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Agenda Item #11

LEGISLATIVE ADVISORY: GOVERNOR, LEGISLATIVE LEADERS COLLABORATE ON SAFE DRINKING WATER SOLUTION

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On Sunday, the 2019 Conference Committee approved a safe drinking water funding solution for disadvantaged communities in California that do not have access to safe drinking water. The solution will be enacted through the 2019-'20 Budget and related trailer bill language. ACWA strongly supports this solution.

In the first year, Fiscal Year 2019-'20, the safe drinking water funding solution will be funded with \$100 million from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) and \$30 million from the General Fund. This will be part of the 2019-'20 Fiscal Year State Budget.

After the first year, the funding will be 5% of the GGRF continuously appropriated – capped at \$130 million per year. The agreement includes General Fund funding as a backstop if 5% of the GGRF is less than \$130 million in any year. The funding will sunset in 2030. The solution does not include a water tax.

Trailer bill language will create a safe drinking water fund and provide the framework for the funding program.

"ACWA appreciates the leadership of the Governor, the Senate President pro Tem, and the Speaker and the work of the Conference Committee in solving a complex problem to ensure that all Californians have access to safe drinking water," said ACWA Deputy Executive Director for Government Relations Cindy Tuck. "ACWA strongly supports this solution and looks forward to its enactment."

Many Legislators on both sides of the aisle played key roles in making this agreement possible. To name just a few of those, Senator Monning (D-Carmel) has championed this issue from the beginning. Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee Chair Eduardo Garcia (D-Coachella) encouraged stakeholders to come forward with ideas for how to solve the problem. Senator Anna Caballero (D-Salinas) authored the ACWA and California Municipal Utilities Association co-sponsored SB 669, which proposed a Safe Drinking Water Trust. Discussions on that bill helped inform the broader discussion regarding solutions.

ACWA staff appreciate the guidance on this critical issue from the ACWA Board of Directors, the ACWA DAC Drinking Water Initiative Task Force, and the State Legislative Committee and its Safe Drinking Water Funding Working Group. ACWA also appreciates the legislative outreach support from member agencies.

Questions

For questions about the agreement or Conference Committee action, please contact ACWA Deputy Executive Director for Government Relations Cindy Tuck at (916) 441-4545.

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AB 100 SAFE DRINKING WATER BUDGET TRAILER BILL SUPPORT

The coalition of organizations on this letter support AB 100 as the funding solution to make sure that disadvantaged communities that do not have access to safe drinking water will have that access.

This budget trailer bill would enact the durable solution approved by the Conference Committee on the Budget for future fiscal years.

We urge your "AYE" vote on AB 100.

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FLOOR ALERT
SAFE DRINKING WATER
SB 101 – BUDGET TRAILER BILL
OPPOSE

The organizations listed below support the safe drinking water funding agreement that came together because of the leadership of Governor Newsom, Senate President pro Tem Atkins and Assembly Speaker Rendon, the work of the Conference Committee on the Budget and action by the Legislature. The organizations listed below **support AB 100 as the budget trailer bill to enact the agreement.** However, the organizations listed below **oppose SB 101** because of the last minute addition of problematic deletions and inserts. Following are two primary examples.

- **SB 101 does not prioritize the funding for disadvantaged communities and low-income households.** (AB 100 appropriately includes that prioritization at Page 27, Line 26.)
- **SB 101 would greatly expand the scope of the program beyond making sure that there is access to safe drinking water.** (See SB 101, Page 17 at Line 12.)

The Governor and Legislature are enacting a historic funding solution so that disadvantaged communities that do not have access to safe drinking water will have safe drinking water. The organizations listed below oppose SB 101. They support AB 100.

ORGANIZATIONS OPPOSED TO SB 101 (AND IN SUPPORT OF AB 100)

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