

# Long Beach Board of Water Commissioners



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## 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



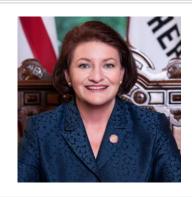
Legislative And Regulatory

#### **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%



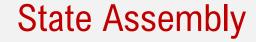
# **Legislative Delegation**

*2023 – 2024* 



#### State Senate

Lena Gonzalez – 33<sup>rd</sup> District (2032)





Mike Gipson – 65<sup>th</sup> District (2026)

Josh Lowenthal – 69<sup>th</sup> District (2034)

# Thank You





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