

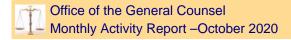
## Office of the General Counsel Monthly Activity Report – October 2020





## Matters Received by the Legal Department

Category	Received	<u>Description</u>				
Government Code Claim	1	Claim relating to accident involving an MWD vehicle				
Subpoenas	1	Custodian of Records seeking response to a PRA request for conservation devices and lands case Adam Hoffman, et al. v. C	tion Subpoena for Personal Appearance by MWD's lian of Records seeking testimony relating to MWD's se to a PRA request for MWD's data on water vation devices and landscape, served by Plaintiffs in the dam Hoffman, et al. v. City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles Superior Court, case no. BC672236			
Requests Pursuant to the	15	Requestor	Documents Requested			
Public Records Act		22nd Century Technologies,	Documents relating to the winning proposals for IT Database and Application Support			
		Clearview Strategies	Winning proposals submitted for Environmental Planning Services (On-Call)			
		Eastern Municipal Water District	Explanation of value ND-2 reported in MWD's 2020 Water Quality Report			
		EnviroMINE	Historical images/photographs and records on rail line and quarry located on parcels owned by MWD near Perris, CA			
		Fundmap	Data on the performance of all real estate funds that MWD has invested in during 2020			
		Geosyntec Consultants	GIS or drawing files on MWD fire hydrant in South Gate			
		Labor Management Compliance Council	Contract documents relating to Eagle Mountain Pumping Plant General Repairs and Maintenance			
		Natural Resources Defense Council	State Water Contractors modeling study referenced in September 2020 presentation to MWD's Bay-Delta Committee			
		Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency	Policy on construction change order limits			
		Siemens Digital Industries	List of contractors who prequalified for the Control System Upgrade Program - Control System Prequalification			



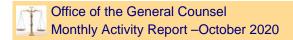
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Requestor	Documents Requested
SmartProcure	Purchase order data for the period July 12, 2019 to current
Stevenson, Porto & Pierce	Underground facility maps for project in Irwindale
Graduate Student, University of Wyoming	Data on number of yearly visitors reservoirs managed by MWD
Urban Resource	As-built record drawings for MWD water line in Rancho Cucamonga
West Basin Municipal Water District	MWD's Emergency Response Plan

## PLEASE NOTE

- ADDITIONS IN THE FOLLOWING TABLES WILL BE SHOWN IN RED.
- ANY CHANGE IN CONTRACT AMOUNTS WILL BE SHOWN IN REDLINE FORM.

Bay-Delta and SWP Litigation			
Subject	Status		
DCP Revenue Bond Validation Action  DWR v. All Persons Interested  Sacramento County Superior Ct.  (Judge Wood)	<ul> <li>Filed Aug. 6, 2020</li> <li>Answers or cross-complaints were due October 30, 2020</li> <li>To date, Metropolitan, Mojave Water Agency, Coachella Valley Water District, and Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency have filed answers in support</li> <li>Kern County Water Agency, Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District, Oak Flat Water District, County of Kings, and Kern Member Units &amp; Dudley Ridge Water District filed answers in opposition</li> <li>North Coast Rivers Alliance et al., Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, Sierra Club et al., County of Sacramento &amp; Sacramento County Water Agency and CWIN et al. have filed answers in opposition</li> <li>Because we are served by mail, complete list of answers will be provided in December update</li> </ul>		
DCP Revenue Bond CEQA Case Sierra Club, et al. v. California Department of Water Resources Sacramento County Superior Ct. (Judge Earl)	<ul> <li>Sierra Club, Center for Biological Diversity, Planning and Conservation League, Restore the Delta, and Friends of Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge filed a stand-alone CEQA lawsuit challenging DWR's adoption of the bond resolutions</li> <li>Alleges DWR violated CEQA by adopting bond resolutions before certifying a Final EIR for the Delta Conveyance Project</li> </ul>		
SWP-CVP 2019 BiOp Cases  Pacific Coast Fed'n of Fishermen's Ass'ns, et al. v. Ross, et al. (PCFFA)  Calif. Natural Resources Agency, et al. v. Ross, et al. (CNRA)  Federal District Court, Eastern Dist. of California, Fresno Division (Judge Drozd)	<ul> <li>SWC intervened in both PCFFA and CNRA cases</li> <li>Briefing on federal defendants' motion to dismiss CNRA's California ESA claim is complete; no hearing date set and may be decided on the papers</li> <li>Federal defendants circulated administrative records for each of the BiOps</li> <li>Court entered an order giving the parties until December to resolve any record disputes and setting a briefing schedule on any unresolved record disputes with a hearing date of March 2, 2021</li> </ul>		
CESA Incidental Take Permit Cases  Metropolitan & Mojave Water Agency v. Calif. Dept. of Fish & Wildlife, et al. (CESA/CEQA/Breach of Contract) Fresno County Superior Ct. (Judge Jeffrey Hamilton)  State Water Contractors & Kern County Water Agency v. Calif. Dept. of Fish & Wildlife, et al. (CESA/CEQA)	<ul> <li>All 8 cases ordered coordinated and pending assignment of a trial judge in Sacramento County Superior Court</li> <li>Stay on discovery issued until coordination trial judge orders otherwise</li> <li>SWC and Metropolitan have submitted Public Records Act requests seeking administrative record materials and other relevant information</li> </ul>		



Fresno County Superior Ct. (Judge Jeffrey Hamilton)

Tehama-Colusa Canal Auth., et al. v. Calif. Dept. of Water Resources (CEQA) Fresno County Superior Ct. (Judge Jeffrey Hamilton)

San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water Dist. v. Calif. Dept. of Water Resources, et al. (CEQA/CESA/ Breach of Contract/Takings) Fresno County Superior Ct. (Judge TBA)

Sierra Club, et al. v. Calif. Dept. of Water Resources (CEQA/Delta Reform Act/Public Trust) San Francisco County Superior Ct. (Judge TBA)

North Coast Rivers Alliance, et al. v. Calif. Dept. of Water Resources (CEQA/Delta Reform Act/Public Trust) San Francisco County Superior Ct. (Judge Cynthia Lee)

Central Delta Water Agency, et. al. v. Calif. Dept. of Water Resources (CEQA/Delta Reform Act/Public Trust/Delta Protection Acts/Area of Origin) Sacramento County Superior Ct. (Judge James Arguelles)

San Francisco Baykeeper, et al. v. Calif. Dept. of Water Resources, et al. (CEQA/CESA)
Alameda County Superior Ct. (Judge Frank Roesch)

CDWR Environmental Impact Cases
Sacramento Superior Ct. Case No. JCCP 4942
(20 Coordinated Cases – 1 Validation; 17 CEQA; 2 CESA) (Judge Culhane)

Subject	Status
Validation Action  DWR v. All Persons Interested  CEQA	Cases dismissed after DWR rescinded project approval, bond resolutions, decertified the EIR, and CDFW rescinded the CESA incidental take permit
17 cases  CESA/Incidental Take Permit 2 cases	<ul> <li>January 10, 2020 – Nine motions for attorneys' fees and costs denied in their entirety</li> <li>Parties have appealed attorneys' fees and costs rulings</li> </ul>

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	<ul> <li>Parties preparing the record for appeal in advance of briefing the merits</li> </ul>		
Breach of Contract City of Antioch v. DWR Sacramento County Superior Ct. (Judge De Alba)	<ul> <li>Settlement reached to buy out the 1968 settlement agreement for \$27 million</li> <li>Antioch City Council approved</li> <li>DWR received governor's office approval and executed the settlement on July 30, 2020</li> <li>Case dismissed based on Antioch's request to dismiss with prejudice on August 17, 2020</li> </ul>		
Subject	Status		
COA Addendum/ No-Harm Agreement North Coast Rivers Alliance v. DWR Sacramento County Superior Ct. (Judge Gevercer)	<ul> <li>Plaintiffs allege violations of CEQA, Delta Reform Act &amp; public trust doctrine</li> <li>USBR Statement of Non-Waiver of Sovereign Immunity filed September 2019</li> <li>Westlands Water District and North Delta Water Agency granted leave to intervene</li> <li>Metropolitan &amp; SWC Monitoring</li> <li>Deadline to prepare administrative record extended September 23, 2020</li> </ul>		
Delta Plan Amendments and Program EIR  4 Consolidated Cases Sacramento County Superior Ct. (Judge Earl)  North Coast Rivers Alliance, et al. v. Delta Stewardship Council (lead case)  Central Delta Water Agency, et al. v. Delta Stewardship Council  Friends of the River, et al. v. Delta Stewardship Council  California Water Impact Network, et al. v. Delta Stewardship Council	<ul> <li>Cases challenge, among other things, the Delta Plan Updates recommending dual conveyance as the best means to update the SWP Delta conveyance infrastructure to further the coequal goals</li> <li>Allegations relating to "Delta pool" water rights theory and public trust doctrine raise concerns for SWP and CVP water supplies</li> <li>Cases consolidated for pre-trial and trial under North Coast Rivers Alliance v. Delta Stewardship Council</li> <li>SWC granted leave to intervene</li> <li>Metropolitan supports SWC</li> <li>Delta Stewardship Council has lodged the administrative record</li> <li>Parties stipulated that answers or motions to dismiss due 60 days after remittitur is issued in the Delta Stewardship Council Cases</li> </ul>		
SWP Contract Extension Validation Action Sacramento County Superior Ct. (Judge Culhane)  DWR v. All Persons Interested in the Matter, etc.	<ul> <li>DWR seeks a judgment that the Contract Extension amendments to the State Water Contracts are lawful</li> <li>Metropolitan and 7 other SWCs filed answers in support of validity to become parties</li> <li>Four answers filed in opposition denying validity on multiple grounds raised in affirmative defenses</li> <li>Case deemed related to the two CEQA cases below and assigned to Judge Culhane</li> </ul>		

SWP Contract Extension CEQA Cases Sacramento County Superior Ct. (Judge Culhane)  North Coast Rivers Alliance, et al. v. DWR  Planning & Conservation League, et al. v. DWR	<ul> <li>Petitions for writ of mandate alleging CEQA and Delta Reform Act violations filed on January 8 &amp; 10, 2019</li> <li>Deemed related to DWR's Contract Extension Validation Action and assigned to Judge Culhane</li> <li>Administrative Record completed</li> <li>DWR filed its answers on Sept. 28, 2020</li> </ul>
Subject	Status
Delta Conveyance Project  Central Delta Water Agency, et al. v.  DWR  Sacramento County Superior Ct.  (Judge Chang)	<ul> <li>Filed Aug. 10, 2020</li> <li>Plaintiffs Central Delta Water Agency, South Delta Water Agency and Local Agencies of the North Delta</li> <li>One cause of action alleging that DWR's adoption of an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for soil explorations needed for the Delta Conveyance Project violates CEQA</li> </ul>
Water Management Tools Contract Amendment  California Water Impact Network et al. v. DWR Sacramento County Superior Ct. (Judge Arguelles)  North Coast Rivers Alliance, et al. v. DWR Sacramento County Super. Ct.	<ul> <li>Filed Sept. 28, 2020</li> <li>CWIN and Aqualliance allege one cause of action for violation of CEQA</li> <li>NCRA et al. allege four causes of action for violations of CEQA, the Delta Reform Act, Public Trust Doctrine and seeking declaratory relief</li> </ul>

(Judge Earl)

San Diego County Water Authority v. Metropolitan, et al.			
Cases	Date	Status	
2010, 2012	July 30	Hearing on proposed judgment and writ.	
	July 31	Tentative judgment and writ issued by the court. Transmitted to the Board on August 3.	
	August 13-14	Final judgment and writ issued. Transmitted to the Board on August 17.	
	August 28, Sept. 1	SDCWA and Metropolitan filed memoranda of costs.	
	Sept. 11	Metropolitan filed notice of appeal of judgment and writ.	
	Sept. 14, 16	Metropolitan filed motion to strike SDCWA's costs memorandum, and SDCWA filed motion to strike or tax Metropolitan's costs memorandum.	
	Oct. 9	Parties filed cross-motions on prevailing party, if any, as to attorneys' fees.	
	Oct. 30	Parties filed responses to cross-motions on prevailing party, if any, as to attorneys' fees.	
	Nov. 12	Hearing on prevailing party, if any, as to attorneys' fees.	
	Jan. 12, 2021	Hearing on motions to strike or tax costs memoranda.	
2014, 2016	August 25	Hearing on SDCWA's motions to lift stays and file amended petitions/complaints.	
	August 27	Court granted SDCWA's motions. Ruling transmitted to the Board on August 28.	
	August 28	SDCWA served first amended (2014) and second amended (2016) petitions/complaints.	
	Sept. 28	Metropolitan filed demurrers and motions to strike portions of the amended petitions/complaints.	
	Sept. 28-29	Member agencies City of Torrance, Eastern Municipal Water District, Foothill Municipal Water District, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District, Three Valleys Municipal Water District, Municipal Water District of Orange County, West Basin Municipal Water District, and Western Municipal Water District filed joinders to the demurrers and motions to strike.	
	Feb. 10, 2021	Hearing on demurrers and motions to strike.	
2017	July 23	Dismissal without prejudice entered.	



Massullo's court.	2	2018	July 28	Parties filed a stipulation and application to designate the case complex and related to the 2010-2017 cases, and to assign the case to Judge Massullo's court.
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Outside Counsel Agreements				
Firm Name	Matter Name	Agreemen t No.	Effectiv e Date	Contract Maximum
Andrade Gonzalez LLP	MWD v DWR, CDFW and CDNR Incidental Take Permit (ITP) CESA/CEQA/Contract Litigation	185894	07/20	\$100,000
Aleshire & Wynder	Oil, Mineral and Gas Leasing	174613	08/18	\$50,000
Atkinson Andelson Loya Ruud & Romo	Employee Relations	59302	04/04	\$1,159,763
Loya Ruud & Romo	MWD v. Collins	185892	06/20	\$60,000
	MWD Drone and Airspace Issues	193452	08/20	\$50,000
Best, Best & Krieger	Navajo Nation v. U.S. Department of the Interior, et al.	54332	05/03	\$185,000
	Iron Mountain SMARA (Surface Mining and Reclamation Act)	158043	07/17	\$250,000
	Bay-Delta Conservation Plan/Delta Conveyance Project (with SWCs)	170697	08/17	\$500,000
	Environmental Compliance Issues	185888	05/20	\$50,000
Blooston, Mordkofsky, Dickens, Duffy & Prendergast, LLP	FCC and Communications Matters	110227	11/10	\$100,000
Burke, Williams &	Real Property - General	180192	01/19	\$100,000
Sorensen, LLP	CA WaterFix Validation Litigation	180196	12/18	\$100,000
	Labor and Employment Matters	180207	04/19	\$50,000
	General Real Estate Matters	180209	08/19	\$50,000
	Delta Conveyance Project Validation Action	185893	07/20	\$100,000
Law Office of Alexis S.M. Chiu*	Bond Counsel	174595	07/18	N/A
Cislo & Thomas LLP	Intellectual Property	170703	08/17	\$50,000 \$75,000
Curls Bartling P.C.*	Bond Counsel	174596	07/18	N/A

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Duane Morris LLP	SWRCB Curtailment Process	138005	09/14	\$615,422
Duncan, Weinberg, Genzer & Pembroke PC	Power Issues	6255	09/95	\$3,175,000
Ellison, Schneider, Harris & Donlan	Colorado River Issues	69374	09/05	\$175,000
Tiams & Domaii	Issues re SWRCB	84457	06/07	\$200,000
Haden Law Office	Real Property Matters re Agricultural Land	180194	01/19	\$50,000
Hanson Bridgett	SDCWA v. MWD	124103	03/12	\$1,100,000
LLF	Finance Advice	158024	12/16	\$100,000
	Deferred Compensation/HR	170706	10/17	\$300,000
	Food and Water Watch v. MWD	174612	09/18	\$200,000
	Tax Issues	180200	04/19	\$50,000
Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP*	Bond Counsel	174601	07/18	N/A
Horvitz & Levy	SDCWA v. MWD	124100	02/12	\$600,000
	General Appellate Advice	146616	12/15	\$100,000
	Food and Water Watch v. MWD Appeal	185862	09/19	\$60,000
Hunt Ortmann Palffy Nieves Darling & Mah, Inc.	Construction Contracts/COVID-19 Emergency	185883	03/20	\$40,000
Internet Law Center	HR Matter	174603	05/18	\$60,000
Jackson Lewis P.C.	Employment: Department of Labor Office of Contract Compliance (OFCCP)	137992	02/14	\$45,000
Kegel, Tobin & Truce	Workers' Compensation	180206	06/19	\$100,000
Lesnick Prince & Pappas LLP	Topock/PG&E's Bankruptcy	185859	10/19	\$30,000

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Liebert Cassidy Whitmore	Labor and Employment	158032	02/17	\$201,444
vviiitinore	EEO Investigations	180193	01/19	\$100,000
	FLSA Audit	180199	02/19	\$50,000
	EEO Investigation	180205	05/19	\$50,000
Manatt, Phelps & Phillips	In Re Tronox Incorporated	103827	08/09	\$540,000
Friiiips	SDCWA v. MWD rate litigation	146627	06/16	\$2,900,000
Meyers Nave Riback Silver &	OCWD v. Northrop Corporation	118445	07/11	\$2,300,000
Wilson	IID v. MWD	185900	08/20	\$100,000
Morgan, Lewis & Bockius	SDCWA v. MWD	110226	07/10	\$8,750,000
Nixon Peabody LLP*	Bond Counsel	174600	07/18	N/A
Olson Remcho LLP	Government Law	131968	07/14	\$200,000
	Ethics Office	170714	01/18	\$350,000
Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan	Appellate	174598	04/18	\$100,000
Ryan & Associates	Leasing Issues	43714	06/01	\$100,000
Seyfarth Shaw LLP	HR Litigation	185863	12/19	\$250,000
Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth*	Bond Counsel	174599	07/18	N/A
Canson & Raum	Financial Disclosure	185880	06/21	N/A
Theodora Oringher PC	OHL USA, Inc. v. MWD	185854	09/19	\$700,000
F G	Construction Contracts - General Conditions Update	185896	07/20	\$50,000
Thomas Law Group	MWD v. DWR, CDFW, CDNR – Incidental Take Permit (ITP) CESA/CEQA/Contract Litigation	185891	05/20	\$100,000 \$250,000

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Thompson Coburn LLP	FERC Representation re Colorado River Aqueduct Electrical Transmission System	122465	12/11	\$100,000	
Van Dermyden Maddux Law Corporation	Climate Review/Investigation	193454	09/20	\$75,000	
Van Ness Feldman, LLP	<del>Delta Conveyance Project</del>	<del>131976</del>	<del>12/13</del>	<del>\$750,000</del>	
	General Litigation	170704	07/18	\$50,000	
	Colorado River MSHCP	180191	01/19	\$50,000	

<sup>\*</sup>Expenditures paid by Bond Proceeds/Finance