



# **Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority**

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## **Election Recap & 2021 Preview**

December 15, 2020


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# Overview

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- Election Recap
    - Senate
    - Assembly
  - Key Issues for 2021
  - Key Water Issues for 2021
  - Calendar


# Election Recap- SENATE

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- 31 Democrats- 9 Republicans
- 8 new members- 4 returning
- John Laird elected to SD 17 (Monterey)- Former Sec of Natural Resources and Assemblymember
- NR&W (Stern) and EQ (Allen) Chairs remain in Senate as does Pro Tem Atkins
- One vacancy- Senator Holly Mitchell



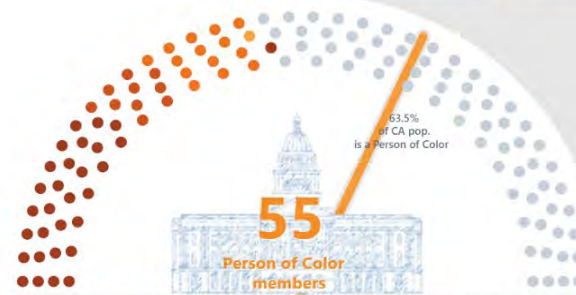
# Election Recap- ASSEMBLY

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- 60 Dem- 19 Rep- 1 Independent
  - 10 new members- 1 returning
  - No significant water background in freshman class.
  - Committees Chairs
    - ➔ Env. Safety & Toxic Materials- Asm. Quirk (D-Hayward)
    - ➔ Water, Parks & Wildlife Asm. E. Garcia (D-Coachella)
    - ➔ **Nat. Resources Asm. Luz Rivas (D-Arleta)**
    - ➔ **Eloise Reyes (D-Rialto) tapped as Majority Leader**

# Diversity in the Legislature

Legislative Demographics, 2020 Election Update  
Preliminary Results, November 2020 (Updated as of 11/16/20)

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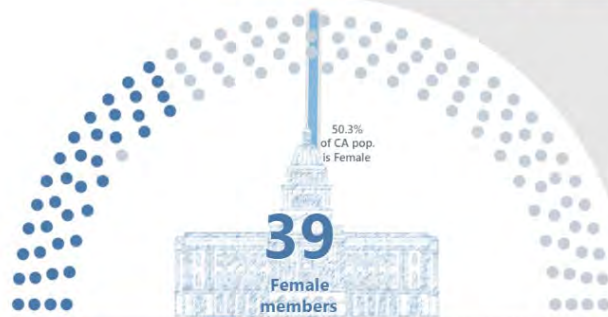
- Sex / Gender
- Race / Ethnicity

		Assembly	Senate
White	Total	39	26
	Female	9	6
Male	Total	30	20
	Female	12	2
Asian/Pacific Islander	Female	1	
	Male	11	2
Total	Female	8	2
	Male	3	1
Native American	Total	1	
	Male	1	
Hispanic	Total	20	10
	Female	11	8
Male	Female	9	2

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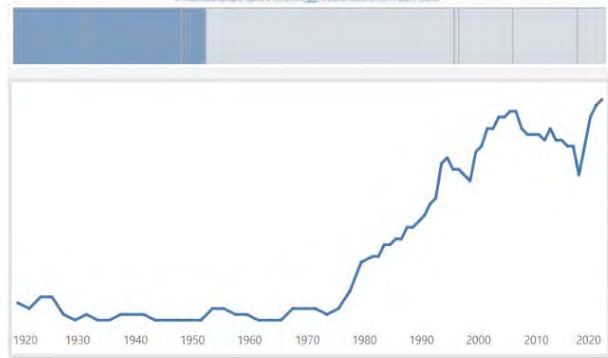
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		Assembly	Senate
Female	Total	24	15
	White	9	6
	Hispanic	11	8
	Asian/Pacific Islander	1	
Male	Total	56	25
	White	30	20
	Hispanic	9	2
	Asian/Pacific Islander	11	2
African American	Total	5	1
	Native American	1	

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# Changes to SAWPA Delegation

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## ■ Senate

- SD 23 (Rancho Cucamonga): Rosilicie Ochoa Bogh (R- School Board Member)
- SD 29 (Chino Hills) Josh Newman (D- Former Senator)
- SD 37 (Irvine) Dave Min (D-History Professor)

## ■ Assembly

- AD 67 (Menifee) Kelly Seyarto (R-Murietta City Council Member)
- AD 72 (Santa Ana) Janet Nguyen (R- Former Senator)







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# Moving Ahead

Outlook for 2021

# State Capitol

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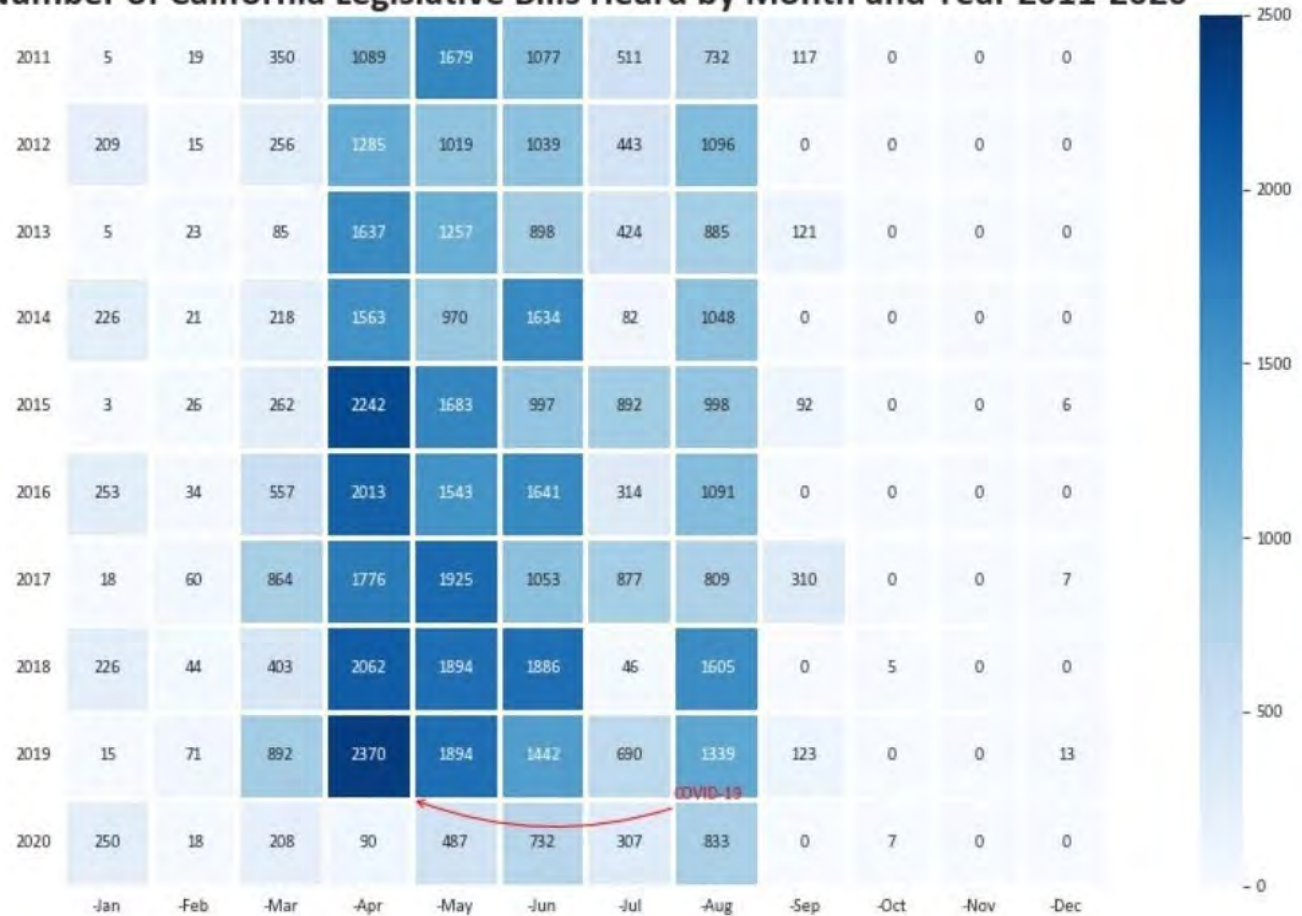
- Newsom Facing Challenges/ Recall
- Legislature sworn in Dec 7
- 2021-2022 will likely be dominated by economic recovery, homelessness, wildfire.
- Budget difficulties will continue
- Legislative Session/Impacts




# Legislation- By the Numbers



Number of California Legislative Bills Heard by Month and Year 2011-2020



# Key Water Issues for 2021

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- Resources Bond (SB 45 already introduced)
  - 30% Conservation of CA Land and Coastal Waters by 2030
    - What does it mean for urban water?
  - Ocean Discharge
    - LA Waterkeeper v. SWRCB
    - Hertzberg?
    - Mark Gold- Ocean Protection Council
  - CECs & PFAS/PFOA
  - IRWM 2.0

# 2021 Deadlines

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- December 7- "Organizational Session"
- January 4- Legislature Reconvenes
- January 10- Governor Submits Budget
- February 19- Bill Intro Deadline
- April 30- First House Policy Committee
- June 4- House of Origin Deadline
- June 15- Budget Deadline
- July 14- 2nd House Policy Committee
- September 10- End of Session



**Thank You**



**Questions?**

# **Regional Water Quality Monitoring Task Force**

## **Consultant Task Order**

**Rick Whetsel, Senior Watershed Manager  
SAWPA Commission | December 15, 2020  
Item No. 7.B.**



# Recommendation

It is recommended that the Commission authorize the General Manager to execute the following:

- 1. General Services Agreement with CDM Smith; and,
- 2. Task Order No. CDM386-16 with CDM Smith, a three-year task order with an option to exercise a two-year extension for an annual amount not to exceed \$356,845, totaling \$1,070,535 over the three-year period, for FY 2021-22 through FY 2023-24 to oversee and implement the Santa Ana River Regional Bacteria Monitoring Program.

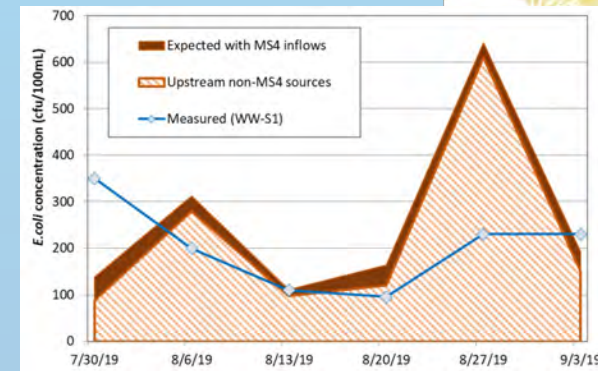




# Regional Water Quality Monitoring Task Force

## Scope of Activities

- Implements a coordinated regional surface water quality (bacteria) monitoring program:
  - Meet the requirements of the Basin Plan Implementation Plan bacterial indicator monitoring requirements
  - Support consolidation and standardization of regional programs such as the Middle Santa Ana River Bacteria TMDL
  - Annual reporting to Regional Board (June )
- Assist Regional Board with future triennial reviews and future amendments of the Basin Plan



# History / Timeline

## Stormwater Quality Standards Task Force

- **May 2003** – SAWPA approved Agreement
- **June 2012** – Regional Board adopts Basin Plan Amendment Revising Recreation Standards for Inland Freshwaters
- **April 2015** – EPA Approves Basin Plan Amendment Revising Recreation Standards for Inland Freshwaters

## Middle Santa Ana River Pathogen TMDL Task Force

- **January 2006** – SAWPA approved Agreement
- **May 2007** – EPA Approves MSAR TMDLs

## Regional Water Quality Monitoring Program

- **March 2016** – Regional Board approves Santa Ana Watershed Bacteria Monitoring Program and Quality Assurance Project Plan reflecting a need for a new Task Force
- **May 2016** – Regional Water Quality Monitoring Task Force Implements Santa Ana River Regional Bacteria Monitoring Program



# Benefits to SAWPA

- Supports continuing mission to improve regional water quality
- Utilizes staff experience and expertise in managing and administering multi-agency Task Forces
- Continues partnership with Santa Ana Regional Board in providing regional facilitation and support services
- Provides data, studies and project plans to support SAWPA's One Water One Watershed Plan
- Consolidates multiple monitoring efforts to achieve economies of scale
  - Additionally, it is anticipated to expand to include other monitoring as the need arises



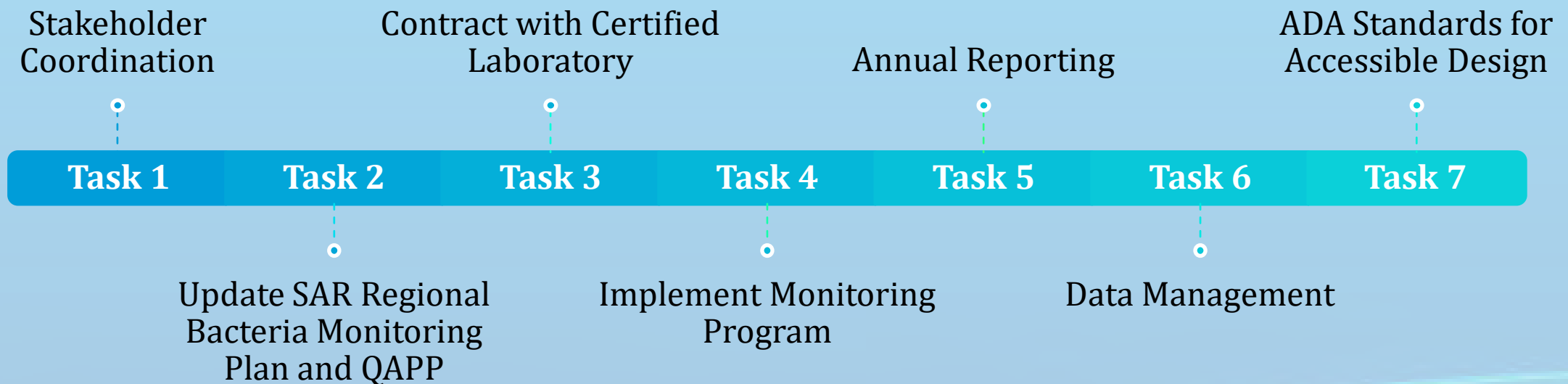


# Santa Ana River Regional Bacteria Monitoring Program 2020 Request for Proposals

- **October 6<sup>th</sup>** – Staff Issues Request for Proposals
- **November 5<sup>th</sup>** – Two Proposals Submitted
  - KMEA
  - CDM Smith
- **December 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Consultant Interviews
  - RWQM Task Force selects CDM Smith
- Key Factors in selection of CDM Smith
  - Experience and knowledge of the program goals and objectives
  - Technical Expertise
  - Working Relationship with Regional Board



# Santa Ana River Regional Bacteria Monitoring Program











# Funding Partners

## Regional Water Quality Monitoring Task Force

- County of Orange
- Riverside County Flood Control & Water Conservation District
- San Bernardino County Flood Control District

## Middle Santa Ana River Bacteria TMDL Task Force

- San Bernardino County Flood Control District representing the Cities of
  - Cities of Chino, Chino Hills, Fontana, Montclair, Ontario, Rancho Cucamonga, Rialto, and Upland
- County of Riverside
- City of Claremont
- City of Corona
- City of Norco
- City of Pomona
- City of Riverside
- Agricultural Operators represented by Chino Basin Watermaster Agricultural Pool



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