

**Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
Federal Legislative Matrix –August 14, 2017
115th Congress**

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H.R.434 Denham (R-CA)	2/7/2017: Referred to the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans.	New Water Available To Every Reclamation State Act or the New WATER Act - This bill authorizes the Department of the Interior, for 15 years after this bill's enactment, to provide financial assistance, such as secured loans or loan guarantees, to entities that contract under federal reclamation law to carry out water projects within the 17 western states served by the Bureau of Reclamation, other states where the Bureau is authorized to provide project assistance, Alaska, and Hawaii.	SUPPORT , pursuant to support of S. 335 Merkley introduced in the 113 th Congress and Board-adopted Federal Legislative Priorities, January 2017.	The bill is identical to H.R. 6022, introduced by Rep. Denham in 2016, and it is similar to provisions in Title II of H.R. 291, by Rep. Napolitano in 2015. The bill would allow financing similar to WIFIA for Reclamation projects.
H.R.448 Huffman (D-CA)	1/11/2017: Introduced and referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.	Water Conservation Rebate Tax Parity Act – legislation to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the exclusion for certain conservation subsidies to include subsidies for water conservation or efficiency measures and storm water management measures.	SUPPORT , pursuant to support of H.R. 4615 introduced in 114 th Congress and Board-adopted Federal Legislative Priorities, January, 2017.	Energy consumers already enjoy a congressional authorized tax exempt status for energy conservation rebates. This bill would support tax parity by clarifying tax-exempt status for both energy and water conservation rebates.

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H.R.1269 LaMalfa (R-CA)	3/10/2017: Referred to the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans.	Sacramento Valley Water Storage and Restoration Act - directs the Secretary of the Interior to take actions to support non-Federal investments in water infrastructure improvements in the Sacramento Valley. The legislation declares that it is in the interest of the Federal Government to work with the Sites Reservoir Project Authority to study, promote, develop, design, finance, acquire, construct, manage, and operate Sites Reservoir and related facilities in order to advance the Sites Project in the most expeditious and cost-effective manner possible.	SUPPORT , pursuant to MWD Board entering into project agreement with Sites Project Authority, April, 2017, and Board-adopted Federal Legislative Priorities, January, 2017.	This legislation would direct the Secretary of Interior to take actions to facilitate construction of Sites Reservoir, adding to the state’s water storage for in-Delta public benefits including environmental uses. Metropolitan may also directly benefit from water supplies derived from the project should the Board opt to increase its investment and participation in Sites.
S.509 Barrasso (R-WY)	3/2/2017: Referred to the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.	Federal Land Invasive Species Control, Prevention, and Management Act – legislation to improve the control and management of invasive species that threaten and harm Federal land under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior.	SUPPORT , pursuant to Board-adopted Federal Legislative Priorities, January 2017; and support of H.R. 1485, introduced in the 114 th Congress; and support of H.R. 3995 introduced in the 113 th Congress.	This legislation could help protect the Colorado River system from impacts from quagga mussels and other invasive species, which would benefit Metropolitan.

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S.1137 Cardin (D-MD)	5/16/17: Referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.	Clean Safe Reliable Water Infrastructure Act – legislation to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to include provisions relating to drinking water and wastewater infrastructure, and authorizes the EPA WaterSense program in 2018.	SUPPORT , pursuant to Board-adopted Federal Legislative Priorities, January 2017.	The EPA WaterSense program supports consumers in making efficient water decisions by offering product labels for water efficient products. This legislation supports the continued authorization of the WaterSense program.
S.1464 Feinstein (D-CA)	6/28/2017: Referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.	Water Conservation Tax Parity Act – legislation to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the exclusion for energy conservation subsidies provided by public utilities to include subsidies provided by public utilities and State and local governments for water conservation and storm water management.	SUPPORT , pursuant to Board-adopted 2017 Legislative Priorities, and support of H.R.4615 (Huffman, D-CA) in 2016.	There is uncertainty about whether rebates for water conservation measures are taxable. This legislation would clarify that gross income does not include the value of a subsidy provided by a public water utility for the purchase or installation of water conservation measures.

Metropolitan is actively tracking numerous other federal bills, including, but not limited to, the following: H.R.23 (Valadao, R-CA) the Gaining Responsibility on Water Act of 2017, H.R.2510 (DeFazio, D-OR) the Water Quality Protection and Job Creation Act of 2017, H.R.2355 (Latta, R-OH) /S.692 (Fisher, R-NE), the Water Infrastructure Flexibility Act, and S. 1272 (Feinstein, D-CA) the Drone Federalism Act of 2017.