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

2. Public Outreach Update
   Presenter: Sharene Gonzales

3. WaterClips Student Video Contest
   Presenter: Renee W. Gonzales

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

FROM:  JGC Government Relations, Inc.

DATE:  November 6, 2020

SUBJECT:  October/Election Legislative Report

As anticipated the general election is expected to shatter previous state election turnout of 14.6 million ballots returned from 2016. More than 11.2 million Californians voted early with the new statewide mail ballot election as a result of COVID-19. Although ballots are still being counted, with a few tight legislative races waiting to be called, the Democratic supermajority in both houses of the legislature remains and looks to be growing larger.

While not yet certified, it looks like the Senate Republicans have lost two seats and potentially four. As of the writing of this report, one republican has a 533-vote lead and another republican has a 141-vote deficit. The Assembly Republicans picked up one open seat and held onto all of the seats that were up for re-election. However, in a few seats that were Democrat on Democrat races the more progressive candidate won, potentially moving the Assembly Democrats to the left and shrinking the moderate, business friendly, democratic voting bloc.

While the voters placed more progressive democrats in the legislature, they took a more moderate view on the ballot initiatives, essentially rejecting the measures placed directly on the ballot by the legislature or placed on the ballot in response to legislative action. Nine of the 12 state initiatives have been called, but three remain close:

Prop 14 (Stem Cell Research) – currently passing
Prop 15 (Commercial Property Tax) – currently failing
Prop 19 (Residential Property Tax Transfer) – currently passing

However, voters rejected:

Prop 16 (Restore Affirmative Action)
Prop 18 (Allows 17-year old’s to vote)
Prop 20 (Parole Offenses)
Prop 21 (Rent Control)
Prop 23 (Dialysis)
Prop 25 (Eliminates Money Bail)

Voters Passed:

Prop 17 (Voting Rights for Former Prisoners)
Prop 22 (Overturns Legislation AB 5 on Gig Companies, Independent Contractors)
Prop 24 (Consumer Privacy)
Assuming Biden/Harris are elected, we anticipate a variety of changes within Sacramento as a result of the change in leadership in Washington, D.C. We anticipate not only legislative staff to turnover and take jobs in Washington, D.C., but also it is also likely that some legislators will make the transition to a Biden/Harris Administration. Watch legislators that only have one or two terms left, as those legislators do the calculus of jumping at the opportunity to join the Biden/Harris Administration versus staying in California.

Additionally, a win for Biden/Harris in Washington, D.C. will lead to a game of political musical chairs as Governor Newsom weighs an appointment to fill Harris’ vacant U.S. Senate seat.

Finally looking ahead to the 2021/22 Legislative Session, the new legislature will be sworn in on December 7th and then will return the first week of January to begin work for the 2021-22 legislative session. We are hearing that all of the COVID-19 procedures that were in-place at the end of the 2020 Legislative year will be in place for the first six months of 2021 at least – one staffer per member physically in the Capitol Building, limited access to the public for in-person testimony, and continued use of telephonic and other methods of remote testimony. Additionally, we have heard that the committee hearing schedule maybe lengthened in order to accommodate the longer hearings due to telephonic participation. We have also heard that Legislative Counsel is warning that due to staffing restrictions related to COVID-19, that timeframes related to legislation will be greatly lengthened. Given all these limitations, we have not heard anything related to reducing the number of bills that Legislators are able introduce and carry for the 2021/22 Legislative Session.
Routine District Communications

Bill Message

**Sep 1 – Oct 18** - 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.

**Oct 19 – Nov 5** - The Help on Tap program provides income-qualified residential customers a credit on their bimonthly water service charge. The Board of Directors recently approved an increase in the credit from $25 to $35. Please visit acwd.org/hot to learn more.

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**Website Articles and Updates**
- Board Deliberation on Water Rates Continues December 10, 2020
- Sign Up for Emergency Notifications
- Virtual Tour – Fish Passage Projects in Recognition of Imagine a Day Without Water

**Social Media**
- Facebook – 714 Followers (+27)
  - Analytics – 620 page views, post reach 3,471, post engagement 1,556, Video views 2,494
- Twitter – 741 followers (+8)
  - Analytics – Tweets 37, Tweet impressions 26.9K, profile visits 450
- You Tube – 41 followers (+4)
- Nextdoor –
  - Oct 22 - Water Main Improvements in Union City
  - Impressions – 412
  - Nov 1 - Water main break in Fremont - Crews onsite and lanes are closed to vehicle traffic
  - Impressions - 1207

Social Media Highlights – Water main break on Stevenson between Farwell Dr. and Blacow Rd. in Fremont, Spooky tap water infused Jell-O recipe, Newark Unified School District school supply giveaway, International Artist’s Day, Virtual Landscape Workshop, Join Facebook Live today with Anna the steelhead trout for our first-ever virtual tour, How to restore water service safely to your building or facility.

**Media Coverage**
- Television/Radio/Print
  - Oct 20 – Tri-City Voice – The ACWD Connection - Virtual Tour of Alameda Creek Fish Passage Projects
  - Oct 20 – Reflections on Water – Devon Becker - Dillon Creek: splitting boulders effortlessly
  - Oct 27 – Tri-City Voice – The ACWD Connection - Virtual Workshop: Design It Yourself Native Plant Landscape
  - Nov 3 – Tri-City Voice – The ACWD Connection - Home and Landscape Fall Checklist
  - Nov 10 - Tri-City Voice – The ACWD Connection - Help on Tap Program Update

**Other Communication & Outreach**
- Finance
  - Oct 9 – Help on Tap webpage was updated.
o Nov 4 – Rates webpage was updated.

- Office of the General Manager
  o Oct 21 – In recognition of Imagine a Day without Water ACWD hosted its first-ever virtual tour.
    ▪ 415 people registered
    ▪ 291 people participated via Zoom
    ▪ 25 watched via Facebook Live
    ▪ 625 views on Facebook
    ▪ 440 views on YouTube
  o Oct 23 – Virtual tour was posted to www.acwd.org/tours
  o Oct 23 – Tour registrants were emailed a links to the virtual tour and survey.
  o Oct 26 – Renee Gonzales met with Newark Unified School District representative to discuss participation in district-wide initiatives
  o Nov 3 & 4 – Sharene Gonzales and Renee Gonzales attended Salmonid Training hosted by Water Supply Planning
  o Nov 5 – Sharene Gonzales attended the ACWA Communication Committee meeting
  o Nov 6 – Sharene Gonzales attended the Tri-City PIO meeting

- Water Resources
  o Oct 21 - Groundwater mailed Notification letter for the Water Well Rehabilitation Project at Darvon Wellfield.
  o Oct 26 - Conservation sent a follow up email to ~60 registrants who had signed up for the 9/26 Landscape Workshop to thank them and provide them a with a link to the video recording from the webinar.
  o Oct 28 - Conservation presented Water Conservation Program information to the Newark Optimist Club. A total of 10 people attended.
  o Nov 4 - Conservation hosted a virtual water-efficient landscape workshop, "Design it Yourself Native Landscape!" in collaboration with BAWSCA via Zoom. A total of 31 people attended the workshop.

School Education Program
  o Oct 12 - Oct 15 - Developed promotional water education program flyer for ZunZun and sent e-mail to 433 educators.
  o Oct 23 - Oct 26 - Coordinated with Newark Unified School District for onsite giveaway of 1,000 school supply kits at 8 schools during meal service program.
  o Oct 27 - Updated water education website page with new programming information for educators about water education performers, ZunZun.
  o Oct 27 - 29 - Sixty water science kits containing poppyseed packets were sent to two classes.
  o 7,335 school supplies have been distributed for the 2020/21 school year.

Upcoming Events
No events scheduled
Tune in for ACWD’s first-ever virtual tour in recognition of Imagine a Day Without Water. Join Anna, the steelhead trout, as she takes viewers on an adventure with a behind-the-scenes look at ACWD’s fish passage projects along Alameda Creek. Zoom registration is closed but you can still watch:

Facebook Live @AlamedaCountyWD
Date: Wednesday, October 21, 2020
Time: 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

A recording of the tour will be available for future viewing options:
www.acwd.org/tours
YouTube: AlamedaCountyWater
Facebook: @AlamedaCountyWD
Reflections on Water

By DEVEN BECKER, ENGINEER, ALAMAD COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

Dillon Creek, a small tributary to the Nicasio River in northern California, serves two main purposes: irrigation and recreation. It is also home to many species of wildlife that make the area a nature lover’s paradise.

The creek is home to a variety of fish, including cutthroat, brown, and rainbow trout. The area is also home to a variety of birds, including bald eagles, osprey, and herons. The creek is a popular spot for fishing, and the local community takes pride in protecting and preserving this natural resource.

Despite its beauty, the creek has faced challenges in recent years. The area has experienced drought conditions, which have led to a decrease in water levels. This has impacted the health of the fish and other wildlife in the area.

In response to these challenges, local conservation groups have worked to restore the creek and its surrounding ecosystem. This includes efforts to remove invasive species, improve water flow, and increase habitat for wildlife.

The community has also taken steps to educate and engage residents in protecting the creek. Workshops and educational events have been held to teach people about the importance of the creek and how they can help protect it.

In conclusion, Dillon Creek is a vital part of the local community and ecosystem. Efforts to protect and preserve it will ensure that future generations can continue to enjoy its beauty and wildlife for years to come.

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You're invited to join our next virtual landscape workshop! Come along as we explore an approachable way to develop designs for beautiful, productive, low water use, habitat rich, and maintainable native plant landscapes. Learn the steps and principles of creating native plant landscape design from instructor Juanita Salisbury. This event is hosted in partnership with the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency (BAWSCA). This workshop is free, however, registration is required.

**When:** Wednesday, November 4, 2020
**Time:** 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
**Register at:** https://bawsca.org/classes
It's Daylight Savings Time and a good reminder to get your home and landscape winter-ready! Here's a checklist to help you get started:

- Clean gutters and downspouts of leaves and debris.
- Reduce irrigation times and turn sprinklers off when it rains.
- Add mulch! It will insulate soil and protect plant roots from cold weather.
- Purchase a rain barrel* to harvest water from your roof and receive a rebate.
- Plant water-efficient natives and let seasonal rains do the watering.
- Visit our YouTube channel at AlamedaCountyWater to view past landscape workshops.

For more fall tips and rebate information, visit www.acwd.org/conserve

*To receive a rebate, your rain barrel must meet ACWD qualifications.
The ACWD Board of Directors recently approved a bill credit increase for the Help on Tap customer assistance program. So what does that mean for our customers? Customers that meet the eligibility threshold will qualify for a $35 credit on the bi-monthly water service charge. See below for the new income guidelines or visit www.acwd.org/HOT for program details and the Help on Tap program application.

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ACWD's Fish Passage Project Virtual Tour - Attendee Survey

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Responses

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How would you rate your experience of ACWD's virtual tour?
### ACWD's Fish Passage Project Virtual Tour - Attendee Survey

**How did the video footage along Alameda Creek contribute to the presentation?**

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- **Answered**: 92
- **Skipped**: 0

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**How did the video footage along Alameda Creek contribute to the presentation?**

- **It added an educational element**: 96.74%
- **Neutral**: 3.26%
- **It did not add an educational element**: 0.00%
How did the groundwater demonstration contribute to the presentation?

Answer Choices

- It added an educational element: 85.87% (79 responses)
- Neutral: 15.22% (14 responses)
- It did not add an educational element: 0.00% (0 responses)

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ACWD's Fish Passage Project Virtual Tour - Attendee Survey

How much did the virtual tour increase your understanding of ACWD's Fish Passage Projects?

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Responses

How much did the virtual tour increase your understanding of ACWD's Fish Passage Projects?

- No increase: 1.09%
- Moderate increase: 26.09%
- Significant increase: 73.91%
**ACWD’s Fish Passage Project Virtual Tour - Attendee Survey**

**Was the Q&A session helpful?**

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**Answered** 90

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**Was the Q&A session helpful?**

- **Yes**: 64.44%, 58 responses
- **Somewhat**: 25.56%, 23 responses
- **A little**: 8.89%, 8 responses
- **Not really**: 3.33%, 3 responses
What did you think of the length of today's virtual tour?

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How many people including yourself, attended today's tour?

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### ACWD's Fish Passage Project Virtual Tour - Attendee Survey

**How likely are you to recommend someone to attend an ACWD virtual tour?**

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<td>7.61%</td>
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Answered: 92

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![Bar chart showing the likelihood of recommending the ACWD virtual tour.](chart.png)

**How likely are you to recommend someone to attend an ACWD virtual tour?**
After attending the ACWD virtual tour, how likely to attend other ACWD community programs?

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October 21, 2020

Dear Resident:

Subject: Notification of Water Well Rehabilitation Project at Darvon Wellfield, Job No. 10094

On Tuesday, October 27, 2020, the Alameda County Water District (ACWD) will begin rehabilitation services at the Darvon Wellfield in your neighborhood. You are receiving this letter to inform you that during a portion of the activities, there will be unavoidable noise from equipment used by ACWD’s contractors (Pump Repair Service Company and Eaton Pumps Sales and Service) to perform this work. Pump Repair Service Company and Eaton Pumps Sales and Service will use their best efforts to minimize the noise or any other impacts this work may have on your neighborhood.

ACWD’s Darvon Wellfield is located at 36835 Darvon Street near the intersection of Darvon Street and Charles Street. All work will be performed at ACWD’s property and will improve the production capacity of one of the wells.

The contractors estimate completion of all work by December 4, 2020. The actual work will be performed between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

ACWD’s Project Engineer for this project is Selim Zeyrek. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact him at (510) 668-4491 during normal business hours and after work hours.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Laura J. Hidas
Manager of Water Resources

cc: Michelle Myers, ACWD
    Andrew Warren, ACWD
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- Short video segments
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  - Grades K-3
  - Grades 4-6

- Google form w/questions
  Each water education video is a short segment and includes questions to reinforce learning. Easy to use via Google form. Click below for links to lessons!
  - Grades K-3
  - Grades 4-6

STEP 2 CHOOSE AN ACTIVITY

- Poppy seed packet (Free delivery to teachers!)
  At home California poppy seed science experiment teaches plant life cycle and gets students outside. Tons of NGSS science learning. Video lesson [here](#)! Give seeds to students at school materials/lunch pick-up.

- WaterBeat card (Free delivery to teachers!)
  Water needs to move and students can too! This colorful postcard filled with images and instructions will engage students in water themed movement! Connect water words and reinforce vocabulary with this fun activity. Give cards to students at school materials/lunch pick-up.

- Matching Game (Online!)
  This online game is a lesson in water conservation easily played together online or at home. Play now - [Spanish & English](#) versions.

- WaterBeat book PDF & Video (Online!)
  A story w/colorful pictures about water's journey, to share with students, along with videos to get them up and moving! Link here to the [book & video](#).

Contact us to schedule a live stream assembly or for free delivery of CA poppy seed packets and/or water movement cards at 831.426.0684 or zunzuntunes@gmail.com.