

Long Beach Water

Long Beach Board of Water Commissioners

Exceptional Water – Exceptional Service



January 5, 2023

Full-service government relations/public affairs consulting and lobbying firm

- ❖ Statewide focus
- ❖ Top-tier advocacy innovator and leader
- ❖ Specializing in water, natural resources, energy, the environment, and the State budget process
- ❖ Client representation in the Executive and Legislative branches of State government, which are absolutely critical to success
- ❖ Robust ethnic diversity among our professional and support staff

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Since 2018



A Proven
Partnership

Our Accomplishments Together

- ✓ Aggressive promotion of LBWD's interests and needs that delivered results
- ✓ Personal connections with key water policy makers and regulators that raised the Department's profile with decision makers who matter
- ✓ Active collaboration with the Department's Team on legislation, regulations and the State budget to proactively position issues
- ✓ Meaningful engagements with ACWA, CMUA, CSDA, regional and urban water agencies, including regular ACWA and CMUA-convened lobbyists meetings
- ✓ Unwavering focus on targeted outcomes



2022 Year in Review

COVID-19 Continues to
Impact Session

Post-Recall Pre-Election
Year

\$308 Billion State
Budget Signed

Budget and Vetoes Reflect
GGN Preparations For
2023+ Deficit

\$1.4 Billion Budget
Allocation For Energy,
Water, Wastewater
Arrearages

Multi-Billion Dollar
Climate, Drought, Wildfire
Prevention Investments

Urban Water Use
Objectives Legislation
Signed

Local Government Bills
Signed Into Law

Grant/Loan Monitoring
With Senior Executives at
SWRCB and DWR

Quarterly written loan and
grant briefings
Weekly updates and
regular issuance of "Water
Whirled"

Legislative Activities

Process Adaptation Given COVID

Legislature Asserting Itself

Economic Recovery/Stimulus

Climate/Water Bond Proposals

Public Safety Power Shutoff Impacts

Wildfire Prevention & Mitigation

Housing/Homelessness

Grid Management

Low Income Rate Assistance

Leadership, Committee & Key Staff Changes

2023 Forecast



Legislative And Regulatory

Regulatory Activities

Water Resilience Portfolio Initiative

Human Right To Water

Implementation of Executive Orders

COVID Impact on Services/Operations

Water Bond Implementation

Climate, Drought, Wildfire Prevention

Shutoffs/Back Billing Protocols

Low Income Rate Assistance

CA Aqueduct Subsidence Repair



Election Results



Senate balance of power:

32-8, D +1

7 New Senators, 3 Former Assembly Members

New Members: 25%

Recount In SD 16



Assembly balance of power:

62-18, D +2

24 New Assembly Members

New Members: 30%



Legislative Delegation

2023 – 2024



State Senate

Lena Gonzalez – 33rd District (2032)



State Assembly

Mike Gipson – 65th District (2026)

Josh Lowenthal – 69th District (2034)

Thank You



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