



SACOG Board of Directors

Item #12-3-18 Report

March 8, 2012

Chief Executive Officer's Report

The following is a brief status report on some of the major issues and projects currently being advanced by SACOG.

KEY BOARD ITEMS:

Consent Calendar: There was no controversy at the committees with any of the items on the consent calendar.

Action Items:

- 9. State Advocacy Principles for 2012** – We continue to work to find the right words to satisfy the broad interests of Board members on this topic, which for understandable reasons is receiving greater attention at both the staff and Board levels this year.
- 10. Federal Advocacy Principles for 2012** – Like the state advocacy principles, we are continuing to refine this language to address diverse concerns.
- 11. Draft Budgets for Fiscal Year 2012/13** – The fruits of constant attention over the years to cost containment, entrepreneurial activities on the revenue side, and a slowly rising local economy are evident in both our main operating budget (punchline: no use of the reserves over last three years the Board has authorized, and revenues and costs directly associated with the coming fiscal year in balance) and the Board and Advocacy budget (punchline: able to retain approximately 20% dues reduction to members from recent years). I must give credit to COO Kirk Trost, the Directors and Finance Manager for their exemplary efforts pulling together these draft budgets and to our Employees Association for their continued collaboration on ensuring the fiscal health of the organization.
- 13. Federal Flood Policy Issues** – We had an active discussion about this topic at all three Board Committees. I think the 3 part proposal from the GRPA Committee allows us to move forward with general advocacy on behalf of the region's interests in the near term and puts us on a course to gain enough knowledge to support specific involvement around different pieces of legislation, if determined to be appropriate in the future.

OTHER ITEMS:

Federal Transportation Bill – This situation is changing almost hourly. As of this moment it appears very likely that the Senate will pass a bill very soon with strong bi-partisan support. The House is having difficulty finding the votes to pass a bill. Speaker Boehner this week transferred the point person on the bill from Chair Mica to another member of the Committee. It does appear that concerns over the transit funding in the Committee's bill have been heard, though how all of this is resolved is very uncertain. Congress needs to do something by March 31, when the current continuing resolution expires. We are deferring a decision on if and when to make our customary annual advocacy trip to D.C. pending more information on the trajectory of this issue. Many thanks to all of you who helped communicate with our Congressional delegation over our concerns with the original House bill.

Shared Services and New Initiatives Task Force: The task force will hold its first meeting following the March SACOG Board meeting. All board members are invited to attend.

PEV Reception: Los Angeles Mayor Villaraigosa and the California Plug-In Electric Vehicle Collaborative are co-hosting an Elected Officials Reception, California Communities: TAKING CHARGE, at the Electric Vehicle Symposium(EVS26). Elected officials from our region are invited because they represent communities participating in the California plug-in electric vehicle (PEV) readiness grant funded by the US DOE. This is a rare opportunity to see all the PEV technology in one place, and to network with other PEV leaders. The reception and exhibit hall tour will take place on Monday, May 7 from 3 PM to 5 PM at the Los Angeles Convention Center. A formal invitation is attached.

RECEIVE AND FILE:

This item was an information item sent through the Committee cycle. If you have any questions, please call me prior to the meeting. Backup material for the item is attached and can be discussed during Other Matters, if the Board so chooses.

1. North State Water Alliance Update

CALENDAR:

Apr 5 @ 10:00 a.m.	Transportation Committee Meeting	SACOG
Apr 5 @ 1:00 p.m.	Land Use & Air Quality Committee Meeting	SACOG
Apr 9 @ 10:00 a.m.	Government Relations & Public Affairs Committee Meeting	SACOG
Apr 19 @ 9:30 a.m.	SACOG Board of Directors	SACOG

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Chief Executive Officer
Attachment



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North State Water Alliance Update

In December, the SACOG Board of Directors adopted a resolution supporting principles that will guide a coalition of public and private sector water resources stakeholders. The coalition was formed to address mutual concerns about the impacts of state and federal policy on issues related to the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and water generally in the north state. This group, the North State Water Alliance (NSWA), has slowly taken shape over the past seven months, and is continuing to evolve.

Organization

Since last month, the Metro Chamber has signed on to be a representative of business interests in the NSWA. The NSWA is now comprised of the members of five groups: SACOG, Regional Water Authority, Northern California Water Association, Mountain Counties Water Resources Association, and Metro Chamber. New stakeholders are signing resolutions adopting the principles and supporting the NSWA. Attached is a current list of organizations that have adopted the principles. Staff encourages board members to bring a resolution to their council or board for support.

Outreach & Advocacy

The Alliance is finalizing a communication piece that will inform legislators, state officials and others about the north state area and the proactive work implemented over the years to improve conservation, reliability, and long-range planning. It speaks to the economic and environmental threats our region and the rest of the north state area would face if water supply was reduced or additional regulations were imposed. The alliance is also developing a website to communicate with its members and stakeholders.

Attachments

North State Water Alliance Supporters

(as of 2-22-2012)

Water Providers

Carmichael Water District
Citrus Heights Water District
City of Folsom
City of Roseville
City of Sacramento
Del Paso Manor Water District
El Dorado Irrigation District
Fair Oaks Water District
Garden Highway Mutual Water Company
Georgetown Divide Public Utility District
Grizzly Flats Community Services District
Nevada Irrigation District
Placer County Water Agency
Rancho Murieta Community Services District
Sacramento County Water Agency
Sacramento Suburban Water District
San Juan Water District

Water Organizations

Mountain Counties Water Resources Association
El Dorado County Water Agency
Regional Water Authority
Sacramento Groundwater Authority
Northern California Water Association

Local Government

El Dorado County
Placer County
Sacramento County
City of Auburn
City of Citrus Heights
City of Colfax
City of Folsom
City of Placerville
City of Roseville
City of Rocklin
City of Sacramento
Sacramento Area Council of Governments - SACOG

Business and Trade Groups

Amador County Farm Bureau
Citrus Heights Chamber of Commerce
Folsom Chamber of Commerce
North State Building Industry Association
Rocklin Area Chamber of Commerce
Roseville Chamber of Commerce
S.A.G.E. - Surveyors, Architects, Geologists and Engineers (El Dorado County)

Community Groups

Taxpayers Association of El Dorado County

Proposed Resolution for Participation in North State Water Alliance

WHEREAS, the six-county Sacramento region and adjacent areas of northern California can benefit from regional coordination and collaboration in developing implementable solutions to future water resources challenges and opportunities; and

WHEREAS, conditions in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta have reached a state of crisis that threatens the environment of the Delta and the economy of California; and

WHEREAS, proposed solutions for the Delta could pose serious risks to the water supplies, economy, environment, and quality of life of the Sacramento region and northern California; and

WHEREAS, in order to protect these interests, [name of organization] seeks to promote regional cooperation on water issues, and to be a part of a collaborative and comprehensive solution to the issues facing the Delta.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that [name of organization] support's a regional coalition based on the following principles:

- Water rights priorities and area-of-origin assurances must be recognized and protected to ensure reliable supplies for all water uses and environmental needs in our region.
- Stakeholders in the Sacramento region and northern California must be given the opportunity to be fully included in and consulted on all aspects of development of a Delta solution and other state and federal water policies that affect the region.
- A Delta solution and other state or federal actions must honor and not reduce or preempt the authority and responsibilities of cities, counties, and other local agencies to take actions that further the interests of the jurisdiction and its citizens.
- The Sacramento region and northern California will continue to invest in and implement water supply, water efficiency, recycling and re-use, storage, and other water management projects and programs that are cost effective and improve our regional self-sufficiency.
- We will support a Delta solution that:
 - is based on sound science to ensure it is effective and implemented in an equitable manner;
 - requires the beneficiaries of any actions associated with a Delta solution to fully fund the costs of such actions; and
 - avoids or fully mitigates negative economic, environmental, or societal impacts to areas in our region.