

Legislation and LVMWD/JPA Position Dashboard as of 4.26.21

Bill	Author	Current Position	Description	Action	Date	Comment/Status
AB 1434	Friedman	Oppose	Water conservation targets	Letter to author etal	3/5/2021	ASM Water, Parks & Wildlife 4/26
AB 1500	Garcia	Support if Amend	Funding for recycle water projects via bond	Letter to Water/Parks Comm	4/2/2021	Referred to ASM Natural Resources 4/15. Requested amendments were not adopted.
AB 377	Rivas	Oppose	All California surface waters shall be fishable, swimmable, and drinkable by January 1, 2050.	Opposition via ACWA/CASA	3/2/2021	Passed ESTM on 4/21 and referred to ASM Appropriations
AB 442	Mayes	Support	Exemptions for MWD for grading operations	pending		
AB 588	Garcia	Support	Reasonable Time for Regulatory Compliance	Letter to author etal	3/31/2021	Re-referred to ESTM with amendments
AB 59	Gabriel	Oppose	Additional restrictions on the imposition of fees/charges	pending		Not scheduled and has not been taken up by Committee to date
AB 703	Rubio	Support	Resonable Brown Act provisions	Letter to author etal	3/5/2021	Not scheduled and has not been taken up by Committee to date
AB 818	Bloom	Support	Restrictions on flushable wipes	Letter to author and Toxics Committee	3/31/2021	Passed Judiciary on 11-0 and referred to ASM Appropriations
HR 1015	various	Support	Water Recycling Improvement and Investment Act	Letters to Brownley, Lieu, and Napolitano	3/24/2021	
				Letter to House Natural Resources Committee	4/7/2021	
HR 1319	various	Support	Paid sick leave and federal payroll tax credit	Letters Padilla and Feinstein	3/8/2021	
HR 1881	Garamendi	Support	Modify NDPES from 5 to 10 years for renewals	Letters to Lieu, Garamendi, a	4/14/2021	
HR 737	various	Support	RENEW WIIN (Infrastructure Funding)	Letters to Brownley, Lieu, Valadao	3/24/2021	
				Letter to House Natural Resources Committee	4/7/2021	

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S 479	Wicker	Support	Lifting Our Communities through Advance Liquidity for Infrastructure Act of 2021	Letters to Wicker, Stabenow, Feinstein, Padilla, Lieu and Brownley	3/24/2021	
				Senate Finance Committee	4/3/2021	
SB 222	Dodd	Nuetral	LIRA/Potential Water Tax			No active position at this time
SB 223	Dodd	Nuetral	Shut-Off Restrictions on small utilities			No active position at this time
SB 230	Portantino	Support	Use scientific method to address constituents of emerging concern	Signed onto MWD letter		March 22 set for first hearing canceled at the request of author.
SB 273	Hertzberg	Support	Formation of Agencies for Sewer Diversions	pending		Passed on consent on 4/12 and referred to Appropriations
SB 323	Caballero	Support	Statute of limitation for water/sewer rates	Senate Governance and Finance Committee	3/19/2021	Signed on to coalition letter with ACWA
SB 45	Portantino	Support if Amend	Funding for recycle water projects via bond	Letter to Stern/NRW Comm.	3/8/2021	cc Portantino
SB 533	Stern	Watch	Mandates for hardening electrical grid			waiting for bill analysis
State Budget	Newsom	Support if Amend	Funding allocation for delinquent utility bill assistance	Letter to Stern etal	2/24/2021	



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MWD Representative

April 16, 2021

The Honorable Henry Stern, Senator
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 5080
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE:SB 533 (Stern) – Deenergization Events and Electrical Grid
Resiliency – Support if Amended**

Dear Senator Stern:

Las Virgenes Municipal Water District (District) supports SB 533, if amended, as it would enhance the safety, reliability and resiliency of California's electrical grid. In 2018, two-thirds of the District's service area was burned in the devastating Woolsey Fire. The wildfire could have been prevented by modernizing, upgrading and hardening of electrical lines and equipment as proposed by your bill. In addition, the District has experienced numerous deenergization events, which have been disruptive to our water and wastewater operations. The bill would ensure that appropriate long-term investments are made to ensure that deenergization events can be phased out over a reasonable timeframe.

While the bill provides mechanisms to improve the reliability and resiliency of the electrical grid through system hardening and by facilitating the creation of micro-grids, there are some provisions that warrant changes to provide adequate flexibility for planning, design and environmental compliance. Following is a summary of amendments recommended by the District:

- 1) Broaden the list of options for an electrical corporation to achieve the highest level of safety as required by Section 8386(b) of the Public Utilities Code. The current version of the bill lists five specific actions that an electrical corporation may pursue, which excludes options such as those involving operational changes other than deenergization that may be available and effective.
- 2) Provide more time to implement the required safety improvements, recognizing the need for planning, design, environmental review and construction.
- 3) Include water and wastewater system facilities in the definition of "critical facilities and critical infrastructure".

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4) Require the highest industry standard for data security to protect any database that identifies critical electrical circuits and critical facilities or infrastructure served.

Thank you for your continued leadership to ensure the safety, reliability and resiliency of California's electrical grid. We appreciate your consideration of the District's suggested amendments. If you or your staff would like to discuss the proposed amendments, please contact me at (818) 564-5205, or dpedersen@lvmwd.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "David W. Pedersen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David W. Pedersen, P.E.
General Manager

cc: Board of Directors