



EXHIBIT 19-A

2022 Legislative Advocacy Plan

This plan establishes the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District legislative and government affairs priorities for 2022.

Federal Strategy

- 1) Continue relationship and services with The Ferguson Group:
 - Identifying legislation or proposed regulatory changes that may impact the District.
 - Track additional Title XVI and WIIN Act funding for Pure Water Monterey
 - Track Biden Administration budget actions and Infrastructure Funding/Financing Proposals
 - Consult with staff to develop positions on relevant legislation.
 - Advocate the District's position on bills and matters of interest.
 - Identify funding opportunities and notify of timing, requirements, and advocate on behalf of District or District's partners (e.g. WaterSMART) for, but not limited to:
 - ✓ Fisheries and watersheds
 - ✓ Pure Water Monterey Expansion
 - ✓ CSIP Annexations
 - ✓ Desalination (if proceeding)
 - Prepare materials for briefing – talking points, briefing books, letters, as necessary
 - Coordinate with other water district lobbyists and organizations
 - Maintain close relationships with Monterey legislative delegation

- 2) Maintain Washington DC profile:
 - Work with The Ferguson Group to organize timely trips as needed, but at least once a year separate from ACWA trip (remains Covid-19 dependent)
 - Both Congressional delegation and regulatory departments related to water, including but not limited to BLM, NOAA (NMFS), USBR, USDA, and EPA.
 - Develop relationships with new legislative staff.
 - Attend ACWA trip each year or every other year
 - Direct contact with associations including ACWA, WateReuse, etc.

- 3) Provide support for relevant legislation.
- 4) Perform on existing federal grants:
 - Salinas and Carmel Rivers Basin Study (\$900,000 USBR to be completed in 2022)

State of California Strategy

- 1) Monitor and pursue grant opportunities:
 - Fisheries Restoration Grant Program (FRGP): Position the District for a 2023 application for Monitoring Watershed Restoration (MO) for Carmel River in the aftermath of the San Clemente dam removal.
 - IRWM: Will maintain our effort to attain State funding in the next IRWM round of Prop 1 moneys
- 2) Maintain Sacramento profile:
 - Work with JEA Associates to organize timely trips as needed, but at least once a year separate from needs-based visits.
 - Follow through on the “Water for Housing” application to SWRCB and develop and execute advocacy plan.
 - Pursue other grant and/or special legislation opportunities.
 - Visit w/ Governor Newsom’s appointee’s in relevant key positions
 - Meet with legislative team locally
 - Attend CSDA, ACWA, and/or WateReuse legislative days
- 3) Provide support/opposition for relevant legislation.
 - Maintain JEA bill-tracking
 - Provide letters of support or opposition on legislation and regulations that affect the water industry. Current effort on proposed SWRCB regulations.
- 4) Develop helpful relationships: ACWA, WateReuse, others

Local Strategy

- 1) Maintain District role in regional water issues related to:
 - Pure Water Monterey expansion
 - Los Padres Dam and Reservoir studies
 - Manage local IRWM effort
 - Groundwater Sustainability
 - Regionalism in water, generally
- 2) Encourage information flow and public participation in Rule 19.8/Measure J feasibility analysis where possible.

- 3) Participate in County-wide efforts (CEQA, OES, Water planning, Carmel River/Lagoon)
- 4) Maintain outreach to local associations government affairs committees (Chambers, MCAR, MCHA, Coalition of Peninsula Businesses, jurisdictions' mayors and councils);
Meet new councilmembers and board members.
- 5) Better articulate CPUC activities to local ratepayer groups

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