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— CWA 2019 —

**NEW CHALLENGES,
NEW BEGINNINGS**

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2019: Year in Review

- Core Strategic Goals
- 2019 Action Plan
- Assist in Critical Proceedings
 - California Public Utilities Commission
 - Commission on Catastrophic Wildfire Cost and Recovery
 - State Water Resources Control Board
 - Department of Water Resources
- Notable Accomplishments





Core Strategic Goals

Support CWA Members in Fulfilling Their Commitment to Provide Safe, Reliable, High-Quality Water

- Effectively represent members' interests in all venues
- Keep members informed on industry trends – both utility and water trends
- Provide a leadership platform in water quality compliance, operating efficiency, water-use efficiency, customer service, and technical assistance





Core Strategic Goals

Demonstrate that CWA member utility operations are fully compatible with the Human Right to Water policy – in a sustainable cost-effective manner

- Leadership water quality compliance
- Leadership in strategic infrastructure investments
- Leadership in customer and low-income ratepayer assistance programs
- Leadership in assisting and consolidating troubled systems in disadvantaged communities





Core Strategic Goals

Participate in the Water Policy Arena on Behalf of Members, Customers, Employees

- Proven track record of ensuring rational and protective legislative solutions
- A wide variety of sound policy recommendations in California PUC, State Water Board, and Department of Water Resources regulatory proceedings





2019 Action Plan

- Ensure member company and customer interests are reflected in statewide regulatory decisions
- Protect and benefit customer interests during the 2019 legislative session
- Assist small companies in State Water Board and California PUC compliance
- Remain an active participant in and contributor to the Division of Drinking Water's Stakeholder Advisory Committee
- Support company initiatives in Supplier Diversity Program



Regulatory Accomplishments

- CPUC adopted CWA's recommendations in PSPS Guidelines Decision (D.19-05-042) to include:
 - priority communications for “Public Safety Partners”
 - a broader definition of water infrastructure for critical facilities
 - GIS information with notifications to public safety partners
- CWA recommended that Phase 2 of De-energization (PSPS) proceeding examine the need for water utility investments to:
 - mitigate PSPS impacts and risks
 - protect customers from disruption of water service





Regulatory Accomplishments

- CWA Recommendations to CPUC Commissioner Committee on Policy & Governance on expediting formal Commission proceedings
 - Collect data on delayed proceedings, including adherence w/industry-specific deadlines
 - Analyze root causes of delays – e.g., discovery disputes, extended evidentiary hearings, internal delays w/in the PUC
 - Commit to meeting the existing deadlines set forth in PU Code, Rules of Practice and Procedure, and its own decisions
 - Minimize current delays in holding prehearing conferences and issuing scoping memos





Regulatory Accomplishments

- CWA Aggressively Represented Water Utility Interests in four CPUC Rulemakings:
 - Disaster-Emergency Preparedness Plans
 - Disaster Relief Programs for Utilities and Customers
 - Low-Income Ratepayer Assistance Programs, and
 - Affordability of Utility Services





Regulatory Accomplishments

- Needs Analysis Conceptual Plan – SWRCB
 - Treatment of “At-Risk” systems
- Administrator Policy Handbook
 - Administrator selection criteria additions
 - Path to consolidation should be a default assumption in Post-Administrator Service Plan
 - Administrator obligations suggestions
- OEHHA HR2W Comment Letter
 - Water Quality Component
 - Water Accessibility Component
 - Affordability Component





Legislative Accomplishments

- SB 668 (Rubio) – Wildfire Liability; Two-Year Bill
- AB 1432 (Dahle) – Wildfire Emergencies; Chaptered
- AB 1072 (Patterson) – Required CPUC Audits of Utilities; Chaptered
- SB 200 (Monning) – Safe, Affordable Drinking Water Fund; Chaptered
- AB 587 (Friedman) – ADUs; Chaptered
- SB 13 (Wieckowski) – ADUs; Chaptered
- AB 1588 (Gloria) – Water and Wastewater Operator Certification Programs; Chaptered





Small Company Assistance

- GRCs/Advice Letter Filings for Small Systems
 - Completed rate cases for Baycliff Water, Cazadero Water, Sierra Park Water
 - Processing rate cases for Havasu Water, Owens Valley Water and Tahoe Park Water
- Grant Applications
- Compliance Issues with CPUC, State Water Board
- Consolidation, Acquisition Efforts



- 2019 Has Been a Productive Year
 - Multiple Legislative/Regulatory Successes
- A Lot of Unfinished Business for 2020
 - Completion of Ongoing CPUC Rulemakings
 - Assisting Members in Addressing Emerging Contaminants Issues
 - Addressing Wildfire Liability
 - Rollout of Administrator Program
 - Compliance w/New Disconnection Regulations (SB 998)
 - Bringing the New Executive Director into the CWA Family
- CWA's Emphasis in All Arenas Will Remain on What's Best for Customers and Employees

