



Board of Directors
November 20, 2019

SUBJECT:

State Legislative Update

BACKGROUND:

The priority and focus of Eastern Municipal Water District's (EMWD) state and federal legislative programs are to promote EMWD's interest and communicate regularly with decision makers at all levels on issues of concern and importance to EMWD and its ratepayers. EMWD accomplishes this strategic communication effort through a multi-pronged approach that incorporates expert feedback, formal correspondence on priority bills, briefings with legislators, continuous bill monitoring, and testifying at committee hearings when appropriate.

Annually, the Public and Governmental Affairs (PGA) department prepares and distributes a report highlighting the activities of the state and federal legislative programs. The 2019 Legislative Program Annual Report displays the legislative efforts PGA undertook on behalf of EMWD and its ratepayers during the first year of the 2019-2020 legislative sessions.

PGA staff will be presenting the final 2019 Legislative Program Annual Report to the Board and will further be providing an update on the end-of-year state legislative activities.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None

STRATEGIC PLANNING GOAL/OBJECTIVE:

Advocacy: Conduct a highly productive and effective Federal, State and local advocacy representation program to effectively influence legislation, regulation and funding in a manner that responds to a shifting political landscape, benefits EMWD's customers and consistently demonstrates industry leadership.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This item is not a project as defined in the California Environmental Quality Act Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, Section 15378.

RECOMMENDATION:

This item is informational only.

SUBMITTED BY:



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11/19/2019

Attachment(s):

Exhibit A - Annual Legislative Report

11/20/19 Board Meeting

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