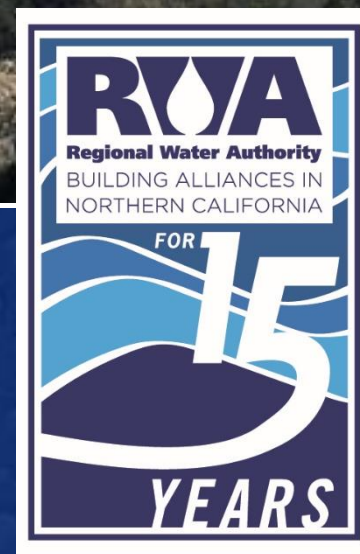


RWA Advocacy Program Update



September 8, 2016

Presentation Overview



- 2016 Legislative Summary
- Advocacy Program Organization
- Next Steps



2016 Legislative Priorities

- Water Use Efficiency and Conservation
- Turf Replacement and Water Efficiency Funding
- Public Goods Charge
- Water Transfer Issues
- Consolidation Follow up
- Trailer Bill Process



Legislative Tracking Summary



- January/February: 120 + Bills Reviewed
- Early Session Bills of Interest (January – April)
 - 37 Hot Bills
 - 37 Low Priority Bills
 - 24 Spot Bills
- Main Topics
 - Water Efficiency/Conservation
 - Drought Response and Preparation
 - Water Supply Planning and Funding
 - Water Transfer Process

- SB 1398 (Leyva) – Lead Pipe Replacement
 - RWA and Lobbyist worked closely with Senator to amend
 - Key Points:
 - Assured water suppliers were not responsible for private water lines
 - Established practical approach to infrastructure replacement
- SB 552 (Wolk) – Consolidations
 - RWA opposed original version along with ACWA and CMUA
 - Amendments provide better assurances for water agencies tasked with subsuming a troubled water system

- SB 814 (Hill) – Excessive Water Use During Periods of Drought
 - RWA worked closely with EBMUD and other agencies/organizations to amend
 - Resulted in a more practical bill that should not have much impact on RWA members
- Supported and/or consulted on local legislator's bills
 - AB 1716 (McCarty) – Lower American River Conservancy
 - AB 1755 (Dodd) – Open and Transparent Water Data
 - SB 1340 (Wolk) – Water Conservation Landscape Act
- Helped kill SB 1317 (Wolk) that circumvented SGMA

- AB 1755 (Dodd) **Watch** – Open and Transparent Water Data Act
- SB 7 (Wolk) **Watch** – Water Meters – Multiunit Structures
- SB 552 (Wolk) **Neutral** - Consolidation or Extension of Service
- SB 814 (Hill) **Neutral** - Drought – Excessive Water Use *(Signed by the Governor)*
- SB 1398 (Leyva) **Neutral** – Lead Service Lines

Other Bills of Note

- AB 1716 (McCarty) **Support** – Lower American River Conservancy Program
- SB 1340 (Wolk) **Support** – Water Conservation Landscaping Act
 - (Both these bills are awaiting Governor’s action)
- Significant Bills that Failed or Were Favorably Amended
 - AB 2304 (Levine) – Water Mkt Clearinghouse (Failed)
 - SB 20 (Pavley) – Public Goods Charge (Amended)
 - SB 1317 (Wolk) – Groundwater Extraction (Failed)
 - SB 1318 (Wolk) – LAFCO/Infrastructure (Failed)
- See Online Bill Tracking for More Detailed Information

- Response to 2013 Strategic Plan
- RWA Board – policy direction
- Executive Committee – positions on issues
- Executive Director – urgent action on positions
- Lobbyist Subscription Program – priorities on strategy and activities



Advocacy Program Funding



- RWA Core Budget
 - Staffing
 - Public Affairs Support
- Subscription Program
 - Contract Lobbyist



- Develop 2017 Policy Principles
- Staffing – recruit and hire full time staff person
- Expand Subscription Program
 - Cities of Folsom, Lincoln, Roseville, Sacramento
 - Carmichael WD, Del Paso Manor WD, Placer County WA, Sac Suburban WD, San Juan WD, Sac County WA
- Subscription Program – evaluate funding model

QUESTIONS?

