

### Legislative Update

Good morning, I have a short report today. There are some upcoming legislative deadlines that I would like to keep you apprised of. June 27 is last day for policy committees to meet and report bills and recess is scheduled to be from July 3 to August 4. A new Senate Pro Tempore was elected on June 16, Senator Kevin de Leon from Los Angeles. Senator Steinberg will stay in the position until November, and Senator De Leon will take up the position then. On June 20, the Governor signed a \$156.3 billion budget, with \$107.9 billion in the General Fund. For context, this is approximately \$9.5 billion larger than the general fund in last year's budget, and \$8.5B more than the total budget for that year. The general fund is approximately \$17 billion dollars larger for this year's budget than it was for the 2009-10 FY, while the total budget for this year's budget is approximately \$33.9 billion greater than in 2009-10.

I will begin by updating you on AB 2108, the bill by Assembly Member Eggman on flood management, which was discussed at the last Council meeting. The bill is currently being held in committee, and the author's office has indicated that discussion on the bill will occur in July.

The debate over the water bond continues with several water bonds moving forward, including SB 848 (Wolk), AB 1331 (Rendon), AB 2043 (Conway/Bigelow), and AB 2686 (Perea). Today is the stated deadline for getting a water bond on the ballot, however, as I mentioned last month, there is believed to be flexibility in this deadline. Additionally, some of the water bonds have undergone amendments since the Council last met, including Senator Wolk's bond bill and AB 1331, Assembly Member Redon's bond bill. Senator Wolk's bond bill was heard on the Senate floor on Monday, and the vote was 22-9, along partisan lines, falling short of the 2/3 vote required to pass the Senate, but reconsideration was granted. Senator Wolk's bond bill is seen as the consensus bill in the Senate. However, there are still no Republicans who voted for it, and earlier this week it was reported that the Governor was meeting with legislators to discuss his priorities in a water bond, which Jessica mentioned in her report.

The discussion over groundwater legislation continues in the legislature with two bills on groundwater management, AB 1739 by Assembly Member Dickinson and SB 1168 by Senator Pavley. Both bills contain provisions that require groundwater sustainability plans for high or medium priority basins identified by the Department of Water Resources. Both bills were passed to appropriations committees earlier this week.

In conclusion, the legislature is scheduled to begin a month-long recess on July 3. Groundwater discussions are expected to continue after the break, while the water bond likely needs to be decided before the break. Thank you, that is all I have to report today.