

2022 Legislative Update

Briefing from CMUA

Mesa Water District
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California Municipal Utilities Association

VISION: CMUA is the leading voice for California utilities, enhancing our communities.

MISSION: CMUA partners with community owned utilities to support reliable, sustainable, affordable services through advocacy, education and relationships.

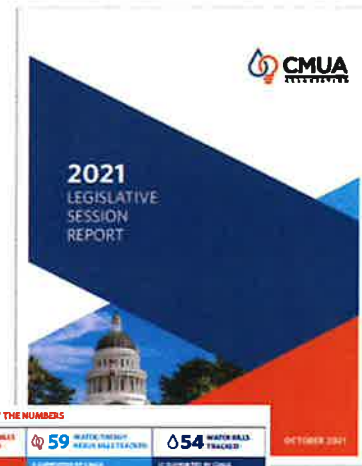
VALUES:

- Innovative
- Knowledgeable
- Trustworthy
- Member-focused
- Flexible
- Collaborative
- Responsive
- Proactive
- Accountable
- Excellence



2021 Legislative Review

- Budget ask for water, wastewater and electric/gas arrearages
- Water Affordability
- Water Conservation
- Infrastructure and other Investments



CMUA ADVOCACY BY THE NUMBERS

147 BUDGETS TRACKED	59 WATER, WASTEWATER, AND GAS TRACKED	54 WATER BILLS TRACKED
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2022-2023 Governor's Budget Proposal

- \$286.4 Billion budget proposal (all funds)
- Focused on five pillars:
 - Fighting COVID-19
 - Combating Climate Change
 - Confronting Homelessness
 - Addressing the Cost of Living
 - Improving Safety
- \$45 billion estimated surplus
 - Expect to hit reserve cap of 10% of budget
 - Gann Limit implications - expenditures on infrastructure and subventions to local governments are not counted toward the limit



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2022-2023 Governor's Budget Proposal

- Water investments
 - Second year of \$5.2 billion in infrastructure, drought and other funding
 - Additional \$750 million for 2022-2023, focused on water use efficiency and drought (\$250 million set aside for later discussions depending on drought conditions)
- \$22.5 billion in climate investments
- CMUA budget recommendations include more funding for (not inclusive):
 - Safety and reliability of existing dams
 - Water use efficiency
 - Water recycling & desalination
 - Innovation
 - Cybersecurity
 - Workforce Development



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2022 Legislative Forecast

- **Water Issues:** Affordability, water project funding, drought, water quality (e.g. LCR)
- **Water/Energy Nexus Issues:** Brown Act changes, climate resilience (Senate Climate Working Group), employment
- Continuing to legislate amidst COVID
- Interesting tidbits



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Regulatory Issues

- Water
 - **Water Use Efficiency:** Indoor, Outdoor, Water Loss
 - **Water Quality:** Hex Chromium, Microplastics
- Water/Energy Nexus
 - **CalOSHA ETS**
 - **Advanced Clean Fleets**
 - **Clean Transportation Funding**



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