEQA authorizes the preparation of a master EIR and authorizes the use of the
master EIR to limit the environmental review of subsequent projects that are described in the master
EIR, as specified. This bill would require a lead agency to prepare a master EIR for a general plan, plan
amendment, plan element, or specified plan for housing projects where the state has provided funding
for the preparation of the master EIR.

**Position**  
**Subject**  
ACWD - Capital Projects

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**ACWD - Emergency Response**
SB 668  Fire hydrants: water suppliers: regulations.
Current Text: Amended: 8/25/2020  html  pdf
Current Analysis:  08/25/2020 Assembly Floor Analysis (text 8/25/2020)
Introduced:  2/22/2019
Last Amend:  8/25/2020
Is Urgency:  N
Is Fiscal:  Y
Location:  8/25/2020-A. THIRD READING

Summary: Current law requires a public water system with 10,000 or more service connections to undertake specified actions, including, among other things, to review and revise its disaster preparedness plan to ensure that it is sufficient to address possible disaster scenarios and, following a declared state of emergency, to furnish an assessment of its emergency response within 6 months thereafter and implement related recommendations in a timely manner. Current law also requires the Office of Emergency Services to establish emergency response and recovery plans in coordination with public water systems. This bill would instead impose these requirements upon an urban water supplier, as defined in statute. The bill would require the Office of Emergency Services to establish emergency response and recovery plans in coordination with urban water suppliers. The bill would also require an urban water supplier to review and revise its disaster preparedness plan every 5 years.

Position
Subject
ACWD - Finance

AB 1035  COVID-19 emergency: small businesses: immunity from civil liability.
Current Analysis:  05/08/2019 Assembly Floor Analysis (text 4/22/2019)
Introduced:  2/21/2019
Last Amend:  6/25/2020
Status:  6/25/2020-From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to committee. Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Com. on JUD. (Amended 6/25/2020)
Is Urgency:  Y
Is Fiscal:  N
Location:  6/25/2020-S. JUD.

Summary: Would exempt a small business with 25 or fewer employees from liability for an injury or illness to a person due to coronavirus (COVID-19) based on a claim that the person contracted COVID-19 while at that small business, or due to the actions of that small business. The bill would require the small business, for this exemption to apply, to have implemented and abided by all applicable state and local health laws, regulations, and protocols. The bill would not permit this exemption to apply if the injury or illness resulted from a grossly negligent act or omission, willful or wanton misconduct, or unlawful discrimination by the business or an employee of the business.

Position
Subject
ACWD - Finance

AB 2107  Local government: securitized limited obligation notes.
Current Text: Enrolled: 8/31/2020  html  pdf
Current Analysis:  07/31/2020 Senate Floor Analyses (text 2/6/2020)
Introduced:  2/6/2020
Is Urgency:  N
Is Fiscal:  N
Location:  8/28/2020-A. ENROLLMENT
**Summary:** Current law, until December 31, 2019, authorizes a special district to issue, as specified, securitized limited obligation notes for the acquisition or improvement of land, facilities, or equipment. This bill would extend that authorization to December 31, 2024.

**Position**

**Subject**

ACWD - Finance

**AB 2311 (Low D)** Public contracts: skilled and trained workforce requirement: notice.

**Current Text:** Enrolled: 9/1/2020  
[html, pdf]

**Current Analysis:** 08/29/2020 Assembly Floor Analysis (text 7/8/2020)

**Introduced:** 2/14/2020

**Last Amend:** 7/8/2020

**Status:** 8/30/2020-Senate amendments concurred in. To Engrossing and Enrolling.

**Is Urgency:** N

**Is Fiscal:** Y

**Location:** 8/30/2020-A. ENROLLMENT

**Summary:** Current law establishes requirements that apply when a public entity is required by statute or regulation to obtain an enforceable commitment that a bidder, contractor, or other entity will use a skilled and trained workforce to complete a contract or project. Current law also authorizes a public entity to require that a bidder, contractor, or other entity use a skilled and trained workforce to complete a contract or project. This bill would require that a public entity, when the use of a skilled and trained workforce to complete a contract or project is required pursuant to existing law, to include in all bid documents and construction contracts a notice that the project is subject to the skilled and trained workforce requirement.

**Position**

**Subject**

ACWD - Finance

**AB 2707 (Holden D)** Local government finance: COVID-19 Credit Facility.

**Current Text:** Amended: 5/6/2020  
[html, pdf]

**Introduced:** 2/20/2020

**Last Amend:** 5/6/2020

**Status:** 5/7/2020-Re-referred to Com. on H. & C.D.

**Is Urgency:** Y

**Is Fiscal:** Y

**Location:** 4/24/2020-A. H. & C.D.

**Summary:** Would require the Treasurer to establish the COVID-19 Credit Facility, to support cashflow borrowing by local governments, as specified, to better manage cashflow pressures created by the COVID-19 public health emergency. The bill would require the facility to assist local governments, irrespective of population size, with the purchase of newly-issued tax anticipation notes, tax and revenue anticipation notes, bond anticipation notes, and other short-term notes through the California Debt and Investment Advisory Commission. The bill would also require the facility to establish methods by which cities with populations of less than 250,000 and counties with populations of less than 500,000 may access the Municipal Liquidity Facility established by the Federal Reserve System, as specified.

**Position**

**Subject**

ACWD - Finance


**Current Text:** Amended: 6/4/2020  
[html, pdf]

**Current Analysis:** 05/31/2020 Assembly Appropriations (text 5/18/2020)

**Introduced:** 2/21/2020

**Last Amend:** 6/4/2020

**Status:** 6/8/2020-Re-referred to Com. on RLS.

**Is Urgency:** Y

**Is Fiscal:** Y

**Location:** 6/3/2020-A. RLS.
Summary: Would enact the Economic Recovery, Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of $6,980,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance projects for an economic recovery, wildfire prevention, safe drinking water, drought preparation, and flood protection program.

Position
Subject

SB 952  
(Nielsen R) Sales and use taxes: exemption: backup electrical generators: deenergization events.

Current Analysis: 06/19/2020 Senate Floor Analyses (text 5/29/2020)
Introduced: 2/10/2020
Last Amend: 5/29/2020
Status: 6/29/2020-Referred to Com. on REV. & TAX.
Is Urgency: Y
Is Fiscal: Y
Location: 6/29/2020-A. REV. & TAX

Summary: Current state sales and use tax laws impose a tax on retailers measured by the gross receipts from the sale of tangible personal property sold at retail in this state or on the storage, use, or other consumption in this state of tangible personal property purchased from a retailer for storage, use, or other consumption in this state. This bill, on and after January 1, 2021, and before January 1, 2026, would provide an exemption from those taxes with respect to the sale of, or the storage, use, or consumption of, a backup electrical resource, generator as defined, if that backup electrical generator is purchased for use exclusively in powering a critical facility, as defined, by a city, county, city and county, special district, or other political subdivision during deenergization events, as defined, and the purchaser provides to the seller a written statement with regard to these facts.

Position
Subject

SB 998  
(Moorlach R) Local government: investments.

Current Text: Enrollment: 8/30/2020  html pdf
Current Analysis: 08/10/2020 Assembly Local Government (text 5/22/2020)
Introduced: 2/13/2020
Last Amend: 5/22/2020
Is Urgency: N
Is Fiscal: N
Location: 8/30/2020-S. ENROLLMENT

Summary: The Joint Exercise of Powers Act generally authorizes 2 or more public agencies to agree to jointly exercise a common power. Current law specifically authorizes 2 or more public agencies that have the authority to invest funds in their treasuries to agree to jointly exercise that common power and describes how funds subject to that agreement may be invested. This bill would authorize a joint powers authority formed as described above to establish the terms and conditions pursuant to which agencies may participate and invest in pool shares. The bill would specify that a federally recognized Indian tribe is eligible to participate in a joint powers authority formed for this purpose, consistent with its status as a public agency under the Joint Exercise of Powers Act, or to otherwise invest in pool shares consistent with the terms and conditions established by the joint powers authority.

Position
Subject

SB 1205  
(Hertzberg D) Local agency design-build projects.

Introduced: 2/20/2020
Last Amend: 3/25/2020
Status: 3/25/2020-From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Referred to Com. on RLS.
Summary: Current law, until January 1, 2025, authorizes local agencies, as defined, to use the design-build procurement process for specified public works projects with prescribed cost thresholds. Current law states that it is the intent of the Legislature that existing law provides general authorization for local agencies to use design-build for certain projects. Current law establishes procedures for a contract awarded under these provisions on the basis of best value, including a requirement that competitive proposals be evaluated by using only the criteria and selection procedures specifically identified in the request for proposals. Current law further requires that prescribed minimum factors be weighted as the local agency deems appropriate. This bill would modify the intent of the Legislature to specify that design-build for these purposes includes conventional, progressive, and target price. The bill, with regard to best value evaluation, would require the prescribed minimum factors be included only if applicable to the delivery method.

Position

Subject

ACWD - Finance

ACWD - HR


Current Text: Amended: 8/25/2020 html pdf

Current Analysis: 08/28/2020 Senate Floor Analyses (text 8/25/2020)

Introduced: 1/10/2019

Last Amend: 8/25/2020

Status: 9/1/2020-Ordered to inactive file by unanimous consent.

Is Urgency: N

Is Fiscal: Y

Location: 9/1/2020-S. INACTIVE FILE

Summary: Would define “injury,” for certain employees who are employed in an occupation or industry deemed essential in the Governor’s Executive Order of March 19, 2020 (Executive Order N-33-20), except as specified, or who are subsequently deemed essential, to include coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) that develops or manifests itself during a period of employment of those persons in the essential occupation or industry. The bill would apply to injuries occurring on or after March 1, 2020, would create a disputable presumption, as specified, that the injury arose out of and in the course of the employment, and would extend that presumption following termination of service for a period of 90 days, commencing with the last date actually worked. The bill would shorten the investigatory timeframe for denial or presumed acceptance of a claim to 30 days, rather than 90 days.

Position

Subject

ACWD - HR


Current Text: Amended: 8/25/2020 html pdf

Current Analysis: 08/26/2020 Senate Floor Analyses (text 8/25/2020)

Introduced: 2/15/2019

Last Amend: 8/25/2020

Status: 8/26/2020-Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

Is Urgency: Y

Is Fiscal: Y

Location: 8/26/2020-S. THIRD READING

Summary: Current law imposes a duty on an employer to provide certain safety materials and adopt safety practices as necessary. A failure to meet this duty, under specified circumstances, is a misdemeanor. Would, until July 1, 2024, define “injury,” for certain state and local firefighting personnel, peace officers, certain correctional and law enforcement personnel, as described, certain health care employees who provide direct patient care at an acute care hospital, and certain fire and rescue services coordinators who work for the Office of Emergency Services to include illness or death resulting from COVID-19, that is diagnosed on or after January 1, 2020, if certain circumstances apply.

Current Text: Enrollment: 8/31/2020  html  pdf
Current Analysis: 08/31/2020 Assembly Floor Analysis  (text 8/25/2020)
Introduced: 2/15/2019
Last Amend: 8/25/2020
Is Urgency: N
Is Fiscal: Y
Location: 8/31/2020-A. ENROLLMENT

Summary: Would authorize the Division of Occupational Safety and Health, when, in its opinion, a place of employment, operation, or process, or any part thereof, exposes workers to the risk of infection with severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2, also known as COVID-19), so as to constitute an imminent hazard to employees, to prohibit the performance of that operation or process, or entry into that place of employment. The bill would require the division to provide a notice thereof to the employer, to be posted in a conspicuous place at the place of employment. The bill would require such a prohibition to be limited to the immediate area in which the imminent hazard exists, as specified. The bill would require such a prohibition to be issued in a manner so as not to materially interrupt the performance of critical governmental functions essential to ensuring public health and safety functions or the delivery of electrical power or water.

AB 3216  (Kalra D)  Unemployment: rehiring and retention: state of emergency.

Current Text: Enrollment: 8/31/2020  html  pdf
Current Analysis: 08/31/2020 Assembly Floor Analysis  (text 8/20/2020)
Introduced: 2/21/2020
Last Amend: 8/20/2020
Status: 8/31/2020-Senate amendments concurred in. To Engrossing and Enrolling.
Is Urgency: N
Is Fiscal: Y
Location: 8/31/2020-A. ENROLLMENT

Summary: Would require an employer, as defined, to offer its laid-off employees specified information about job positions that become available for which the laid-off employees are qualified, and to offer positions to those laid-off employees based on a preference system, in accordance with specified timelines and procedures. The bill would define the term "laid-off employee" to mean any employee who was employed by the employer for 6 months or more in the 12 months preceding the state of emergency giving rise to the application of the bill’s provisions, and whose most recent separation from active service was due to a public health directive, government shutdown order, lack of business, a reduction in force, or other economic, nondisciplinary reason related to the state of emergency, as defined.


Current Text: Amended: 5/19/2020  html  pdf
Current Analysis: 06/07/2020 Senate Appropriations  (text 5/19/2020)
Introduced: 2/10/2020
Last Amend: 5/19/2020
Status: 6/18/2020-June 18 hearing: Held in committee and under submission.
Is Urgency: Y
Is Fiscal: Y
Location: 6/9/2020-S. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE
Summary: Current law establishes within the state disability insurance program a family temporary disability insurance program, also known as the Paid Family Leave program, for the provision of wage replacement benefits to workers who take time off work to care for a seriously ill family member or to bond with a minor child within one year of birth or placement, as specified. This bill would, until December 31, 2020, also authorize wage replacement benefits to specified workers who take time off work to care for a child or other family member, including a child or adult with disabilities, for whom the employee is responsible for providing care if that person’s school or place of care has been closed, or the care provider of that person is unavailable, due to the COVID-19 virus outbreak.

Position       Subject
ACWD - HR


Current Text: Amended: 8/24/2020 html pdf

Current Analysis: 08/31/2020 Assembly Floor Analysis (text 8/30/2020)

Introduced: 2/20/2020

Last Amend: 8/24/2020

Status: 9/1/2020-Ordered to inactive file.

Is Urgency: N

Is Fiscal: Y

Location: 9/1/2020-S. INACTIVE FILE

Summary: Would define "injury" for an employee to include illness or death resulting from the 2019 novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) under specified circumstances, until January 1, 2023. The bill would create a disputable presumption, as specified, that the injury arose out of and in the course of the employment and is compensable, for specified dates of injury. The bill would limit the applicability of the presumption under certain circumstances. The bill would require an employee to exhaust their paid sick leave benefits and meet specified certification requirements before receiving any temporary disability benefits or, for police officers, firefighters, and other specified employees, a leave of absence. The bill would also make a claim relating to a COVID-19 illness presumptively compensable, as described above, after 30 days or 45 days, rather than 90 days.

Position       Subject
ACWD - HR

**SB 1173** (Darazo D)  Public employment: labor relations: employee information.

Current Text: Amended: 8/24/2020 html pdf

Current Analysis: 08/31/2020 Senate Floor Analyses (text 8/24/2020)

Introduced: 2/20/2020

Last Amend: 8/24/2020

Status: 9/1/2020-Ordered to inactive file.

Is Urgency: N

Is Fiscal: Y

Location: 9/1/2020-S. INACTIVE FILE

Summary: Current law, including the Meyers-Milias-Brown Act, the Ralph C. Dills Act, the Trial Court Employment Protection and Governance Act, the Trial Court Interpreter Employment and Labor Relations Act, and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Transit Employer-Employee Relations Act, provisions commonly referred to as the Educational Employment Relations Act, and the Higher Education Employer-Employee Relations Act, among others, regulates the labor relations of the state, the courts, and specified local public agencies and their employees. Current law requires these public employers to provide certain labor representatives with the names and home addresses of newly hired employees, as well as their job titles, departments, work locations, telephone numbers, and personal email addresses, within 30 days of hire or by the first pay period of the month following hire. Current law also requires the public employers to provide this information for all employees in a bargaining unit at least every 120 days, except as specified. This bill, beginning on July 1, 2021, would generally authorize an exclusive representative to file a charge of an unfair labor practice with the Public Employment Relations Board, as specified, alleging a violation of the above-described requirements.

Position       Subject
ACWD - HR
SB_1383  (Jackson D)  Unlawful employment practice: family leave.
Current Text: Enrollment: 8/31/2020  html  pdf
Current Analysis: 08/24/2020 Assembly Floor Analysis (text 6/29/2020)
Introduced: 2/21/2020
Last Amend: 6/29/2020
Is Urgency: N
Is Fiscal: Y
Location: 8/31/2020-S. ENROLLMENT

Summary: Would revise and recast specified provisions to make it an unlawful employment practice for any employer to refuse to grant a request by an employee to take up to 12 workweeks of unpaid protected leave during any 12-month period to bond with a new child of the employee or to care for themselves or a child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse, or domestic partner, as specified. The bill would require an employer who employees’ both parents of a child to grant leave to each employee.

Position  Subject
ACWD - HR

SB_1426  (Bradford D)  Occupational safety and health: injury and illness prevention programs.
Introduced: 2/21/2020
Last Amend: 3/25/2020
Status: 3/25/2020-From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on RLS.
Is Urgency: N
Is Fiscal: Y
Location: 2/21/2020-S. RLS.

Summary: Current law requires employers to furnish a place of employment that is safe and requires every employer to establish, implement, and maintain an effective injury prevention program, which includes identifying a person or persons to be responsible for implementing the program. Existing law requires employers to keep appropriate records of steps taken to implement and maintain the program. Current law authorizes an employer in the construction industry who is required to be licensed under the Contractors’ State License Law to use records relating to employee training provided to the employer in connection with an occupational safety and health training program approved pursuant to that law. Current law requires these employers in the construction industry to keep only records of those steps taken to implement and maintain the program with respect to hazards specific to an employee’s job duties. Current law exempts from these recordkeeping provisions a public entity, other than a state agency, that is a member of, or created by, a joint powers agreement. This bill would delete that exemption, thereby making public entities, other than state agencies, that are members of, or created by, a joint powers agreement, subject to those recordkeeping requirements.

Position  Subject
ACWD - HR

ACWD - Operations

AB_429  (Nazarian D)  Seismically vulnerable buildings: inventory.
Current Text: Amended: 8/30/2019  html  pdf
Current Analysis: 09/03/2019 Senate Floor Analyses (text 8/30/2019)
Introduced: 2/7/2019
Last Amend: 8/30/2019
Status: 9/15/2019-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(15). (Last location was INACTIVE FILE on 9/6/2019)(May be acted upon Jan 2020)
Is Urgency: N
Is Fiscal: Y
Location: 9/15/2019-S. 2 YEAR
Summary: Current law establishes a program within all cities and all counties and portions thereof located within seismic zone 4, as defined, to identify all potentially hazardous buildings and to establish a mitigation program for these buildings. The mitigation program may include, among other things, the adoption by ordinance of a hazardous buildings program, measures to strengthen buildings, and the application of structural standards necessary to provide for life safety above current code requirements. Current law requires the Alfred E. Alquist Seismic Safety Commission to report annually to the Legislature on the filing of mitigation programs relating to building construction standards from local jurisdictions. This bill would require the commission, by specified deadlines, to identify funding and develop a bidding process for hiring a third-party contractor to create an inventory of potentially vulnerable buildings, as defined.

Position

Subject
ACWD - Water Quality

AB 841

Current Text: Enrollment: 8/31/2020 html pdf
Current Analysis: 08/31/2020 Assembly Floor Analysis (text 8/28/2020)
Introduced: 2/20/2019
Last Amend: 8/28/2020

Is Urgency: N
Is Fiscal: Y
Location: 8/31/2020-A. ENROLLMENT

Summary: Current law requires the PUC, in consultation with the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission and the State Air Resources Board, to direct electrical corporations to file applications for programs and investments to accelerate widespread transportation electrification to reduce dependence on petroleum, meet air quality standards, achieve the goals set forth in the Charge Ahead California Initiative, and reduce emissions of greenhouse gases to 40% below 1990 levels by 2030 and to 80% below 1990 levels by 2050. That law requires that the programs proposed by electrical corporations seek to minimize overall costs and maximize overall benefits. The PUC is required to approve, or modify and approve, programs and investments in transportation electrification, including those that deploy charging infrastructure, through a reasonable cost recovery mechanism, if they are consistent with the above-described purposes, do not unfairly compete with nonutility enterprises, include performance accountability measures, and are in the interests of ratepayers. This bill would require not less than 35% of the investments pursuant to these provisions to be in underserved communities, as defined.

Position

Subject
ACWD - Water Quality

AB 2560
(Quirk D) Water quality: notification levels and response levels: procedures.

Current Text: Enrollment: 9/1/2020 html pdf
Current Analysis: 08/31/2020 Assembly Floor Analysis (text 8/24/2020)
Introduced: 2/19/2020
Last Amend: 8/24/2020

Is Urgency: N
Is Fiscal: Y
Location: 8/30/2020-A. ENROLLMENT

Summary: The California Safe Drinking Water Act requires the State Water Resources Control Board to
adopt drinking water standards for contaminants in drinking water based upon specified criteria and requires any person who owns a public water system to ensure that the system, among other things, complies with those drinking water standards. This bill would require the state board to comply with specified public notice and comment procedures when establishing or revising a notification level or response level, except as specified for a contaminant that the Division of Drinking Water of the state board finds presents the potential for imminent harm to public health and safety.

**Position**

**Subject**

ACWD - Water Quality

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**SB 1044**  **(Allen D)**  **Firefighting equipment and foam: PFAS chemicals.**

**Current Text:** Enrollment: 8/30/2020  [html](#)  [pdf](#)

**Current Analysis:** 08/28/2020  [Senate Floor Analyses](#)  (text 8/24/2020)

**Introduced:** 2/18/2020

**Last Amend:** 8/24/2020

**Status:** 8/30/2020-Assembly amendments concurred in. (Ayes 39. Noes 0.) Ordered to engrossing and enrolling.

**Is Urgency:** N

**Is Fiscal:** Y

**Location:** 8/30/2020-S. ENROLLMENT

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**Summary:** Would, commencing January 1, 2022, require any person, as defined, including a manufacturer, as defined, that sells firefighter personal protective equipment to any person to provide a written notice to the purchaser at the time of sale if the firefighter personal protective equipment contains intentionally added perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). The bill would require the seller and the purchaser to retain a copy of the written notice on file for at least 3 years and to furnish the notice and associated sales documentation the Attorney General, a city attorney, a county counsel, or a district attorney within 60 days upon request, as provided. The bill would authorize the Attorney General, a city attorney, a county counsel, or a district attorney to request from a manufacturer, and the bill would require the manufacturer to provide, a certificate of compliance that certifies that the manufacturer is in compliance with these provisions.

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**AB 292**  **(Quirk D)**  **Recycled water: raw water and groundwater augmentation.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 6/20/2019  [html](#)  [pdf](#)

**Current Analysis:** 08/14/2019  [Senate Floor Analyses](#)  (text 6/20/2019)

**Introduced:** 1/28/2019

**Last Amend:** 6/20/2019

**Status:** 9/15/2019-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(15). (Last location was INACTIVE FILE on 8/30/2019)(May be acted upon Jan 2020)

**Is Urgency:** N

**Is Fiscal:** Y

**Location:** 9/15/2019-S. 2 YEAR

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**Summary:** Current law requires the State Water Resources Control Board, on or before December 31, 2023, to adopt uniform water recycling criteria for direct potable reuse through raw water augmentation, as specified. Current law defines “direct potable reuse” and “indirect potable reuse for groundwater recharge” for these purposes. This bill would eliminate the definition of “direct potable reuse” and instead would substitute the term “groundwater augmentation” for “indirect potable reuse for groundwater recharge” in these definitions. The bill would revise the definition of “treated drinking water augmentation.”

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**AB 995**  **(Garcia, Cristina D)**  **Hazardous waste.**

**Current Text:** Enrollment: 8/31/2020  [html](#)  [pdf](#)
The bill would provide for the duties of the board, which would include, among others, reviewing specified policies, processes, and programs within the hazardous waste control laws; proposing statutory, regulatory, and policy changes; and hearing and deciding appeals of hazardous waste facility permit decisions and certain financial assurance decisions. The bill would establish an office of ombudsperson in the board to receive complaints and suggestions, to evaluate complaints received, to report findings and make recommendations to the Director of Toxic Substances Control and the board, and to render assistance.

Position Subject
ACWD - Water Resources

AB 1958 (Cooper D) State Plan of Flood Control: facilities.

Summary: Would prohibit a person from concealing, defacing, destroying, modifying, cutting, altering, or physically or visually obstructing any levee along a river or bypass at any of those specified places, any levee forming part of any flood control plan, or any other facility of the State Plan of Flood Control, including, but not limited to, any and all associated rights of way, without permission of the board. By expanding the behavior that would be punishable as a misdemeanor, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

Position Subject
ACWD - Water Resources

AB 2296 (Quirk D) State Water Resources Control Board: local primacy delegation: funding stabilization program.

Summary: Would authorize the State Water Resources Control Board to delegate partial responsibility for the California Safe Drinking Water Act's administration and enforcement by means of a local primacy delegation agreement. The bill would authorize the state board, for counties that have not been delegated primary responsibility as of January 1, 2021, to offer an opportunity for the county to apply for partial or primary responsibility if the state board determines that it needs assistance in performing administrative and enforcement activities, as specified. The bill would authorize the state board to
approve the application for delegation if the state board determines that the local health officer is able to sufficiently perform the administrative and enforcement activities and would specify that a local primacy agency has all of the authority over designated public water systems as is granted to the state board by the act.

SB 559

(Hurtado D)  Department of Water Resources: federal funding: Friant-Kern Canal.

Position  Subject
ACWD - Water Resources

Current Analysis: 08/31/2020  Senate Floor Analyses  (text 8/25/2020)
Introduced: 2/22/2019
Last Amend: 8/25/2020
Status: 8/31/2020-Assembly amendments concurred in. (Ayes 37. Noes 2.) Ordered to engrossing and enrolling.
Is Urgency: N
Is Fiscal: Y
Location: 8/31/2020-S. ENROLLMENT

Summary: Would require the Department of Water Resources to report to the Legislature, no later than March 31, 2021, on federal funding approved by the United States Congress in its 2021 Congressional Budget Resolution and related appropriations bills or otherwise provided to the Friant Water Authority or other government agency to restore the capacity of the Friant-Kern Canal, as specified. The bill would require the department to include in its report a proposal for the state to pay a share of the project cost, not to exceed 35%, and how the money will be spent.

SB 633

(Stern D)  California Electric Vehicle Authority.

Position  Subject
ACWD - Water Resources

Current Analysis: 09/06/2019  Assembly Floor Analysis  (text 9/6/2019)
Introduced: 2/22/2019
Last Amend: 7/27/2020
Status: 7/27/2020-From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on E.S. & T.M.
Is Urgency: N
Is Fiscal: Y
Location: 7/27/2020-A. E.S. & T.M.

Summary: Would establish the California Electric Vehicle Authority within the Governor’s office. The bill would make the authority responsible for funding and financing programs to accelerate the transition to a zero emissions transportation system, as specified. The bill would require the authority to coordinate among state, regional, and local government entities to facilitate the transition to a clean transportation system, as specified.

Total Measures: 35
Total Tracking Forms: 35
Routine District Communications

Bill Message

Sep 1 – Current - A Board workshop is tentative for October 22 to discuss water rates. ACWD invites you to participate virtually to join the discussion. Workshop details, including presentation materials, date and time, and how to join the Zoom meeting, will be available closer to the meeting date at www.acwd.org/rates.

Receive a rebate for up to $50 when you install a rain barrel and begin cutting back on the potable water used for irrigation! Learn more at www.acwd.org/rebates.

Our lobby remains closed to the public during the COVID-19 pandemic. During normal business hours, please call 510-668-4200 or email customerservice@acwd.com. For conservation assistance, please call 510-668-4218 or email water.cons@acwd.com.

Jul 2 – Aug 31 - Your drinking water is safe from COVID-19 and continues to meet or exceed all state and federal drinking water quality standards. View the 2019 annual Water Quality Report to learn more about your drinking water and tests conducted to ensure its safety. View the full report online at www.acwd.org/2019CCR. If you would like a copy of the report mailed to you or would like to speak with someone about the report, please call (510) 668-6500.

We are here for your customer service needs while our lobby remains closed to the public during the COVID-19 pandemic. During normal business hours, please call (510) 668-4200 or email customerservice@acwd.com. For conservation assistance, please call (510) 668-4218 or email water.cons@acwd.com.

Website Articles and Updates

- Issue 3, 2020 ACWD Aqueduct Newsletter Now Available
- ACWD Partners with Project WET to Offer a Free Water Education Workshop for Teachers This Fall
- Online Landscape Workshop: Transitioning to a Fall Water-Efficient Edible Garden

Social Media

- Facebook – 667 Followers (+10)
  Analytics – 367 page views, post reach 1,930, post engagement 946, Video views 696
- Twitter – 733 followers (+19)
Analytics – Tweets 31, Tweet impressions 31.3K, profile visits 185

You Tube – 36 followers (+1)

Nextdoor

Social Media Highlights – Issue 3, 2020 ACWD Aqueduct newsletter now available, ACWD hosts first-ever virtual tour, Protect Your Groundwater Day, National Water Quality Month, Update about the #SCUlighteningcomplex wildfire, Pick up a book and packet of California poppy seeds today at the Centerville Library in Fremont, Making operational adjustments for the health of the fish during fires, Senior Citizen Day, Conserve water to preserve energy, Thank you firefighters, #TipTuesday for distant learning, Current ACWD projects.

Media Coverage

Television/Radio/Print

- Aug 18 – Tri-City Voice – Fish Ladders: Restoring threatened fish migration routes in Alameda Creek
- Aug 18 – Tri-City Voice - The ACWD Connection – School is Back in Session
- Sep 1 - Tri-City Voice - The ACWD Connection – September is National Preparedness Month
- Sep 8 – Tri-City Voice – The ACWD Connection – Free Water Education Workshop for Tri-City Teachers

Other Communication & Outreach

Engineering and Technology Services

- Sep 4 - CEQA IS/MND public review and comment period for Job 10093 Pit T1 and Pit T2 Project noticed in the Argus. Public comment period is September 2, 2020 through October 2, 2020.
- Sep 4 - CEQA IS/MND public review and comment period for Job 10093 Whitfield Project noticed in the Argus. Public comment period is September 2, 2020 through October 2, 2020.

Finance

- Sep 1 – Website updates made to the Water Rate Process page and Help on Tap page.

Office of the General Manager

- Aug 13 – Sharene Gonzales attended ACWA Communications Committee meeting.
- Aug 17 – Distributed 150 ACWD branded packets of poppy seeds and notepads to the Fremont Senior Center for Senior Citizen’s Day
- Aug 18 – Sharene Gonzales contacted New Haven Unified School District to advise of planned water outage.
- Aug 20 – Sharene Gonzales, Renee Gonzales and engineering technician Doug Manville called business customers scheduled for
water service outages associated with the Alvarado-Niles Pipeline Project

- Aug 21 - Renee Gonzales attended the bi-weekly phone check-in with Tri-City PIO group.
- Aug 25 – Distributed 1,000+ ACWD branded packets of poppy seeds to Centerville Library. Seed packets were also distributed to Union City, Newark and Fremont Main libraries.
- Aug 26 – Sharene Gonzales and Renee Gonzales attended CAPIO’s “Hosting Virtual Events” webinar.
- Aug 24 – Sharene Gonzales attended ACWA advisory call on going virtual.
- Aug 31 – Fish Passage Projects Virtual Tour information published on Eventbrite.
- Aug 31 – Published www.acwd.org/tours webpage to promote virtual tour with link to Eventbrite.
- Sep 1 – The ACWD Aqueduct Newsletter mailed about to approximately 124,000 addresses.
- Sep 4 - Renee Gonzales attended the bi-weekly phone check-in with Tri-City PIO group.

- Water Resources
  - Aug 25 - ACWD and City of Milpitas co-hosted an online water-efficient landscape workshop titled, "Transitioning to a Fall Water-Efficient Edible Garden." 100 people attended the webinar.

School Education Program

- Aug 12 – Sept 8 - Continued promotion of Project WET workshop via social media, Tri-City Voice and e-mail
- 1,150 school supplies have been distributed for the 2020/21 school year.

Upcoming Events

- Oct 21, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.- Fish Passage Projects Virtual Tour in recognition of Imagine a Day Without Water
Fish Ladders
Restoring threatened fish migration routes in Alameda Creek

By L.L. Faden
Photography by Alameda County Water District
and Alameda Creek Alliance

More than 500 decades ago, Alameda Creek traced with several California salmon runs (Oncorhynchus species), a species that spawn upstream before returning to the sea and the Pacific. Before it was engineered in the 1930s, Alameda Creek, a natural salmon-bearing stream was taken over by an intense inland river management program in the late 19th century, which included the construction of fish ladders to restore the salmon population. In the 1990s, Alameda Creek was restored to its natural state of more than 500 years ago. Now, salmon are returning year-round, and the creek has become a vital ecosystem for salmon and other wildlife.

Artistic Spotlight
Diego Marcial Rios

By David H. Newman

A native of Mexico, artist Diego Marcial Rios grew up in a small town in the northeastern part of the country. His parents were farmers, and he learned from a young age the importance of nature and traditional Mexican culture. He studied art at the Escuela Nacional de Bellas Artes in Mexico City, where he developed a unique style that combined traditional Mexican art forms with modern techniques. His work is characterized by a combination of realism and abstract elements, creating a unique blend of traditional and modern art.

2020 Mission Mardi Gras Virtual Ball

Online & In-Person
Saturday, February 20

Submitted by Victoria Hunt

After the co-coronavirus postponement, the Mardi Gras at the Mission is back! This year's event will feature virtual and in-person events, including a virtual parade, live music, and a virtual ball. The event will be attended by local artists, chefs, and other community members. The proceeds from the event will go toward the Mission's community outreach programs, including food assistance, education, and health care.

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It's back to learning and ACWD is gearing up for an exciting school year with new resources to offer Tri-City students and teachers! Our water education program has been modified to meet distance learning needs and features interactive tools and lessons. Free online resources:

- Water education training for Tri-City teachers
- The Water Workshop - Easy H2O experiments for kids
- Water education worksheets and games
- Virtual class performances & videos by water education performers ZunZun

To learn more about these available resources please visit: www.acwd.org/watereducation
The District now accepts Google Pay and Apple Pay as new touchless payment options for customers. Here are a few other touchless payment services we offer:

- Pay bill by text or phone
- Sign up for paperless billing
- Enroll in Autopay

Our Customer Service Department is available to assist you during regular business hours at 510.668.4200. Our office remains closed to the public due to COVID-19 until further notice.
September is National Preparedness Month

We can't plan for natural disasters, but we can prepare for them. This month, ACWD is taking time to promote family and community disaster planning. Here are some ideas to get you emergency-ready:

1. Create a plan for you, your family and pets.
2. Build a kit with food, water and supplies. [www.ready.gov/kit](http://www.ready.gov/kit)
3. Sign up for our Rapid Alert Notification System (RANS) — this will allow us to reach you via text, phone call or email with urgent water-related information.
4. Sign up for AC Alert to get notifications about emergencies in cities throughout Alameda County. [www.ACalert.org](http://www.ACalert.org)

To download an Emergency Preparedness Checklist and sign up for RANS, visit: [www.acwd.org/emergency-preparedness](http://www.acwd.org/emergency-preparedness)
This month ACWD is partnering with Project WET to offer a FREE Water Education Workshop for Tri-City teachers. This online interactive workshop will provide teachers with valuable distance learning activities to engage K-12 students in water education. Activities meet Common Core/NGSS requirements. All attendees will receive a free guidebook filled with STEAM activities and service learning ideas.

Workshop Intro: Thursday, September 17, 2020 - 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Workshop: Saturday, September 26, 2020 - 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Register today at: www.acwd.org/watereducation
Message From The General Manager

On March 12, ACWD activated our Emergency Operations Center to ensure staff have a healthy workplace and can carry out duties in a safe manner. Residents and businesses in the cities of Fremont, Newark and Union City depend on us to provide essential drinking water services, and I am confident that we will continue to fulfill that critical mission and provide the service that you expect and deserve.

As part of that effort, we closed our lobby doors to protect the public and our employees from the spread of COVID-19. Like many businesses, our customer-facing functions have changed, but we are here for all your water-related needs!

Our 24/7 service remains to address immediate emergency needs. Additionally, our field crews and contractors are on the streets installing water mains and making repairs, and our treatment plants and water quality labs continue to treat and test your water to ensure it is safe.

ACWD is building upon our water quality program by taking a proactive approach to monitor all our water supplies for Perfluorooalkyl and Polyfluorooalkyl Substances (PFAS). I understand customers may have concerns when hearing the term PFAS concerning drinking water. But this is certain, your water remains safe and ACWD’s water quality continues to meet or surpass all drinking water quality standards. We will never waver from this commitment. Please read the accompanying article in this newsletter for more information.

It is important now more than ever to stay connected and informed. I invite you to attend our virtual board, committee, or informational meetings. Although it may be by way of a computer monitor, it is a great way to learn about the work we do and to engage with the board of directors. Also, connect with us on social media where we provide information on our programs and projects.

I look forward to the day we can reopen our doors to the public. In the meantime, we at ACWD will do our part to ensure that our community is safe and healthy.

Robert Shaver, General Manager

ACWD’s Proactive Approach to PFAS Monitoring

Recently, Perfluorooalkyl and Polyfluorooalkyl Substances, known as PFAS, have received widespread attention. These manmade chemicals have been used since the 1940s to manufacture waterproof, stain-resistant and non-stick products, including carpets, fabrics, cookware, personal hygiene products, electronics, and paper packaging. PFAS are persistent in the environment and can impact water quality.

SPECIFIC CONTAMINANTS OF INTEREST
Two substances, Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and Perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS), have been assigned Notification Levels, health-based advisory levels, by the California State Water Resources Control Board.

VOLUNTARY MONITORING
In June, ACWD began a voluntary program to monitor PFAS in our untreated source and treated water. While PFOA and PFOS were detected in some of our groundwater sources at levels above the Notification Levels, in the treated water delivered to our customers, the levels were either non-detect or below the Notification Levels. Your drinking water remains safe and meets all drinking water quality standards.

OUR WORK CONTINUES
ACWD will continue to monitor PFAS, identify potential sources, evaluate operational strategies to mitigate impacts and investigate possible treatment alternatives. Visit www.acwd.org/PFAS for additional information and detailed monitoring results.

New Payment Options Available

The District now accepts Google Pay and Apple Pay. Sign up for these payment options or others at www.acwd.org/paymybill.

- Join the nearly 30,000 customers enrolled in Autopay Automatic payment can be made by e-check, debit card or credit card - all with no fees
- Sign up for e-billing and reduce the amount of mail that comes to your home

Customer Service is available to assist you during regular business hours at 510.688.4200 while the office remains closed to the public due to COVID-19.

Quick Tip: Irrigating Effectively

Fall means shorter days and less irrigation needed. Cut back watering by as much as 50 percent until you completely shut off your irrigation system in the winter. Summer months require the most irrigating, but your watering schedule should never be more than 3-4 days per week.

Learn more at www.acwd.org/conserve.
The People of ACWD

Carlos
Civil Engineer

With an eye for creativity and a knack for design, meet Carlos, a Civil Engineer in our Project Engineering Division. His photographs are in many District outreach materials, including this issue’s cover photo!

WHAT DOES A CIVIL/STRUCTURAL ENGINEER DO AT ACWD?
I help design improvements to our system and oversee their construction. I am currently working on a renovation of a booster station to improve water pressure. It is an intricate task to fit a thousand components into a small concrete box while keeping it accessible for maintenance.

HOW DID YOU GET INTO THIS FIELD?
The Loma Prieta earthquake. I was seven at the time, and memories of that event piqued my interest in structural engineering. Years later, as a Fremont resident during the 2015 drought, the District’s customer communications caught my attention. It sounded like a chance to be part of something important, and in 2018 I joined the ACWD team.

WHAT DO YOU ENJOYING DOING OUTSIDE OF THE OFFICE?
I like visiting local parks with my son and showing him the wildlife – nature is all around us, even in the middle of town. A fun fact, my wife and I were married at Quarry Lakes, and now I am part of the agency responsible for its water management - it is such a beautiful place. I also enjoy building and painting scale models and miniatures. During these times of caution, I'm missing my board game buddies!

Virtual Tour of Fish Passage Projects in Alameda Creek

Have you ever wondered how a fish ladder works? Are you curious about the operation of rubber dams in Alameda Creek? We will answer these questions and more, plus give a first-ever behind-the-scenes public tour of our fish passage projects. Join us for a virtual, interactive tour in celebration of Imagine a Day Without Water.

Wednesday, October 21, 2020
11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Register at www.acwd.org/tours
The tour will be posted to this webpage for future viewing.

Virtual Learning Tools Take Over K-12 Water Education Program

We are proud to offer a fun and engaging water education program as a free resource for K-12 educators in the Tri-City area. We have updated our program to meet distance learning needs. It features interactive tools and lessons, correlated to Next Generation Science Standards and Common Core Science Standards.

FREE TEACHING RESOURCES
Educators will find online materials that encourage students to explore the role of water in their lives. Our partnership with performance artists, ZunZun, combines science, music and movement to teach water education wherever students are learning. Live and pre-recorded video sessions are available and ready to complement online teaching plans. Our comprehensive approach to water education includes an annual student video competition (WaterClips) for students in grades 6-12, water experiment demo videos; interactive games; and educator workshops. The water education program information is at www.acwd.org/watereducation.

Commitment to Financial Transparency

Interested in learning more about District finances? Stay informed with the latest audited financial statements, budgets and other financial reports at www.acwd.org/finance.

Learn more about rates at www.acwd.org/rates.

Water Pipeline Upgrades in Newark

Improvements continue to our water transmission and distribution system to renew aging infrastructure and maintain reliable water service for our customers. The Souza-Concord Main Renewal Project will improve the water system's reliability and hydraulic performance in two residential areas in Newark. Construction will continue into January 2021. A project map and details are available at www.acwd.org/SouzaConcordProject.

We know large construction projects can be disruptive and are using several measures to minimize impacts to the surrounding community. These include careful planning for traffic controls in coordination with the City of Newark, and special design and construction methods to reduce water service outages. The project, which is part of ACWD’s Main Renewal and Seismic Upgrades Program, is another way for ACWD to be sure your water is always there when you need it.