

Water Subcommittee Meeting of the Low Income Oversight Board

Members: Dave Stephenson, Ortensia Lopez and Jason Hobson

Tuesday, February 25, 2014

California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue – Courtyard Room
San Francisco, CA
1:00pm -3:00pm

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1. Introductions
2. Opening Comments from Committee Members
3. Opening Comments from Commission Staff
4. Public Comment
5. CPUC Policy and Planning Division White Paper on Low Income Programs – Effort has been cancelled
6. New/Existing Legislation, Rules, Practices or Procedures
 - a. AB 1434 (Yamada) . **Water corporations: low-income relief programs.** Under existing law, the Public Utilities Commission has regulatory authority over public utilities, including water corporations, as defined. Existing law authorizes the commission to fix the rates and charges for every public utility, and requires that those rates and charges be just and reasonable. Existing law requires the Public Utilities Commission to consider, and authorizes the commission to implement, programs to provide rate relief for low-income ratepayers of a water corporation. This bill would instead require the commission to implement a program to provide rate relief for low-income ratepayers of a water corporation, as specified. (see attached document)
 - b. AB 1331 (Rendon). **Climate Change Response for Clean and Safe Drinking Water Act of 2014.** (1) Existing law, the Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2012, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$11,140,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance a safe drinking water and water supply reliability program. Existing law provides for the submission of the bond act to the voters at the November 4, 2014, statewide general election. This bill would repeal these provisions. (2) Under existing law, various measures have been approved by the voters to provide funds for water supply and protection facilities and programs. This bill would enact the Climate Change Response for Clean and Safe Drinking Water Act of 2014, which, if adopted by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of **\$6,500,000,000** pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance a climate change response for clean and safe drinking water program. (See attached document)
 - a. SB 42 (Wolk). **Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality, and Flood Protection Act of 2014.** (1) Existing law creates the Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2012, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of **\$11,140,000,000** pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance a safe drinking water and water supply reliability program. Existing law provides for the submission of the bond act to the voters at the November 4, 2014, statewide general election. (see attached document)
7. California Drought -
 - a. Current status of Water Conservation and Rationing Plans
 - i. Sacramento Area
 1. Private Utilities
 2. Public Utilities
 3. Others

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- ii. Other Areas
- iii. Effect on Low Income Customers
 - 1. Revenue added to WRAMS
 - 2. Conservation enforcement
 - 3. Waste enforcement
- 8. Adoption of Standard Practice U-40-W
 - a. DWA would be able to approve plans without Resolution
 - b. DWA would authorize enactment of Plans
 - c. DWA would be the ruling body on complaints
 - d. See attached document
- 9. Water-Energy Nexus OIR
 - a. Sets standards for measurement
 - b. Sets guidelines for calculations
 - c. See attached document
- 10. Balanced Rates OIR
 - a. New Staff Report
 - b. Next Steps
 - c. We should have a new version of the Staff Report by early February
- 11. Chrome VI Regulation
 - a. April 15 or June 15 final adoption date
 - b. Level proposed at 10 ppb
 - c. Cost could be at or above \$3 million per site
 - d. Fairly modest requirements for IOU's
 - e. More dramatic impact on smaller utilities. These utilities may not be able to comply
 - f. See attached Superior Court Order
- 12. Transfer of Drinking Water Programs to the State Water Board (from CDPH)
 - a. See attached documents
- 13. Other Business
- 14. Closing Remarks/Adjourn

     
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