



INFORMATIONAL BOARD LETTER

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General Manager and Chief Engineer

DATE: February 27, 2024

SUBJECT: Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs Report – February 2024

Federal Updates

In 2023, LADWP participated as part of California’s statewide application to secure federal grant funding in support of a green hydrogen hub. California has been awarded \$1.2 billion from the Department of Energy, and the Scattergood Modernization project is expected to receive a significant amount of financial support.

Additionally, LADWP secured \$48M from the Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnerships program, in support of implementation of distributive energy resources in disadvantaged communities.

State Updates

The State legislature approved California Environmental Quality Act reforms supported by the Los Angeles City Council to help ensure critical projects that are subject to litigation can be resolved in a timely manner. The state also extended critical funding to support customers who fell behind on utility bills due to the pandemic.

Local Updates

In 2023, the Los Angeles City Council supported the effort to pursue federal funds for a green hydrogen hub. They also approved moving forward with the Scattergood Hydrogen-Ready Modernization project, while requesting additional studies and report backs. In 2024, we expect those reports and the draft Environmental Impact Report to be reviewed by the Los Angeles City Council.

Los Angeles City Council is also focusing on our efforts related to Operation Next and collaborative efforts to ensure all water parties work together to maximize the ability to capture and store local water.

State Legislative Visit

On February 5, members of our legislative affairs team joined representatives from both the Power and Water systems to visit key state legislators in the state capitol. We sought to increase understanding of critical water and power issues as we work together to meet the state and local climate targets. Key issues expected to be discussed in the 2024 state legislative session include hydrogen, electrification goals, and water conservation.