Leg/Reg Update

Northern California WateReuse Chapter

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California 2020 Water Resilience Portfolio

- Draft released 1/6, http://waterresilience.ca.gov/, comments were due 2/7
- Several recommendations came from WRCA WateReuse Action Plan
- Highlights:
  - 4. Support local and regional agencies to recycle/reuse >2.5 MAF/year in the next decade
    - 4.1 Increase financial capacity to support recycling, reuse, and wastewater projects through the CWSRF and other state and local funding mechanisms.
    - 4.2 Complete raw water augmentation regulations and treated drinking water augmentation regulations, as required by AB 574 of 2017, to allow purified recycled water to be moved directly into distribution systems.
    - 4.3 Implement 2018 legislation (SB 966) that requires creation of risk-based water quality standards for onsite collection and non-potable reuse of water in apartment, commercial, and mixed-use buildings.
    - 4.4 Update 20-year-old “purple pipe” regulations to eliminate outdated and overly prescriptive requirements in order to expand use of non-potable recycled water while protecting food safety and the environment.
Bioassay SOP Guidance Document

- Assists potable reuse agencies in complying with the bioassay monitoring requirement that will begin in 2020
Cross Connection Control Regulations

- SWRCB updating these regulations through a Policy Handbook
- WRCA is requesting review and comments on proposed changes to swivel ell language
- Stakeholder workshop held yesterday
- Will seek formal comment from public, stakeholders, interested parties, will have 2 public hearings
- Any comments or questions, email DDWRegUnit@waterboards.ca.gov
Recycled Water Policy Implementation

- Recycled Water Policy goal - better tracking of RW production & reporting, CA wants to determine how much water can be recycled
  - Reporting via Geotracker
    - Online GIS-based tool
    - Use to report monthly and annual RW
    - To be released spring 2020
- First annual report due April 30, 2020
- Report inflow, level of treatment, discharge of RW use, & more
- SWRCB looking for feedback on Geotracker
Toxicity Provision Update

- SWRCB held series of workshops on toxicity provisions
  - Provided update on Appendix J, Evaluating Laboratory Performance with the Ceriodaphnia Dubia Reproduction Toxicity Test, and Appendix K, Survey of Laboratory Toxicity Testing Logistical Capacities.
- SWRCB will conduct toxicity studies with results expected end of 2020
Legislation WRCA is Watching

- Voluntary authorizing WW agencies to receive dry weather runoff
  - Senator Hertzberg - interest in pursuing stormwater proposal vs. treated WW/ocean discharge
  - CASA Proposal: dry weather diversion authorization to WW agencies (voluntary), will co-sponsor with California Coast Keepers
  - WRCA will likely not co-sponsor (WW issue), may support
  - Bill language still being developed

- SB 45 (Allen)
  - Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020
  - $1.7B for water-related issues, including $100M for recycled water
  - Passed Senate, read in Assembly for 1st time Jan 30
Legislation WRCA is Watching

- MWD/California Municipal Utilities Association sponsoring legislation
  - Establish CEC drinking water program at SWRCB
  - Set up consistent, science-based regulatory approach, assess public health and drinking water consequences of CECs while identifying which CECs warrant further action
  - Attempt to avoid legislature bills for individual CECs
Recent/In Process WRCA Support Letters

- **Title XVI-WIIN program**
  - To Senator Feinstein & Congressman Calvert
  - Asking for increased support ($50 M) in FY 2021

- **California’s Climate Bond(s)**
  - To CA Senators Atkins & Grove and Assemblymembers Rendon & Waldron
  - Asking for $750M - $1B for water recycling funding (out of $4.75B bond)
  - Asking those funds to be administered by the SWRCB’s existing Water Recycling Funding program
  - 1st hearing is February 26
Upcoming Events

- Leg/Reg Committee:
  - Today, 12:30-2:30
  - March 13
  - April 3