

WRA Legislative Advocacy – ACTIVITY REPORT

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Date: April 28, 2015 for May 4, 2015 Legislative Committee Meeting

Advance Notification of Upcoming Meetings (who, where, when, purpose of meeting)

1. MCWRA and Nossaman (Sacramento) staff are meeting after the Legislative Committee meeting to discuss grant opportunities for MCWRA projects.

Report on meetings this reporting period

1. Legislative Conference call on Monday, April 27, 2015

Report on any other activities undertaken on behalf of WRA

1. Comprehensive Salinas Valley Basin Comprehensive Sustainability Approach (CSVBSA) progress:
 - a. MCWRA staff has met individually with SWRCB members to discuss MCWRA projects and how they fit together to support the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) paradigm.
 - b. CSVBSA ties the SGMA time line to proposed MCWRA projects that are expected to provide Salinas Valley Basin sustainability.
 - c. The projects are:
 - i. Interlake Tunnel Project
 - ii. Salinas Valley Water Project, Phase II (utilizes Water Right Permit #11043)
 - iii. Salinas River Stream Maintenance Program, Phase 2
 - iv. Salinas River Management Program
 - v. Expansion of Recycled Water Project (incorporate more acreage / use more recycled water)
 - d. These projects, as well as the CSVBSA will need funding to implement successfully.
2. Interlake Tunnel Project (Project) progress:
 - a. RFPs released for the engineering and environmental consultants, to be returned by June 5.
 - b. The next (3rd) Funding Agreement with the County needs to be initiated to keep work moving forward.
 - c. Need to identify Funding sources for the Project.
 - d. Solution needs to be identified for the white bass issue.