

NOTICE OF MEETING

OF THE
**PUBLIC, LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS,
AND WATER RESOURCES
COMMITTEE**

OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE



Inland Empire Utilities Agency

A MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

IS SCHEDULED FOR
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2015
9:00 A.M.

AT THE ADMINISTRATION HEADQUARTERS
6075 Kimball Avenue, Building A
Chino, CA 91708

**PUBLIC, LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS, AND WATER RESOURCES
COMMITTEE MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
INLAND EMPIRE UTILITIES AGENCY*
AGENCY HEADQUARTERS, CHINO, CALIFORNIA**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2015
9:00 A.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public may address the Board on any item that is within the jurisdiction of the Board; however, no action may be taken on any item not appearing on the agenda unless the action is otherwise authorized by Subdivision (b) of Section 54954.2 of the Government Code. Those persons wishing to address the Board on any matter, whether or not it appears on the agenda, are requested to complete and submit to the Board Secretary a "Request to Speak" form, which are available on the table in the Board Room. Comments will be limited to five minutes per speaker. Thank you.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

In accordance with Section 54954.2 of the Government Code (Brown Act), additions to the agenda require two-thirds vote of the legislative body, or, if less than two-thirds of the members are present, a unanimous vote of those members present, that there is a need to take immediate action and that the need for action came to the attention of the local agency subsequent to the agenda being posted.

1. ACTION ITEMS

A. MINUTES

The Committee will be asked to approve the Public, Legislative Affairs, and Water Resources Committee meeting minutes of March 11, 2015.

B. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2015-4-2, FOR THE USBR BAY-DELTA RESTORATION PROGRAM: CALFED WATER USE EFFICIENCY GRANTS

It is recommended that the Committee/Board adopt Resolution No. 2015-4-2, to:

- a. Authorize the General Manager or designee to enter into a financial assistance agreement with the U.S. Department of Interior – Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) for the CALFED Water Use Efficiency grant application; and

- b. Authorize the General Manager or designee to negotiate a Grant Administration Agreement with the Chino Basin Watermaster (CBWM) that will allow the Agency to administer the grant.

2. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

A. **PUBLIC OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATION (WRITTEN)**

B. **LEGISLATIVE REPORTS (WRITTEN)**

1. West Coast Advisors (formerly The Dolphin Group)
2. Innovative Federal Strategies
3. Agricultural Resources

C. **CALIFORNIA STRATEGIES MONTHLY REPORT (WRITTEN)**

D. **COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL, INSTITUTIONAL (CII) TURF REBATE UPDATE (WRITTEN/POWERPOINT)**

E. **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE UPDATE (POWERPOINT)**

3. **GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS**

4. **COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

5. **COMMITTEE MEMBER REQUESTED FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

6. **GUEST SPEAKER CONGRESSMAN PETE AGUILAR – LEGISLATIVE UPDATES**

7. **ADJOURN**

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for April Woodruff #853
April Woodruff

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MINUTES

PUBLIC, LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS, AND WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING INLAND EMPIRE UTILITIES AGENCY* AGENCY HEADQUARTERS, CHINO, CA

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2015
9:00 A.M.**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Steven J. Elie, Chair
Michael Camacho

STAFF PRESENT

P. Joseph Grindstaff, General Manager
Chris Berch, Executive Manager of Engineering/Assistant General Manager
Christina Valencia, Chief Financial Officer/Assistant General Manager
Kathleen Baxter, Supervising Contracts and Programs Administrator
Kathy Besser, Manager of External Affairs
Pietro Cambiaso, Senior Engineer
Andy Campbell, Deputy Manager of Planning & Environmental Compliance
Andrea Carruthers, Senior External Affairs Specialist
Warren Green, Manger of Contracts and Facilities Services
Jason Gu, Budget Officer
Nel Groenveld, Manager of Laboratories
Sylvie Lee, Manager of Planning and Environmental Compliance
Jason Pivovarov, Senior Engineer
Jesse Pompa, Senior Associate Engineer
Craig Proctor, Pretreatment and Source Control Supervisor
April Woodruff, Board Secretary/Office Manager

OTHERS PRESENT

Chuck Tobin, Burrtec

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 a.m. There were no public comments received or additions to the agenda.

ACTION ITEMS

The Committee:

- ◆ Approved the Public, Legislative Affairs, and Water Resources Committee meeting minutes of February 11, 2015.
- ◆ Recommended that the Board hold A Public Hearing to receive comments and, upon conclusion of the Public Hearing, adopt Ordinance No. 101; establishing and setting forth the policies governing Agency authority and dollar limits for procurement and procurement-related activities:

as an Action Item on the March 18, 2015 Board meeting agenda.

◆ Recommended that the Board:

1. Amend the professional services contract (Contract No. 4600001658) with Carollo Engineers for the Wastewater, Water, and Recycled Water Rate and Fee Study, for a not-to-exceed amount of \$334,963; and
2. Authorize the General Manager to execute the contract.

as a Consent Calendar Item on the March 18, 2015 Board meeting agenda.

◆ Recommended that the Board:

1. Award a professional services contract to RAND for Integrated Resources Plan WEAP Model Resilience Testing to augment the Integrated Resources Plan (Project No. WR14019), for a not-to-exceed amount of \$75,000 to increase the total project budget from \$539,179 to \$614,179; and
2. Authorize the General Manager to execute the contract.

as a Consent Calendar Item on the March 18, 2015 Board meeting agenda.

INFORMATION ITEMS

The following information items were presented or received and filed by the Committee:

- ◆ Public Outreach and Communication Report
- ◆ Legislative Reports
- ◆ California Strategies, LLC Activity Report
- ◆ Planning and Environmental Compliance Update

GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

General Manager P. Joseph Grindstaff stated that the rate workshops are continuing. Mr. Grindstaff also reported that IEUA will still remain a low cost provider.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

COMMITTEE MEMBER REQUESTED FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

April Woodruff
Board Secretary/Office Manager

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APPROVED: APRIL 8, 2015

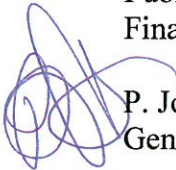
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Date: April 15, 2015



To: The Honorable Board of Directors

Through: Public, Legislative Affairs and Water Resources Committee (04/08/15)
Finance, Legal, and Administration Committee (04/08/15)

From:  P. Joseph Grindstaff
General Manager

Submitted by:  Christina Valencia
Chief Financial Officer/Assistant General Manager

 Javier Chagoyen-Lazaro 
Manager of Accounting and Fiscal Management

 Jason Gu 
Grants Officer

Subject: Adoption of Resolution No. 2015-4-2, for the USBR Bay-Delta
Restoration Program: CALFED Water Use Efficiency Grants

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Directors adopt Resolution No. 2015-4-2, to:

- a. Authorize the General Manager or designee to enter into a financial assistance agreement with the U.S. Department of Interior - Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) for a CALFED Water Use Efficiency grant application; and
- b. Authorize the General Manager or designee to negotiate a Grant Administration Agreement with the Chino Basin Watermaster (CBWM) that will allow the Agency to administer the grant.

BACKGROUND

In January 2015, the USBR announced the Water and Energy Efficiency Grant Program of 2015. The Bay-Delta Restoration Program: CALFED Water Use Efficiency Grants (Program) will fund feasible urban and agricultural projects that improve ecosystem health, water supply reliability or water quality of the California Bay-Delta through water use efficiency and conservation.

On March 20, 2015, IEUA submitted a grant application for the Groundwater Recharge Yield Enhancement Conjunctive Use Project for Stormwater Capture, which was selected from the 2013 Amendment to the 2010 Recharge Master Plan Update (RMPU). The application is requesting \$750,000 USBR grant funding for the San Sevaine Basins and the Lower Day Basin Improvement projects, which will serve the CALFED Water Use Efficiency Program by providing 5,537 acre feet per year (AFY) of additional local water supplies to the Chino Basin.

This grant application supports the Agency Business Goal of continuing to effectively seek State and Federal grant funding for the Agency and regional projects that achieve IEUA’s policy objectives; (e.g. the Recharge Master Plan, Renewable Energy, the Optimum Basin Management Plan, and the Recycled Water Program). CBWM issued a financial commitment letter (attached) that covers the entire RMPU project costs that will be funded by CBWM. The table below illustrates the funding sources and water savings:

Table 1: Summary of Funding Sources by Project (\$Thousands)

Projects	USBR Grants Requested	State Grants Received	CBWM Funding Committed	IEUA Budget	Total Budget	Water Savings (AFY)
San Sevaine Basins	\$375	\$750	\$2,668	\$2,668	\$6,460	4,748
Lower Day Basin	\$375	\$750	\$1,355	-	\$2,480	789
Total	\$750	\$1,500	\$4,023	\$2,668	\$8,940	5,537

The San Sevaine Improvement Project (EN13001) has a FY 2014/15 appropriation of \$214,203 and proposed budget of \$3,400,000 for FY 2015/16. The proposed amendment to Task Order No. 8 will increase the total project budget from \$3,550,000 to \$6,460,000, of which \$2,667,500 is IEUA’s share.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION

On July 16, 2014, the Board of Directors approved the Master Cost Sharing Agreement between Inland Empire Utilities Agency and Chino Basin Watermaster.

On October 16, 2013, the Board of Directors approved the 2013 Chino Basin Recharge Master Plan Update.

IMPACT ON BUDGET

If approved, IEUA’s cost share for the San Sevaine Improvement Project (EN13001) of \$2,667,500 will be budgeted in the Recycled Water (WC) fund. The Lower Day Basin Project (RW15004) costs of \$2,480,000 will be budgeted in the Recharge Water (RW) fund.



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PETER KAVOUNAS, P.E.
General Manager

March 18, 2015

Bureau of Reclamation
Mid-Pacific Region
Attn: Ms. Leanne Henderson
Grants Management Specialist
2800 Cottage Way, Room E-1815
Sacramento, CA 95825-1898

Re: R15AS00026 Bay-Delta Restoration Program: CALFED Water Use Efficiency Grants Program

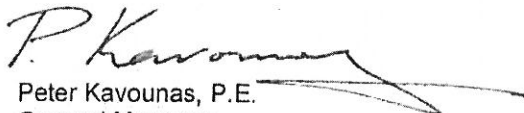
To the Selection Committee:

The Chino Basin Watermaster (CBWM) is pleased to support the Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA) in its submission of a grant application to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) in response to the Funding Opportunity Announcement R15AS00026 Bay-Delta Restoration Program: CALFED Water Use Efficiency Grants program. If awarded, the grant would provide additional funding for IEUA to implement the Lower Day Basin and San Sevaine Basin Stormwater Recharge Yield Enhancement Project as part of the 2013 Amendment to the 2010 Recharge Master Plan Update (RMPU) which will improve the two recharge project sites in order to increase the stormwater recharge by 1,431 acre-feet per year.

CBWM is committed to the RMPU projects and has agreed to fund approximately \$5,710,000 for its share on the stormwater yield enhancement projects. These funds will be spread out over the duration of the RMPU projects and will be made available to IEUA as outlined within a Watermaster's Board approved cost sharing agreement between IEUA and CBWM. In addition, the CBWM will provide its staff to assist with IEUA in gathering and developing the Grant's required reporting documents to monitor the projects' performance measures.

CBWM supports IEUA and its efforts to obtain funding for recharge basin improvement projects through the USBR program.

Sincerely,



Peter Kavounas, P.E.
General Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-4-2

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE INLAND EMPIRE UTILITIES AGENCY*, SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE INLAND EMPIRE UTILITIES AGENCY TO ENTER INTO A FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT UNDER THE BAY-DELTA RESTORATION PROGRAM: CALFED WATER USE EFFICIENCY GRANTS WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR - BUREAU OF RECLAMATION AND DESIGNATING A REPRESENTATIVE TO EXECUTE THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT, AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO FOR THE GROUNDWATER RECHARGE YIELD ENHANCEMENT PROJECT FOR STORMWATER CAPTURE

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Inland Empire Utilities Agency* is authorized to enter into a financial assistance agreement under the Bay-Delta Restoration Program: CALFED Water Use Efficiency Grants with the U.S. Department of Interior - Bureau of Reclamation for the Groundwater Recharge Yield Enhancement Project for Stormwater Capture, and;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Inland Empire Utilities Agency* Board of Directors authorizes the General Manager, Assistance General Managers, or his designees to execute the financial assistance agreement, any amendments, and any grant related documents thereto;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Inland Empire Utilities Agency has the capacity to provide the amount of funding and/or in-kind contributions specified in the funding plan; and;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Inland Empire Utilities Agency will work with the Bureau of Reclamation to meet established deadlines for entering into a cooperative agreement, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Inland Empire Utilities Agency* Board of Directors hereby adopts Resolution No. 2015-4-2 on this 15th day of April, 2015.

Terry Catlin, President of the Inland Empire Utilities Agency* and of the Board of Directors thereof

ATTEST:

Steven J. Elie, Secretary/Treasurer of the Inland Empire Utilities Agency* and of the Board of Directors thereof

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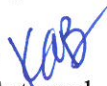
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Date: April 15, 2015

To: The Honorable Board of Directors

Through: Public, Legislative Affairs, and Water Resources Committee (04/08/15)

From:  P. Joseph Grindstaff
General Manager

Submitted by: Kathy Besser 
Manager of External Affairs

Subject: Public Outreach and Communication

RECOMMENDATION

This is an informational item for the Board of Directors to review.

BACKGROUND

April 2015

- April 1, Country Springs Garden in Every School[®] Dedication, 14145 Village Center Dr., Chino Hills, 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- April 2, Turner Basin Recharge Facilities Expansion Project Dedication, 916 Archibald Avenue, Ontario, 10:00 a.m.
- April 15, Earth Day Event for students, Chino Creek Wetlands and Educational Park, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- April 16, Earth Day Event for community, Chino Creek Wetlands and Educational Park, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

May 2015

- May, Water Awareness Month
- May 3-9, International Compost Awareness Week
- May 6, Compost Giveaway, IEUA HQA Parking Lot, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- May 15-17, MWD Solar Cup Competition, Lake Skinner

August 2015

- August 21, 9th Annual San Bernardino County Water Conference, Cal State San Bernardino (5500 University Pkwy, San Bernardino), 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Outreach/Education - Civic Publications Newspaper Campaign

- IEUA staff is working with Civic Publications to develop a spring 2015 water-saving campaign. This campaign will include display ads, an email blast and print media as well. The display ads will feature ACWA's water saving messages and will be distributed at the end of April and stagger through May. The email blast will be distributed early May and feature a local reservoir that has been affected by drought.
- Staff will be running ads in the Daily Bulletin for Earth Day and Compost Awareness Week.

Media and Outreach

- IEUA staff will be running a drought ad in the Champion Newspaper's Progress Edition on April 18, 2015. A water softener ad will run in the Champion Newspaper's Chino Connection Magazine on May 2, 2015.
- IEUA Staff is running "Fix a Leak" ads on La Opinion and Fontana Herald News' leaderboards in honor of the EPA's recognized "Fix a Leak Week".
- IEUA staff has implemented an additional twelve week drought campaign in movie theaters featuring the 15 second ad that was created in fall 2014. The ad is currently being featured on all screens at Ontario Palace (Ontario), Victoria Gardens (Rancho Cucamonga) and Harkins (Chino Hills). This ad will be featured for 12 weeks and will play on all theaters as well as the Lobby Entertainment Network (LEN).

Education and Outreach Updates

- Water Discovery Program: 1,028 Girl Scout troop members, elementary and high school students have taken part in the park field trip from September 24, 2015 through March 31, 2015.
- IEUA staff received 658 entries for the 2015 "Water if Life" student art poster contest. Judging was held on March, 10, 2015 and the top three winners were selected in each category. Staff will be reaching out to teachers of winning students to schedule award presentations.
- IEUA staff is planning the annual Earth Day Event. A total of 13 schools will be participating in the student day on April 15, 2015. Staff is expecting approximately 2,000 students, parents and teachers to attend. At least one school from each city within IEUA's service area will be participating. Staff is reaching out to the community, scout troops and after school programs to attend the community day on April 16, 2015.
- IEUA staff received applications for the 2015/16 Garden in Every School[®] Program (Deadline: April 3, 2015). Staff will review the applications and schedule site evaluations to confirm eligibility by May 2015.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION

None.

IMPACT ON BUDGET

The above-mentioned activities are budgeted in the FY 2014/15 Administrative Service Fund, Public Information Services budget.

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March 27, 2015

To: Inland Empire Utilities Agency

From: Michael Boccadoro
President

RE: March Legislative Report

Overview:

The Legislature spent most of March preparing and fine-tuning legislation. Bills must be in print for 30 days before being acted upon, so bills introduced just before the February 27 introduction deadline could not be heard in March. When the Legislature returns from Spring Recess on April 6, the rush to pass bills out of policy committees will start with the, May 1 deadline for fiscal measures looming.

After another historically dry winter, Governor Brown and legislative leaders announced a second drought relief package. The \$1 billion package makes funds proposed in the budget available before the budget gets passed. Notably, there are significant funds for recycled water projects. The legislation was passed with bi-partisan support on March 26.

Senator Fran Pavley (D-Agoura Hills) convened a hearing in Southern California to discuss the water/energy nexus. Discussion topics included defining the water-energy nexus; looking back at successes and failures of efforts related to the water-energy nexus; and future opportunities related to the water-energy nexus. The California Association of Sanitation Agencies was in attendance and outlined how the wastewater sector is often underrepresented in water/energy discussions and that the wastewater community can be a significant partner in the future. Senator Pavley committed to raising the issue in Sacramento.

The State Water Resources Control Board voted to extend and expand emergency water conservation measures in March. The new additions to the order include requiring local agencies to implement stricter restriction on outdoor irrigation. Water Board Chair, Felecia Marcus, indicated that the board will discuss more direct measures including water rate structures, should the state not see measurable water use decreases.

A new study outlined measures the state would have to take to meet the proposed 2030 and 2050 greenhouse gas (GHG) and renewable energy goals proposed by the Governor and circulating in several pieces of legislation. The report highlights measures, including building and appliance efficiency, a massive increase in electric vehicles on the road, and more biogas in the natural gas system. The report will likely be used as a roadmap as future goals are discussed in the Legislature and at the California Air Resources Board.

Inland Empire Utilities Agency

Status Report – March 2015

Emergency Drought Relief Package

In response to the prolonged drought, the Governor and legislative leadership have passed a package of bills that will accelerate funding from the yet to be approved 2015-16 state budget for drought relief measures. The package includes the following measures:

- 1) Accelerates \$267 million from Proposition 1 Water Bond funding for safe drinking water and water recycling from the Governor's January budget proposal. \$131.7 million was provided for recycled water.
- 2) Accelerates drought-related expenditures from the Governor's January budget proposal augmented by \$31 million in targeted additional expenditures (\$132 million total), including efforts to implement the Water Action Plan and provide direct assistance to workers and communities impacted by drought.
- 3) Additional \$31 million in new targeted expenditure items which were not included in the Governor's January budget proposal include the following:
 - \$17 million in additional funding to support emergency food aid to 29 counties most impacted by the drought;
 - \$4 million for emergency drinking water in disadvantaged communities;
 - \$5 million to the Department of Water Resources to provide emergency drinking water support for small communities, including addressing private wells;
 - \$1.4 million to the Department of Water Resources to increase advertising and public relations related to the Save Our Water campaign;
 - \$2.8 million to the Department of Water Resources and Department of Fish and Wildlife for additional modeling support and species tracking in the Delta and greater Central Valley to support efficient management of the state's water system; and
 - \$1 million to address critical infrastructure deficiencies at remote fire stations that have run out of water.
- 4) Accelerates \$660 million from the Governor's January budget proposal of Proposition 1E bond monies for flood protection in urban and rural areas to make the state's infrastructure more resilient to climate change and flood events.
- 5) Reallocates \$30 million from the Governor's January budget proposal of cap-and-trade auction revenue for drought related relief. The administration has committed to backfilling those funds as part of the May Revise.

In addition to the budget expenditures, there are a number of policy measures that were passed on March 26. The five main components of the policy bill include:

- 1) Enhanced Department of Fish and Wildlife Authority, particularly with regard to illegal marijuana grows. Illegal diversions are affecting fish and wildlife populations and making it harder for other water users to comply. The bill provides DFW three new tools.

Existing law requires the owner of a new diversion in salmon or steelhead waters to notify DFW so that DFW can determine whether or not the diversion is affecting salmon or steelhead and proscribe proper screening measures, if necessary. The bill instead allows DFW to provide notification to only those owners whose diversions are affecting salmon or steelhead and requires DFW to recommend screening measures within 30 days or upon a mutually agreeable time frame.

The bill authorizes DFW to impose civil penalties, including administratively, where diversions are obstructing fish passage with separate provisions for illegal grows. The bill requires DFW to initiate an emergency rulemaking process to develop and implement due process procedures to implement its administrative penalty provisions.

This bill enhances the effectiveness of wardens by allowing those who observe unauthorized water diversions that harm fish and wildlife to initiate a complaint to the State Water Resources Control Board and remain a party to the proceeding.

- 2) Creation of the Office of Sustainable Water Solutions. The bill creates a first-of-its-kind Office of Sustainable Water Solutions as a new unit within the drinking water program at the State Water Resources Control Board.

The Office will help small communities apply for state and federal funds to help clean up drinking water and provide greater access to treatment technologies. It will also help communities that want to consolidate to better apportion costs of water system upgrades to prevent or mitigate huge local rate increases. Finally, the Office will provide basic technical assistance to small communities that, in many cases do not have a city manager or staff to work on providing clean drinking water to its residents.

- 3) Creation of CalConserve Revolving Fund Water Efficiency Pilot Projects. Water conservation is one of the only tools immediately available in a drought to help try to stretch existing supplies. Communities like the Town of Windsor have experienced terrific water conservation success with "Efficiency Pays" programs. Under those programs the water supplier installs water efficient upgrades such as washing machines or dishwashers at no upfront cost to the eligible homeowner and the homeowner repays them on their utility bill. After the upgrades the bill is often less even with the repayment obligation included.

In addition to stretching supplies, preserving existing supplies is another short-term water savings strategy. DWR estimates leakage to be from 5 percent to 50 percent in many water systems. Traditional revolving funds, such as those at the State Water Resources Control Board, can be used to fix leaks in the public water system but are not available to address leaks on private property. This pilot project would bridge that gap through a low-interest loan program administered by local agencies to their customers.

- 4) **Suspension of State Contracting Provisions for Drought Emergencies.** Some communities in California have literally run out of water and, as the fourth year of drought continues, there are likely to be more. The environment has also been devastated by the dry weather. Traditional state contracting provisions require agencies to engage in many procedures, including advertising contracts and selecting from multiple bids. This bill allows contracts for projects that are related to the Governor's declaration of a state of emergency to be expedited by waiving traditional contracting provisions. However, it also ensures accountability and public oversight by listing on the California Drought Internet Web site sufficient information to identify which agencies and which contracts utilized the provision.
- 5) **Emergency Funding and Financial Assistance Not Subject to Certain Eligibility Restrictions.** Local governments have raised concerns that they would not be eligible to receive money from the State's Disaster Relief Fund in the event of a calamity, like an earthquake, wildfire or flood, because they are not in compliance with the eligibility restrictions of Section 1782 of the Labor Code, which concern payment of prevailing wages and use of apprentices on municipal projects.

The Governor is expected to sign the bills immediately.

Water/Energy Nexus Hearing

On Friday, March 20 Senator Fran Pavley convened a Select Committee Roundtable/Hearing at the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District titled "Climate Change and AB 32 Implementation. The Water-Energy Nexus: How Can It Help Us Achieve Our Greenhouse Gas Emission Objectives in 2020, 2030, and 2050?"

Key attendees included Senator Ben Allen, California Public Utilities Commission (PUC) Commissioner Catherine Sandoval, State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) Vice Chair Fran Spivey-Weber, California Energy Commission (CEC) Executive Director Rob Oglesby and numerous other key leaders from both the private and public sector including Greg Kester from the California Association of Sanitation Agencies.

The hearing was conducted as a roundtable and included discussion on several topics, including:

- Defining the water-energy nexus.
- Looking back at successes and failures of efforts related to the water-energy nexus, with a focus on project selection as well as governance and planning.
- Future opportunities related to the water-energy nexus.

Kester offered an overview of benefits the wastewater community can offer as partners and collaborators with the state in achieving the state mandates and goals for climate change mitigation. He noted that the wastewater community is historically underrepresented when discussing the water-energy nexus, but that in recent years, there has been greater acknowledgment of the important role that wastewater agencies can play.

Kester highlighted the primary opportunities for the wastewater sector, including the use of existing infrastructure (anaerobic digestion) to produce power and to accept organic waste

otherwise destined for landfills and the ability to co-digest and increase power production while simultaneously increasing recycling efforts. He also noted existing contributions of the wastewater sector to the water-energy nexus, including the utilization of power on-site to offset grid power and its ability to aid grid stability by shifting off the grid during peak demand periods.

There was some discussion related to the Governor's "Healthy Soils" initiative and the role that biosolids can play, both in avoidance of fossil fuel based inorganic fertilizer and carbon sequestration for climate change mitigation and also for reduced irrigation needs and the overall improvement of soil quality and crop production.

Senator Pavley plans to hold a follow up meeting, likely as part of a future Water Energy Team of the Climate Action Team (WET- CAT) meeting. She also wants to find ways to advance the discussion to a wider audience in Sacramento.

SWRCB Expands and Extends Emergency Water Conservation Regulations

In mid March, the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) adopted expanded emergency conservation regulations. Prohibited water uses now include:

- Washing down sidewalks and driveways;
- Watering outdoor landscapes in a manner that causes excess runoff;
- Washing a motor vehicle with a hose, unless the hose is fitted with a shut-off nozzle;
- Operating a fountain or decorative water feature, unless the water is part of a recirculating system;
- **NEW:** Irrigating turf or ornamental landscapes during and 48 hours following measurable precipitation.
- **NEW:** restaurants and other food service establishments can only serve water to customers on request; and
- **NEW:** operators of hotels and motels must provide guests with the option of choosing not to have towels and linens laundered daily and prominently display notice of this option.

The order also created a floor, or minimum standard, for outdoor irrigation restrictions. Urban water suppliers must now limit the number of days per week that customers can irrigate outdoors. The limit must either be specified in their drought contingency plans; or if their plan contains no specific limit, irrigation is limited to no more than two days per week.

In addition to the extended and new regulations, SWRCB Chair Felicia Marcus noted that the board may consider more significant actions if reductions targets are not achieved, which might include water rate reform.

Study on Emissions Reductions and Renewable Energy Targets Released

An independent study commissioned by several state agencies to assess a potential 2030 and 2050 greenhouse gas (GHG) target, was recently released. The study, by consulting firm Energy & Environmental Economics (E3), outlines the significant actions that will need to be implemented to achieve future renewable energy and GHG reduction goals.

The report assumes that California will achieve a 50 to 60 percent renewable power level by 2030 with a diverse renewable portfolio of wind and solar; increased imports and exports of power across the state's transmission interties; and increase in the flexibility and efficiency of natural gas generation and phasing out of non-dispatchable fossil resources; an increase in "responsive loads," including flexible loads in buildings and industry and smart charging of electric vehicles; and either flexible production of low-carbon fuels from electricity of an increase in long-duration energy storage.

While there are several different scenarios in the report, one scenario outlined describes over 50 percent of natural gas demand being supplied with biogas by 2030 and a rapid increase in near-zero and zero emission vehicles by 2030 (3 to 8 million).

The conclusion found that significant measures will have to be taken to reach any future goals of emission reductions and renewable energy production. The study notes that the scenarios yield a \$8-12 per month per household direct cost to reach 2030 goals.

The Legislature will likely use this study as a roadmap as Legislators the goals outlined by the Governor and the many bills that have been introduced to extend and expand the state's climate change goals and clean energy programs.

Legislative Update

The Legislature began their annual "Spring Recess" on March 25. However, before the week-long break began, legislators began acting on bills in policy committees. When they come back from break on April 6, the rush will begin to get hundreds of bills out of policy committees before the May 1 policy committee deadline.

Below are bills IEUA is watching:

Water Quality

AB 45 (Mullin D) Household hazardous waste.

Current Text: Amended: 3/19/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 12/1/2014

Last Amend: 3/19/2015

Status: 3/23/2015-Re-referred to Com. on L. GOV.

Location: 3/23/2015-A. L. GOV.

Summary: Would require each jurisdiction that provides for the residential collection and disposal of solid waste, on or before an unspecified date, to increase the collection and diversion of household hazardous waste in its service area by an unspecified percentage over a baseline amount, to be determined in accordance with Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery regulations.

The bill would authorize the department to adopt a model ordinance for a door-to-door collection and diversion program to facilitate compliance with those provisions, and would require each jurisdiction to annually report to the department on progress achieved in complying with those provisions.

AB 639 (Dahle R) Water quality: organization and membership of regional boards.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/24/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/24/2015

Status: 2/25/2015-From printer. May be heard in committee March 27.

Location: 2/24/2015-A. PRINT

Summary: The Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act requires regional boards to consist of 7 members appointed by the Governor, 6 of them on the basis of demonstrated interest or proven ability in the field of water quality and one as a public member not specifically associated with any enumerated qualification. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to these provisions.

AB 888 (Bloom D) Waste management: plastic microbeads.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/26/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/26/2015

Status: 3/16/2015-Referred to Coms. on NAT. RES. and E.S. & T.M.

Location: 3/16/2015-A. NAT. RES.

Calendar: 4/13/2015 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 447
ASSEMBLY NATURAL RESOURCES, WILLIAMS, Chair

Summary: Would prohibit, on and after January 1, 2020, a person, as defined, from selling or offering for promotional purposes in this state a personal care product containing intentionally added plastic microbeads, as specified. The bill would exempt from those prohibitions the sale or promotional offer of a product containing less than 1 part per million (ppm) by weight of plastic microbeads, as provided. This bill contains other related provisions.

AB 1173 (Williams D) Water equipment: backflow protection programs.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/27/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/27/2015

Status: 3/26/2015-Referred to Com. on E.S. & T.M.

Location: 3/26/2015-A. E.S. & T.M.

Summary: Current law authorizes local health officials to maintain programs, in cooperation with water suppliers, to protect against backflow through service connections into the public water supply system, and, with the consent of the water supplier, to collect fees from the water supplier to offset the costs of implementing these programs. Current law requires that these programs be conducted in accordance with backflow protection regulations adopted by the State Water Resources Control Board. This bill would make a nonsubstantive change by updating a reference from the State Department of Public Health to the

State Water Resources Control Board.

AB 1242 (Gray D) Water quality: impacts on groundwater basins: mitigation measures.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/27/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/27/2015

Status: 3/23/2015-Referred to Coms. on W., P., & W. and NAT. RES.

Location: 3/23/2015-A. W.,P. & W.

Calendar: 4/14/2015 9 a.m. - State Capitol, Room 437 SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS AT 9 A.M.: GROUNDWATER BILLS ASSEMBLY WATER, PARKS, AND WILDLIFE SPECIAL ORDER, LEVINE, Chair

Summary: Would require the State Water Resources Control Board to take into consideration any applicable groundwater sustainability plan or alternative in formulating state policy for water quality control and adopting or approving a water quality control plan that affects a groundwater basin. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

AB 1243 (Gray D) Groundwater recharge: grants.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/27/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/27/2015

Status: 3/23/2015-Referred to Com. on W., P., & W.

Location: 3/23/2015-A. W.,P. & W.

Calendar: 4/14/2015 9 a.m. - State Capitol, Room 437 SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS AT 9 A.M.: GROUNDWATER BILLS ASSEMBLY WATER, PARKS, AND WILDLIFE SPECIAL ORDER, LEVINE, Chair

Summary: Would establish the Groundwater Recharge Grant Fund and would provide that moneys in the fund are available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the State Water Resources Control Board to provide grants to local governments and water districts for groundwater recharge infrastructure projects. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

AB 1463 (Gatto D) Onsite recycled water.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/27/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/27/2015

Status: 3/26/2015-Referred to Coms. on W., P., & W. and B. & P.

Location: 3/26/2015-A. W.,P. & W.

Calendar: 4/14/2015 9 a.m. - State Capitol, Room 437 ASSEMBLY WATER, PARKS, AND WILDLIFE, LEVINE, Chair

Summary: Would require the State Water Resources Control Board, in consultation with the State Department of Public Health, the California Building Standards Commission, and stakeholders, to establish water quality standards and distribution, monitoring, and reporting requirements for onsite water recycling

systems prior to authorizing the use of onsite recycled water in internal plumbing of residential and commercial buildings.

SB 143 (Stone R) Diamond Valley Reservoir: recreational use.

Current Text: Introduced: 1/27/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 1/27/2015

Status: 3/17/2015-Set for hearing April 15.

Location: 2/5/2015-S. E.Q.

Calendar: 4/15/2015 9:30 a.m. - Room 3191 SENATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, WIECKOWSKI, Chair

Summary: Current law, with certain exceptions, prohibits recreational use, in which there is bodily contact with water, in a reservoir in which water is stored for domestic use and establishes water standards for those exempted reservoirs. This bill would exempt from this prohibition recreational activity in which there is bodily contact with water by any participant in the Diamond Valley Reservoir if certain standards are met. This bill contains other related provisions.

SB 385 (Hueso D) Primary drinking water standards: variances: hexavalent chromium.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/24/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/24/2015

Status: 3/17/2015-Set for hearing April 15.

Location: 3/12/2015-S. E.Q.

Calendar: 4/15/2015 9:30 a.m. - Room 3191 SENATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, WIECKOWSKI, Chair

Summary: Would authorize, until January 1, 2020, the State Water Resources Control Board, at the request of a public water system, to grant a variance from the primary drinking water standard for hexavalent chromium if the public water system prepares and submits a compliance plan, the state board approves the compliance plan, the public water system provides specified notice requirements regarding the compliance plan to its customers, and the public water system sends annual reports to the state board that updates the status of the approved compliance plan.

SB 454 (Allen D) Water quality: minor violations.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/25/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/25/2015

Status: 3/5/2015-Referred to Com. on RLS.

Location: 3/5/2015-S. RLS.

Summary: The Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act authorizes the State Water Resources Control Board and the California regional water quality control boards to conduct inspections for violations of specified law. The act requires the

state board and the regional boards to determine the types of violations that are minor violations and requires the state board to adopt regulations or state policy for water quality, as prescribed. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to the provision relating to minor violations.

SB 552 (Wolk D) Public water systems: disadvantaged communities: drinking water standards.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/26/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/26/2015

Status: 3/17/2015-Set for hearing April 15.

Location: 3/12/2015-S. E.Q.

Calendar: 4/15/2015 9:30 a.m. - Room 3191 SENATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, WIECKOWSKI, Chair

Summary: Would require, by January 1, 2017, the State Water Resources Control Board to develop a plan, including enforcement mechanisms, to ensure that disadvantaged communities have water systems that are in compliance with state and federal drinking water standards. The bill would require the plan to identify strategies to help bring disadvantaged communities into compliance with safe drinking water standards.

SB 625 (Galgiani D) Water pollution: synthetic plastic microbeads.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/27/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/27/2015

Status: 3/12/2015-Referred to Com. on RLS.

Location: 3/12/2015-S. RLS.

Summary: The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65) prohibits any person, in the course of doing business, from knowingly and intentionally exposing any individual to a chemical known to the state to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity without giving a specified warning, or from discharging or releasing such a chemical into any source of drinking water, except as specified. This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would prevent water pollution from synthetic plastic microbeads.

Bay Delta

AB 501 (Levine D) Resources: Delta research.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/23/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/23/2015

Status: 3/5/2015-Referred to Coms. on W., P., & W. and JUD.

Location: 3/5/2015-A. W.,P. & W.

Calendar: 4/14/2015 9 a.m. - State Capitol, Room 437 ASSEMBLY WATER, PARKS, AND WILDLIFE, LEVINE, Chair

Summary: Would require a person conducting Delta research, as defined, whose research is funded, in whole or in part, by the state, to take specified actions with regard to the sharing of the primary data, samples, physical collections, and other supporting materials created or gathered in the course of that research. The bill would authorize the Delta Independent Science Board to adopt guidelines to provide adjustments to, and, where essential, exceptions from, these requirements and would exempt the adoption of these guidelines from the procedural requirements for the adoption of regulations.

AB 1201 (Salas D) Delta Stewardship Council.

Current Text: Amended: 3/26/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/27/2015

Last Amend: 3/26/2015

Status: 3/26/2015-Referred to Com. on W., P., & W. From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on W., P., & W. Read second time and amended.

Location: 3/26/2015-A. W.,P. & W.

Summary: Would require the Delta Stewardship Council, in the course of implementing the Delta Plan, to direct the Delta Independent Science Board to conduct an assessment of stressors, in addition to the operations of the State Water Resources Development System and the federal Central Valley Project, on populations of native fish species in the Delta, the Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers, and the tributaries to those rivers below the rim dams of the central valley, containing specified information, and to recommend changes in statute and actions that may be taken by state agencies to remedy the situation at the earliest possible time.

SB 756 (Stone R) California Environmental Quality Act.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/27/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/27/2015

Status: 3/19/2015-Referred to Com. on RLS.

Location: 3/19/2015-S. RLS.

Summary: Would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to amend CEQA.

Water

AB 1 **(Brown D) Drought: local governments: fines.**

Current Text: Introduced: 12/1/2014 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 12/1/2014

Status: 1/16/2015-Referred to Com. on L. GOV.

Location: 1/16/2015-A. L. GOV.

Calendar: 4/8/2015 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 127 ASSEMBLY LOCAL GOVERNMENT, MAIENSCHIEIN, Chair

Summary: Would prohibit a city, county, or city and county from imposing a fine under any local maintenance ordinance or other relevant ordinance for a failure to water a lawn or having a brown lawn during a period for which the Governor has issued a proclamation of a state of emergency based on drought conditions.

AB 78 **(Mathis R) Groundwater basins.**

Current Text: Introduced: 1/5/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 1/5/2015

Status: 1/6/2015-From printer. May be heard in committee February 5.

Location: 1/5/2015-A. PRINT

Summary: Current law requires the Department of Water Resources to categorize each basin or subbasin as high-, medium-, low-, or very low priority and to establish ground water the initial priority for each basin no later than January 31, 2015. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to this provision.

AB 88 **(Gomez D) Sales and use taxes: exemption: energy or water efficient home appliances.**

Current Text: Introduced: 1/7/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 1/7/2015

Status: 3/23/2015-In committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.

Location: 1/26/2015-A. REV. & TAX

Calendar: 4/13/2015 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 126 ASSEMBLY REVENUE AND TAXATION, TING, Chair

Summary: Would exempt from sales and use taxes the gross receipts from the sale of, and the storage, use, or other consumption in this state of, an energy or water efficient home appliance purchased by a public utility that is provided at no cost to a low-income participant in a federal, state, or ratepayer-funded energy efficiency program for use by that low-income participant in the energy efficiency program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

AB 149 (Chávez R) Urban water management plans.

Current Text: Introduced: 1/15/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 1/15/2015

Status: 2/2/2015-Referred to Com. on W., P., & W.

Location: 2/2/2015-A. W.,P. & W.

Summary: The Urban Water Management Planning Act requires an urban water supplier to submit to the Department of Water Resources a copy of its urban water management plan and requires the department to prepare and submit to the Legislature, on or before December 31, in the years ending in 6 and 1, a report summarizing the status of plans adopted pursuant to the act. This bill, commencing January 1, 2017, would instead require an urban water supplier to update its plan at least once every 5 years on or before December 31 in years ending in 6 and one. The bill would instead require the department to submit its report to the Legislature, on or before December 31, in years ending in 7 and two.

AB 152 (Bigelow R) Water rights: appropriation.

Current Text: Introduced: 1/15/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 1/15/2015

Status: 1/16/2015-From printer. May be heard in committee February 15.

Location: 1/15/2015-A. PRINT

Summary: Under current law, the State Water Resources Control Board administers a water rights program pursuant to which the board grants permits and licenses to appropriate water. Current law requires the board to allow the appropriation for beneficial purposes of unappropriated water under terms and conditions as in its judgment will best develop, conserve, and utilize in the public interest the water sought to be appropriated. This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to these provisions.

AB 153 (Bigelow R) Integrated regional water management planning.

Current Text: Introduced: 1/15/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 1/15/2015

Status: 1/16/2015-From printer. May be heard in committee February 15.

Location: 1/15/2015-A. PRINT

Summary: Current law authorizes a regional water management group to prepare and adopt an integrated regional water management plan with specified components. This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to that

provision.

AB 228 (Waldron R) State Water Resources Development System: reporting requirement.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/4/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/4/2015

Status: 2/5/2015-From printer. May be heard in committee March 7.

Location: 2/4/2015-A. PRINT

Summary: Under current law, the Department of Water Resources operates the State Water Resources Development System. Current law requires the department, on or before January 10, 2010, and annually thereafter, to prepare and submit to the chairpersons of the fiscal committees of the Legislature a report, as prescribed, about the budget of the State Water Resources Development System. This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change in these provisions.

AB 307 (Mathis R) Graywater: groundwater recharge.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/12/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/12/2015

Status: 2/13/2015-From printer. May be heard in committee March 15.

Location: 2/12/2015-A. PRINT

Summary: Would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to explicitly permit the usage of residential, commercial, and industrial graywater for the recharge of a groundwater basin or aquifer.

AB 308 (Mathis R) Graywater: agricultural use.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/12/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/12/2015

Status: 2/13/2015-From printer. May be heard in committee March 15.

Location: 2/12/2015-A. PRINT

Summary: Would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to explicitly permit incorporated and unincorporated communities to sell graywater for agricultural purposes and agriculture to use graywater for agricultural purposes.

AB 349 (Gonzalez D) Common interest developments: property use and maintenance.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/17/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/17/2015

Status: 3/2/2015-Referred to Com. on H. & C.D.

Location: 3/2/2015-A. H. & C.D.

Summary: Current law makes void and unenforceable any provision of the

governing documents or architectural or landscaping guidelines or policies in a common interest development declaration that prohibits use of low water-using plants, or prohibits or restricts compliance with water-efficient landscape ordinances or regulations on the use of water, as specified. This bill would also make void and unenforceable any provision of the governing documents or architectural or landscaping guidelines or policies that prohibits use of low water-using landscapes that require not more than a specified amount of water. This bill contains other existing laws.

AB 401 (Dodd D) Low-Income Water Rate Assistance Program.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/19/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/19/2015

Status: 3/24/2015-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 9. Noes 3.) (March 23). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 3/24/2015-A. APPR.

Summary: Would require the Department of Community Services and Development, no later than January 1, 2017, in collaboration with the State Board of Equalization and relevant stakeholders, to develop a plan for the funding and implementation of the Low-Income Water Rate Assistance Program, which would include specified elements. The bill would require the department, no later than January 1, 2017, to report to the Legislature on its findings regarding the feasibility and desired structure of the program, including any recommendations for legislative action that may need to be taken. This bill contains other existing laws.

AB 434 (Garcia, Eduardo D) Drinking water: point-of-entry and point-of-use treatment.

Current Text: Amended: 3/19/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/19/2015

Last Amend: 3/19/2015

Status: 3/23/2015-Re-referred to Com. on E.S. & T.M.

Location: 3/23/2015-A. E.S. & T.M.

Calendar: 4/14/2015 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 444
ASSEMBLY ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY AND TOXIC
MATERIALS, ALEJO, Chair

Summary: Would require the State Water Resources Control Board to adopt regulations governing the use of point-of-entry and point-of-use treatment by public water systems in lieu of centralized treatment where it can be demonstrated that centralized treatment is not immediately economically feasible, with specified limitations. The bill would exempt the regulations from the Administrative Procedure Act and would require that the regulations and any amendments to the regulations remain in effect until revised by the state board. This bill contains other related provisions.

AB 452 (Bigelow R) Water Rights Fund: Groundwater Regulation Subaccount.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/23/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/23/2015

Status: 3/5/2015-Referred to Com. on W., P., & W.

Location: 3/5/2015-A. W.,P. & W.

Calendar: 4/14/2015 9 a.m. - State Capitol, Room 437 SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS AT 9 A.M.: GROUNDWATER BILLS ASSEMBLY WATER, PARKS, AND WILDLIFE SPECIAL ORDER, LEVINE, Chair

Summary: Would establish the Groundwater Regulation Subaccount in the Water Rights Fund and would provide that moneys in the subaccount are available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the State Water Resources Control Board for the purpose of board enforcement of the provisions of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

AB 453 (Bigelow R) Groundwater management.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/23/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/23/2015

Status: 3/5/2015-Referred to Com. on W., P., & W.

Location: 3/5/2015-A. W.,P. & W.

Calendar: 4/14/2015 9 a.m. - State Capitol, Room 437 SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS AT 9 A.M.: GROUNDWATER BILLS ASSEMBLY WATER, PARKS, AND WILDLIFE SPECIAL ORDER, LEVINE, Chair

Summary: Would authorize, until a groundwater sustainability plan is adopted, a local agency to amend an existing groundwater management plan in furtherance of, and consistent with, the groundwater management plan's objectives.

AB 454 (Bigelow R) Sustainable groundwater management.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/23/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/23/2015

Status: 3/5/2015-Referred to Com. on W., P., & W.

Location: 3/5/2015-A. W.,P. & W.

Calendar: 4/14/2015 9 a.m. - State Capitol, Room 437 SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS AT 9 A.M.: GROUNDWATER BILLS ASSEMBLY WATER, PARKS, AND WILDLIFE SPECIAL ORDER, LEVINE, Chair

Summary: Would require a high- or medium-priority basin that is not subject to critical conditions of overdraft to be managed under a groundwater sustainability plan or coordinated groundwater sustainability plan by January 31, 2023. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

AB 455 (Bigelow R) Groundwater sustainability plans: environmental impact reports.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/23/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/23/2015

Status: 3/5/2015-Referred to Coms. on W., P., & W. and NAT. RES.

Location: 3/5/2015-A. W.,P. & W.

Calendar: 4/14/2015 9 a.m. - State Capitol, Room 437 SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS AT 9 A.M.: GROUNDWATER BILLS ASSEMBLY WATER, PARKS, AND WILDLIFE SPECIAL ORDER, LEVINE, Chair

Summary: Would require the Judicial Council, on or before July 1, 2016, to adopt a rule of court to establish procedures applicable to actions or proceedings brought to attack, review, set aside, void, or annul the certification of an EIR for projects covered by a groundwater sustainability plan that require the actions or proceedings be resolved within 270 days of certification of the record of proceeding. The bill would also prohibit the court from staying or enjoining the construction or operation of the project unless the court makes a certain finding. This bill contains other existing laws.

AB 478 (Harper R) Desalination.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/23/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/23/2015

Status: 2/24/2015-From printer. May be heard in committee March 26.

Location: 2/23/2015-A. PRINT

Summary: Current law provides that it is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Water Resources shall undertake to find economic and efficient methods of desalting saline water so that desalted water may be made available to help meet the growing water requirements of the state. This bill would make a nonsubstantive change in these provisions.

AB 585 (Melendez R) Outdoor Water Efficiency Act of 2015: personal income tax credits: outdoor water efficiency.

Current Text: Amended: 3/16/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/24/2015

Last Amend: 3/16/2015

Status: 3/17/2015-Re-referred to Com. on REV. & TAX.

Location: 3/17/2015-A. REV. & TAX

Summary: The Personal Income Tax Law allows various credits against the taxes imposed by that law. This bill, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2015, and before January 1, 2021, or an earlier specified date, would allow a credit equal to 25% of the amount paid or incurred by a qualified taxpayer for water-efficiency improvements made to outdoor landscapes on qualified real property in this state, not to exceed \$2,500 per taxable year, as specified. This bill contains other related provisions.

AB 603 (Salas D) Income taxes: turf removal tax credit.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/24/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/24/2015

Status: 3/9/2015-Referred to Com. on REV. & TAX.

Location: 3/9/2015-A. REV. & TAX

Calendar: 4/13/2015 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 126
ASSEMBLY REVENUE AND TAXATION, TING, Chair

Summary: Would, under Personal Income Tax Law and the Corporation Tax Law, for taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2015, allow a credit to a taxpayer participating in a lawn replacement program, as defined, in an amount equal to \$2 per square foot of conventional lawn removed from the taxpayer's property. The bill would make findings and declarations in this regard. This bill contains other related provisions.

AB 606 (Levine D) Water conservation.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/24/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/24/2015

Status: 3/9/2015-Referred to Com. on A. & A.R.

Location: 3/9/2015-A. A. & A.R.

Summary: Would require the Department of General Services to identify each public property added to the department's state property inventory beginning January 1, 2015, where it is feasible for water consumption to be reduced and water efficiencies to be achieved through replacement of landscaping, irrigation timers, or spray sprinkler heads, or any combination thereof, and would require the appropriate replacements where feasible, except as specified.

AB 615 (Rendon D) The Center for Community Water Projects.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/24/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/24/2015

Status: 3/9/2015-Referred to Com. on W., P., & W.

Location: 3/9/2015-A. W.,P. & W.

Summary: Would establish The Center for Community Water Projects, to be administered by the Division of Financial Assistance within the State Water Resources Control Board. The bill would declare the purpose of the center is to provide a centralized, multidisciplinary technical assistance program for disadvantaged communities and to assist those communities in designing and building clean and sustainable water projects.

AB 617 (Perea D) Groundwater.

Current Text: Amended: 3/26/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/24/2015

Last Amend: 3/26/2015

Status: 3/26/2015-Referred to Com. on W., P., & W. From committee chair, with

author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on W., P., & W. Read second time and amended.

Location: 3/26/2015-A. W.,P. & W.

Calendar: 4/14/2015 9 a.m. - State Capitol, Room 437 SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS AT 9 A.M.: GROUNDWATER BILLS ASSEMBLY WATER, PARKS, AND WILDLIFE SPECIAL ORDER, LEVINE, Chair

Summary: Would authorize a combination of one or more local agencies and one or more mutual water companies to enter into an agreement to form a groundwater sustainability agency and would authorize a groundwater sustainability agency formed by a joint powers agreement to exercise the powers granted in the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

AB 647 (Eggman D) Beneficial use: diversion of water underground.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/24/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/24/2015

Status: 3/9/2015-Referred to Com. on W., P., & W.

Location: 3/9/2015-A. W.,P. & W.

Calendar: 4/14/2015 9 a.m. - State Capitol, Room 437 SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS AT 9 A.M.: GROUNDWATER BILLS ASSEMBLY WATER, PARKS, AND WILDLIFE SPECIAL ORDER, LEVINE, Chair

Summary: Would declare that the diversion of water underground constitutes a beneficial use of water for which an appropriation may be made if the diverted water is stored and thereafter applied to beneficial use or if beneficial use of the water, including, but not limited to, protection of water quality or recovery of groundwater levels, is made while the water is underground. This bill would provide that the period for the reversion of a water right does not apply to water being beneficially used in the aquifer or being held in storage for later beneficial use.

AB 697 (Chu D) Personal income tax: credits: senior citizen renters.

Current Text: Amended: 3/26/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/25/2015

Last Amend: 3/26/2015

Status: 3/26/2015-Referred to Com. on REV. & TAX. From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on REV. & TAX. Read second time and amended.

Location: 3/26/2015-A. REV. & TAX

Summary: Would allow, for each taxable year beginning on or after January 1, 2016, and before January 1, 2019, a credit in an amount equal to the increase in rent of a qualified residence in specified counties for the taxable year compared to the previous taxable year that is paid or incurred by a qualified taxpayer, which is defined as a senior citizen meeting a certain low-income requirements. This bill contains other related provisions.

AB 723 (Rendon D) Plumbing fixtures: WaterSense standards.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/25/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/25/2015

Status: 3/12/2015-Referred to Com. on H. & C.D.

Location: 3/12/2015-A. H. & C.D.

Summary: Would, beginning January 1, 2017, prohibit manufacturers selling water closets, urinals, bathroom faucets, and shower heads from installing or selling any of the aforementioned plumbing fixtures that do not meet WaterSense standards set by the federal Environmental Protection Agency, as specified. The bill would require these manufacturers, by January 30 of each year, to inform, in writing, the California Energy Commission, the department, and the California Building Standards Commission of the number of WaterSense certified models it is offering for sale that year as compared to the years 2010 to 2014, inclusive.

AB 725 (Wagner R) Water quality: recycled water: storm-induced overflow.

Current Text: Amended: 3/26/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/25/2015

Last Amend: 3/26/2015

Status: 3/26/2015-Referred to Com. on W., P., & W. From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on W., P., & W. Read second time and amended.

Location: 3/26/2015-A. W.,P. & W.

Summary: Would, on or before December 31, 2016, require the State Water Resources Control Board, in consultation with stakeholders, to adopt a policy to address the potential for a storm-induced overflow from an impoundment in which recycled water is stored for subsequent beneficial use or aesthetic purposes.

AB 824 (Gatto D) Fire prevention activities.

Current Text: Amended: 3/26/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/26/2015

Last Amend: 3/26/2015

Status: 3/26/2015-Referred to Com. on NAT. RES.

Location: 3/26/2015-A. NAT. RES.

Summary: Current law requires the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to provide an annual report to the Legislature detailing the department's fire prevention activities, as described. Current law requires the report to include specified data and information. This bill would, for purposes of this report, describe "fire prevention activities" to include coordination and cooperation with the federal government. The bill would require the report to include a map of the areas of coordination between the department and the federal government, as provided.

AB 935 (Salas D) Integrated Regional Water Management Plans: conveyance projects: grants and expenditures.

Current Text: Amended: 3/26/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/26/2015

Last Amend: 3/26/2015

Status: 3/26/2015-Referred to Com. on W., P., & W. From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on W., P., & W. Read second time and amended.

Location: 3/26/2015-A. W.,P. & W.

Summary: Would require the Department of Water Resources to provide grants and expenditures, consistent with an integrated regional water management plan, for the planning, design, and construction of local and regional conveyance projects that support regional and interregional connectivity and water management and provide certain benefits. The bill would authorize the department to adopt regulations to implement these provisions.

AB 936 (Salas D) Groundwater monitoring.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/26/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/26/2015

Status: 3/16/2015-Referred to Com. on W., P., & W.

Location: 3/16/2015-A. W.,P. & W.

Calendar: 4/14/2015 9 a.m. - State Capitol, Room 437 SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS AT 9 A.M.: GROUNDWATER BILLS ASSEMBLY WATER, PARKS, AND WILDLIFE SPECIAL ORDER, LEVINE, Chair

Summary: If there is insufficient interest in establishing a management plan or ground watering association, and the county decides not to perform groundwater monitoring and reporting functions, the Department of Water Resources is required to perform the groundwater monitoring functions. In that event, specified entities with authority to assume groundwater monitoring functions with regard to a basin or subbasin for which the department has assumed those functions are not eligible for a water grant or loan awarded or administered by the state. This bill would create an exception from this eligibility restriction if the entity submits to the department for approval documentation demonstrating the water grant or loan project includes those actions needed to comply with groundwater monitoring functions.

AB 937 (Salas D) Groundwater storage: beneficial use.

Current Text: Amended: 3/26/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/26/2015

Last Amend: 3/26/2015

Status: 3/26/2015-Referred to Com. on W., P., & W. From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on W., P., & W. Read second

time and amended.

Location: 3/26/2015-A. W.,P. & W.

Calendar: 4/14/2015 9 a.m. - State Capitol, Room 437 SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS AT 9 A.M.: GROUNDWATER BILLS ASSEMBLY WATER, PARKS, AND WILDLIFE SPECIAL ORDER, LEVINE, Chair

Summary: Would declare that the recharging of a groundwater basin by a local groundwater management agency or a local groundwater sustainability agency for the purposes of repelling saline intrusion or recovering basin groundwater levels and the flowing of waters on lands or other similar means necessary for the accomplishment of groundwater recharge for these purposes, constitutes a beneficial use of water if the recharge is consistent with the local agency's groundwater management plan or groundwater sustainability plan.

AB 938 (Salas D) Groundwater: basin reprioritization: establishment of groundwater sustainability agency.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/26/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/26/2015

Status: 3/16/2015-Referred to Com. on W., P., & W.

Location: 3/16/2015-A. W.,P. & W.

Calendar: 4/14/2015 9 a.m. - State Capitol, Room 437 SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS AT 9 A.M.: GROUNDWATER BILLS ASSEMBLY WATER, PARKS, AND WILDLIFE SPECIAL ORDER, LEVINE, Chair

Summary: The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act requires a local agency, any time the Department of Water Resources changes basin priorities and elevates a basin to a medium- or high-priority basin after January 31, 2015, to either establish a groundwater sustainability agency within 2 years of reprioritization and adopt a groundwater sustainability plan within 5 years of reprioritization, or to submit an alternative to the department that the local agency believes satisfies the objectives of these provisions within 2 years of reprioritization. This bill would impose the requirement to establish a groundwater sustainability agency or submit an alternative after reprioritization on a local agency or combination of local agencies overlying a groundwater basin.

AB 939 (Salas D) Groundwater sustainability agency: financial authority.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/26/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/26/2015

Status: 3/16/2015-Referred to Com. on W., P., & W.

Location: 3/16/2015-A. W.,P. & W.

Calendar: 4/14/2015 9 a.m. - State Capitol, Room 437 SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS AT 9 A.M.: GROUNDWATER BILLS ASSEMBLY WATER, PARKS, AND WILDLIFE SPECIAL ORDER, LEVINE, Chair

Summary: The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act authorizes a

groundwater sustainability agency to impose fees to fund the costs of a groundwater sustainability program and requires a groundwater sustainability agency to hold at least one public meeting prior to imposing or increasing a fee. The act requires, at least 10 days prior to the meeting, a groundwater sustainability agency to make available to the public data upon which the proposed fee is based. This bill would require a groundwater sustainability agency to make the data upon which the proposed fee is based available 20 days prior to the public meeting to impose or increase a fee.

AB 977 (Mayer R) State Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/26/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/26/2015

Status: 3/26/2015-Referred to Com. on E.S. & T.M.

Location: 3/26/2015-A. E.S. & T.M.

Summary: Would make nonsubstantive changes to the requirement that moneys in the State Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund be used only for permissible purposes allowed by the Clean Water Act or a federal capitalization grant deposited in the fund.

AB 1128 (Jones-Sawyer D) Water conservation.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/27/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/27/2015

Status: 3/2/2015-Read first time.

Location: 2/27/2015-A. PRINT

Summary: Current law declares the intent of the Legislature to, among other things, promote urban water conservation standards that are consistent with the California Urban Water Conservation Council's adopted best management practices and specified requirements for demand management. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to these findings and declarations.

AB 1139 (Campos D) Personal income taxes: credit: turf removal.

Current Text: Amended: 3/26/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/27/2015

Last Amend: 3/26/2015

Status: 3/26/2015-Referred to Com. on REV. & TAX. From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on REV. & TAX. Read second time and amended.

Location: 3/26/2015-A. REV. & TAX

Summary: The Personal Income Tax Law allows various credits against the taxes imposed by that law. This bill would, for taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2015, allow a credit to a taxpayer participating in a lawn replacement program, as defined, in an amount equal to \$2 per square foot of conventional lawn removed from the taxpayer's property, up to \$50,000 per

taxable year, as provided. The bill would make findings and declarations in this regard.

AB 1244 (Gray D) Water rights: small irrigation use.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/27/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/27/2015

Status: 3/23/2015-Referred to Com. on W., P., & W.

Location: 3/23/2015-A. W.,P. & W.

Summary: Current law authorizes any person to obtain a right to appropriate water for a small irrigation use upon registering the use with the State Water Resources Control Board and thereafter applying the water to reasonable and beneficial use with due diligence. This bill would require the board to adopt general conditions, in consultation with the Department of Food and Agriculture, the University of California Cooperative Extension, and others, including, but not limited to the Department of Fish and Wildlife, for small irrigation use, unless the board determines that sufficient funds are not available for that purpose.

AB 1376 (Perea D) State Water Resources Control Board: investigations.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/27/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/27/2015

Status: 3/26/2015-Referred to Com. on W., P., & W. From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on W., P., & W. Read second time and amended.

Location: 3/26/2015-A. W.,P. & W.

Summary: Current law designates the State Water Resources Control Board as the state pollution control agency for purposes of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and authorizes the state board to exercise any powers delegated to the state by the Federal Water Pollution Control Act. Current law requires the state board to coordinate water-quality-related investigations of state agencies and requires a state agency to submit to the state board, for review and comment, plans for, and results of, investigations that relate to, or have an effect upon, water quality. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to these water-quality-related investigation provisions.

AB 1390 (Alejo D) Groundwater: adjudication.

Current Text: Amended: 3/26/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/27/2015

Last Amend: 3/26/2015

Status: 3/26/2015-Referred to Coms. on W., P., & W. and JUD. From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on W., P., & W. Read second time and amended.

Location: 3/26/2015-A. W.,P. & W.

Calendar: 4/14/2015 9 a.m. - State Capitol, Room 437 SPECIAL ORDER OF

BUSINESS AT 9 A.M.: GROUNDWATER BILLS ASSEMBLY WATER, PARKS, AND WILDLIFE SPECIAL ORDER, LEVINE, Chair

Summary: Would establish special procedures for adjudication actions, which are defined as actions filed in superior court to determine the rights to extract groundwater within a basin or store water from a basin, as specified. The bill would authorize the court to determine all rights to groundwater in a basin whether based on appropriation, overlying right, or other basis of right. The bill would require these special procedures to govern all adjudication actions except in specified cases not involving allocation of a basin's groundwater supply.

SB 7 **(Wolk D) Housing: water meters: multiunit structures.**

Current Text: Introduced: 12/1/2014 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 12/1/2014

Status: 3/17/2015-Set for hearing April 14.

Location: 1/15/2015-S. T. & H.

Calendar: 4/14/2015 1:30 p.m. - John L. Burton Hearing Room (4203)
SENATE TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING, BEALL, Chair

Summary: Would express the intent of the Legislature to encourage the conservation of water in multifamily residential rental buildings through means either within the landlord's or the tenant's control, and to ensure that the practices involving the submetering of dwelling units for water service are just and reasonable, and include appropriate safeguards for both tenants and landlords. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

SB 13 **(Pavley D) Groundwater.**

Current Text: Amended: 2/24/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 12/1/2014

Last Amend: 2/24/2015

Status: 3/24/2015-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 8. Noes 1.) (March 24). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 3/24/2015-S. APPR.

Summary: Would specify that the State Water Resources Control Board is authorized to designate a high- or medium-priority basin as a probationary basin. This bill would provide a local agency or groundwater sustainability agency 90 or 180 days, as prescribed, to remedy certain deficiencies that caused the board to designate the basin as a probationary basin. This bill would authorize the board to develop an interim plan for certain probationary basins one year after the designation of the basin as a probationary basin. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

SB 20 **(Pavley D) Wells: reports: public availability.**

Current Text: Introduced: 12/1/2014 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 12/1/2014

Status: 3/24/2015-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on E.Q. (Ayes 7. Noes 2.) (March 24). Re-referred to Com. on E.Q.

Location: 3/24/2015-S. E.Q.

Calendar: 4/15/2015 9:30 a.m. - Room 3191 SENATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, WIECKOWSKI, Chair

Summary: Current law requires a person who digs, bores, or drills a water well, cathodic protection well, or a monitoring well, or abandons or destroys a well, or deepens or re-perforates a well, to file a report of completion with the Department of Water Resources. Current law prohibits those reports from being made available to the public, except under certain circumstances. This bill would instead require the department to, upon request, make the reports available to the public. The bill would require the department to provide specified disclaimers when providing the reports to the public.

SB 113 (Galgiani D) Disaster Preparedness and Flood Prevention Bond Act of 2006.

Current Text: Introduced: 1/13/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 1/13/2015

Status: 3/23/2015-March 24 set for first hearing canceled at the request of author.

Location: 2/5/2015-S. N.R. & W.

Summary: The Disaster Preparedness and Flood Prevention Bond Act of 2006 authorizes bonds in the amount of \$4,090,000,000 for the purposes of financing disaster preparedness and flood prevention projects. Funds provided by the act are only available for appropriation until July 1, 2016, and at that time the amount of indebtedness authorized by the act is reduced by the amount of funds that have not been appropriated. This bill would remove the restriction that the funds are available for appropriation only until July 1, 2016.

SB 173 (Nielsen R) Groundwater: de minimis extractors.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/5/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/5/2015

Status: 3/24/2015-March 24 set for first hearing. Failed passage in committee. (Ayes 2. Noes 7.) Reconsideration granted.

Location: 3/24/2015-S. N.R. & W.

Summary: Current law generally excepts a de minimis extractor from the requirement that a person who extracts groundwater from a probationary basin, as prescribed, or extracts groundwater on or after July 1, 2017, in an area within a basin that is not within the management area of a groundwater sustainability agency and where the county does not assume responsibility to be the groundwater sustainability agency has to file a report of groundwater extraction by December 15 of each year for extractions made in the preceding water year with the State Water Resources Control Board. This bill would define a de minimis extractor for the purposes of these provisions as a person who extracts, for domestic purposes, 10 acre-feet or less per year.

SB 208 (Lara D) Integrated regional water management plans: grants: advanced payment.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/11/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/11/2015

Status: 3/24/2015-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on E.Q. (Ayes 7. Noes 2.) (March 24). Re-referred to Com. on E.Q.

Location: 3/24/2015-S. E.Q.

Calendar: 4/15/2015 9:30 a.m. - Room 3191 SENATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, WIECKOWSKI, Chair

Summary: Would require a regional water management group, within 90 days of notice that a grant has been awarded, to provide the state entity administering the grant with a list of projects to be funded by the grant funds where the project proponent is a nonprofit organization, as defined, or a disadvantaged community, as defined, or the project benefits a disadvantaged community. This bill contains other existing laws.

SB 226 (Pavley D) Sustainable Groundwater Management Act: groundwater rights.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/13/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/13/2015

Status: 3/26/2015-Set for hearing April 14.

Location: 2/26/2015-S. N.R. & W.

Calendar: 4/14/2015 9:30 a.m. - Room 112 SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER, PAVLEY, Chair

Summary: Would provide, under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, that a groundwater sustainability plan or coordinated groundwater sustainability plans establishes a timely method for determining rights to groundwater in furtherance of the objectives of the act. This bill would require the process to be available to any court of competent jurisdiction. This bill would require the boundaries of a basin to be as identified in Bulletin 118, unless other basin boundaries are established, as specified.

SB 228 (Cannella R) Groundwater storage: beneficial use.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/13/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/13/2015

Status: 3/18/2015-Set for hearing April 14.

Location: 2/26/2015-S. N.R. & W.

Calendar: 4/14/2015 9:30 a.m. - Room 112 SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER, PAVLEY, Chair

Summary: Would declare that the recharging of a groundwater basin by a local groundwater management agency or a local groundwater sustainability agency for the purposes of repelling saline intrusion and recovering basin groundwater levels

constitutes a beneficial use of water if the recharge is consistent with the local agency's groundwater management plan or groundwater sustainability plan.

SB 355 (Lara D) San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/24/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/24/2015

Status: 3/24/2015-Do pass as amended, and re-refer to the Committee on Appropriations.

Location: 3/24/2015-S. APPR.

Summary: Would require that only one member of the Orange County Division of the League of California Cities be a voting member of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, and would require that a resident of a city bordering the Lower Los Angeles River, appointed by the Senator Committee on Rules, be a voting member. The bill would also increase the number of nonvoting members to 9, and would require that one Member of the Senate, appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules, and one Member of the Assembly, appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly, serve as those nonvoting members.

SB 471 (Pavley D) Water, energy, and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions: planning.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/26/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/26/2015

Status: 3/18/2015-Set for hearing April 14.

Location: 3/12/2015-S. N.R. & W.

Calendar: 4/14/2015 9:30 a.m. - Room 112 SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER, PAVLEY, Chair

Summary: Current law continuously appropriates specified portions of the annual proceeds in the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund to various programs including 20% for the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program, administered by the Strategic Growth Council. Current law specifies the objectives for the program and identifies categories of projects eligible for funding under this program. This bill would require the council, in implementing these provisions, to give special consideration to awarding funds to eligible projects that, in addition to existing objectives and goals, would also result in reduced energy use by a water supplier, an end user of water, or both.

SB 485 (Hernandez D) County of Los Angeles: sanitation districts.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/26/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/26/2015

Status: 3/12/2015-Referred to Com. on RLS.

Location: 3/12/2015-S. RLS.

Summary: The County Sanitation District Act authorizes a sanitation district to acquire, construct, and complete certain works, property, or structures necessary or convenient for sewage collection, treatment, and disposal. This bill would authorize specified sanitation districts in the County of Los Angeles, to acquire, construct, operate, maintain, and furnish facilities for the diversion, management, and treatment of stormwater and dry weather runoff, the discharge of the water to the stormwater drainage system, and the beneficial use of the water. This bill contains other related provisions.

SB 487 (Nielsen R) Sustainable Groundwater Management Act: California Environmental Quality Act: exemptions.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/26/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/26/2015

Status: 3/17/2015-Set for hearing April 15.

Location: 3/12/2015-S. E.Q.

Calendar: 4/15/2015 9:30 a.m. - Room 3191 SENATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, WIECKOWSKI, Chair

Summary: Would exempt from the requirements of CEQA the formation of a groundwater sustainability agency, the amendment of a groundwater sustainability plan or coordinated groundwater sustainability plan, and the implementation of those plans, except to the extent that the implementation requires the construction or installation of a new facility. Because a lead agency would be required to determine the applicability of this exemption, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

SB 551 (Wolk D) State water policy: water and energy efficiency.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/26/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/26/2015

Status: 3/12/2015-Referred to Com. on RLS.

Location: 3/12/2015-S. RLS.

Summary: Would declare the policy of the state that water use and water treatment shall be as energy efficient as is feasible and energy use and generation shall be as water efficient as is feasible. This bill would require all relevant state agencies to consider this state policy when revising, adopting, or establishing policies, regulations, and grant criteria when pertinent to these uses of water and energy. This bill contains other existing laws.

SB 553 (Wolk D) Water conservation.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/26/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/26/2015

Status: 3/12/2015-Referred to Com. on G.O.

Location: 3/12/2015-S. G.O.

Summary: Would require the Department of General Services to identify each public property in the department's state property inventory where it is feasible for water consumption to be reduced and water efficiencies to be achieved through implementation of the relevant recommendations made in the model water efficient landscape ordinance and would require the department to implement the relevant recommendations where feasible, except as specified. This bill contains other existing laws.

SB 554 (Wolk D) California Water Commission: disqualifying financial interest: removal from office.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/26/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/26/2015

Status: 3/12/2015-Referred to Com. on E. & C.A.

Location: 3/12/2015-S. E. & C.A.

Calendar: 4/7/2015 Anticipated Hearing SENATE E. & C.A., Not in daily file.

Summary: Would remove a member of the California Water Commission from office if after trial a court finds that the commission member has knowingly participated in any commission decision in which the member has a disqualifying financial interest in the decision.

SB 555 (Wolk D) Department of Water Resources: urban retail water suppliers: water loss audits.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/26/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/26/2015

Status: 3/12/2015-Referred to Com. on N.R. & W.

Location: 3/12/2015-S. N.R. & W.

Summary: Would require each urban retail water supplier, on or before July 1, 2017, to conduct a water loss audit as prescribed by rules adopted by the Department of Water Resources on or before July 1, 2016. This bill would require an urban retail water supplier to submit a validated audit report to the department within 60 days of completion and the department to post the report on its Internet Web site in a timely manner after its receipt. This bill would require the department to provide technical assistance to guide urban retail water suppliers' water loss detection programs.

SB 568 (Fuller R) Groundwater management.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/26/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/26/2015

Status: 3/12/2015-Referred to Com. on RLS.

Location: 3/12/2015-S. RLS.

Summary: Would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation relating to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

SB 615 (Berryhill R) Groundwater basin adjudication.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/27/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/27/2015

Status: 3/12/2015-Referred to Com. on RLS.

Location: 3/12/2015-S. RLS.

Summary: Current law specifies the jurisdiction of the courts. Under current law, courts may adjudicate rights to produce groundwater and exercise other powers relating to the supervision of a groundwater basin. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to streamline the process for the adjudication of groundwater rights.

SB 664 (Hertzberg D) Water: Department of Water Resources.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/27/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/27/2015

Status: 3/12/2015-Referred to Com. on RLS.

Location: 3/12/2015-S. RLS.

Summary: Current law establishes in the Natural Resources Agency the Department of Water Resources, which is under the control of the Director of Water Resources. Current law provides for the appointment of the director by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to that provision.

SB 768 (Wieckowski D) Water-conserving plumbing fixtures.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/27/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/27/2015

Status: 3/19/2015-Referred to Com. on RLS.

Location: 3/19/2015-S. RLS.

Summary: Current law requires the replacement of plumbing fixtures that are not water conserving, as defined as noncompliant plumbing fixtures, in residential and commercial real property built and available for use on or before January 1, 1994, as specified. Current law provides findings and declarations regarding these requirements, including that there is a pressing need to address water supply reliability issues caused by growing urban areas. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to these findings and declarations.

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AB 311 (Gallagher R) Environmental quality: Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014.

Current Text: Amended: 3/17/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/12/2015

Last Amend: 3/17/2015

Status: 3/23/2015-Action From NAT. RES.: Failed passage Reconsideration granted.

Location: 3/23/2015-A. NAT. RES.

Summary: Would require a public agency, in certifying a environmental impact report and in granting approvals for specified water storage projects funded, in whole or in part, by Proposition 1, to comply with specified procedures. Because a public agency would be required to comply with those new procedures, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. The bill would authorize the public agency to concurrently prepare the record of proceedings for the project. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

AB 954 (Mathis R) Water and Wastewater Loan and Grant Pilot Program.

Current Text: Amended: 3/26/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/26/2015

Last Amend: 3/26/2015

Status: 3/26/2015-Referred to Com. on W., P., & W. From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on W., P., & W. Read second time and amended.

Location: 3/26/2015-A. W.,P. & W.

Summary: Would require the State Water Resources Control Board to establish a pilot program to provide low-interest loans and grants to eligible applicants for specified purposes relating to drinking water and wastewater treatment. This bill would prohibit the board from issuing these loans or grants on or after January 1, 2026. This bill would create the Water and Wastewater Loan and Grant Fund and provide that the moneys in this fund are available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the board for expenditure for the pilot program.

AB 957 (Mathis R) Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014.

Current Text: Amended: 3/26/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/26/2015

Last Amend: 3/26/2015

Status: 3/26/2015-Referred to Com. on W., P., & W. From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on W., P., & W. Read second time and amended.

Location: 3/26/2015-A. W.,P. & W.

Summary: The Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 requires specified water recycling and advanced treatment technology projects to be selected on a competitive basis, considering specified criteria, including, among other criteria, water supply reliability improvement and public health benefits from improved drinking water quality or supply. This bill would

include in the water supply reliability improvement criterion whether the project is proposed by a community that is heavily dependent on groundwater from a basin in overdraft, and would include in the public health benefits criterion whether the project is proposed by a community that has extended, or is in the process of extending, its water service delivery to entities reliant on either contaminated groundwater or groundwater wells that have run dry.

AB 1095 (Garcia, Eduardo D) Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014: restoration funding: Salton Sea.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/27/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/27/2015

Status: 3/19/2015-Referred to Com. on W., P., & W.

Location: 3/19/2015-A. W.,P. & W.

Summary: The Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 makes \$475,000,000 available, upon appropriation, to the Natural Resources Agency to support projects that fulfill certain obligations of the state. This bill would appropriate an unspecified sum from that portion of the Proposition 1 funds to the Natural Resources Agency to be used for restoration projects that fulfill obligations of the state in complying with the above-referenced intrastate or multiparty water quantification settlement agreement provisions relating to the Salton Sea.

SB 127 (Vidak R) Environmental quality: Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014.

Current Text: Introduced: 1/20/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 1/20/2015

Status: 3/17/2015-Set for hearing April 15.

Location: 2/5/2015-S. E.Q.

Calendar: 4/15/2015 9:30 a.m. - Room 3191 SENATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, WIECKOWSKI, Chair

Summary: CEQA establishes a procedure by which a person may seek judicial review of the decision of the lead agency made pursuant to CEQA and a procedure for the preparation and certification of the record of proceedings upon the filing of an action or proceeding challenging a lead agency's action on the grounds of noncompliance with CEQA. This bill would require the public agency, in certifying the environmental impact report and in granting approvals for projects funded, in whole or in part, by Proposition 1, including the concurrent preparation of the record of proceedings and the certification of the record of proceeding within 5 days of the filing of a specified notice, to comply with specified procedures.

Energy

- AB 21** **(Perea D) California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: emissions limit: scoping plan.**
Current Text: Introduced: 12/1/2014 [pdf](#) [html](#)
Introduced: 12/1/2014
Status: 1/16/2015-Referred to Com. on NAT. RES.
Location: 1/16/2015-A. NAT. RES.
Calendar: 4/13/2015 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 447
ASSEMBLY NATURAL RESOURCES, WILLIAMS, Chair
Summary: Would require the State Air Resources Board, no later than January 1, 2018, to recommend to the Governor and the Legislature a specific target of statewide emissions reductions for 2030 to be accomplished in a cost-effective manner. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.
- AB 23** **(Patterson R) California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: market-based compliance mechanisms: exemption.**
Current Text: Introduced: 12/1/2014 [pdf](#) [html](#)
Introduced: 12/1/2014
Status: 3/23/2015-Action From NAT. RES.: Failed passage Reconsideration granted.
Location: 3/23/2015-A. NAT. RES.
Summary: The California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 authorizes the State Air Resources Board to include the use of market-based compliance mechanisms. Current state board regulations require specified entities to comply with a market-based compliance mechanism beginning January 1, 2013, and require additional specified entities to comply with that market-based compliance mechanism beginning January 1, 2015. This bill would instead exempt those categories of persons or entities that did not have a compliance obligation, as defined, under a market-based compliance mechanism beginning January 1, 2013, from being subject to that market-based compliance mechanism through December 31, 2020.
- AB 33** **(Quirk D) California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: scoping plan.**
Current Text: Introduced: 12/1/2014 [pdf](#) [html](#)
Introduced: 12/1/2014
Status: 1/22/2015-Referred to Com. on NAT. RES.
Location: 1/22/2015-A. NAT. RES.
Summary: The California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 requires the State Air Resources Board to prepare and approve a scoping plan for achieving

the maximum technologically feasible and cost-effective reductions in greenhouse gas emissions. The act requires the scoping plan to be updated at least once every 5 years. This bill, until January 1, 2020, would require, for purposes of advising the update of the next scoping plan, the state board to develop specified information by July 1, 2016. The bill would require the state board on or before January 1, 2017, to submit a report to the appropriate committees of the Legislature on the specified information.

AB 140 (Allen, Travis R) Distributed generation.

Current Text: Introduced: 1/9/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 1/9/2015

Status: 1/12/2015-Read first time. From printer. May be heard in committee February 11.

Location: 1/9/2015-A. PRINT

Summary: Current law require the Public Utilities Commission, on or before January 1, 2010, and biennially thereafter, in consultation with the Independent System Operator and the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission, to study, and submit a report to the Legislature and the Governor, on the impacts of distributed energy generation on the state's distribution and transmission grid. This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive revision to this requirement.

AB 156 (Perea D) California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: investment plan.

Current Text: Introduced: 1/20/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 1/20/2015

Status: 3/26/2015-From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on NAT. RES. Read second time and amended.

Location: 3/26/2015-A. NAT. RES.

Calendar: 4/13/2015 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 447
ASSEMBLY NATURAL RESOURCES, WILLIAMS, Chair

Summary: Current law requires the California Environmental Protection Agency to identify disadvantaged communities and requires the Department of Finance, in consultation with the state board and any other relevant state agency, to develop, as specified, a 3-year investment plan for the moneys deposited in the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund. This bill would require the department to include in the 3-year investment plan an allocation to provide technical assistance to disadvantaged communities to assist them in proposing specified projects for inclusion in the 3-year investment plan.

AB 197 (Garcia, Eduardo D) Public utilities: renewable resources.

Current Text: Introduced: 1/28/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 1/28/2015

Status: 3/26/2015-From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on U. & C. Read second time and amended.

Location: 3/26/2015-A. U. & C.

Summary: Would state the policy of the state to require all retail sellers of electricity, including investor-owned electrical corporations and local publicly owned electric utilities, to procure all available cost-effective, reliable, and feasible energy efficiency, demand response, and renewable resources, so as to achieve grid reliability and greenhouse gases emission reductions simultaneously, in the most cost-effective and affordable manner practicable. The bill would require that procurement not be limited by any targets established for these resources by statute or regulatory decision. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

AB 199 (Eggman D) Alternative energy: recycled feedstock.

Current Text: Introduced: 1/29/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 1/29/2015

Status: 3/25/2015-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on REV. & TAX. (Ayes 9. Noes 0.) (March 23). Re-referred to Com. on REV. & TAX.

Location: 3/25/2015-A. REV. & TAX

Summary: Current law establishes the California Alternative Energy and Advanced Transportation Financing Authority to provide financial assistance for projects that promote the use of alternative energies and authorizes the authority to approve a project for financial assistance in the form of a sales and use tax exclusion. This bill would expand projects eligible for the sales and use tax exclusion to include projects that process or utilize recycled feedstock, but would not include a project that processes or utilizes recycled feedstock in a manner that constitutes disposal.

AB 577 (Bonilla D) Public utilities: biogas.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/24/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/24/2015

Status: 3/9/2015-Referred to Com. on U. & C.

Location: 3/9/2015-A. U. & C.

Summary: The Public Utilities Act requires the Public Utilities Commission to direct the electrical corporations to collectively purchase 250 megawatts of cumulative rated generating capacity from developers of bioenergy projects. The act requires the commission to encourage electrical and gas corporations to develop and offer programs and services to facilitate development of in-state biogas for a broad range of purposes. This bill would limit that range of purposes to 3 specified purposes.

AB 645 (Williams D) Electricity: California Renewables Portfolio Standard.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/24/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/24/2015

Status: 3/9/2015-Referred to Coms. on U. & C. and NAT. RES.

Location: 3/9/2015-A. U. & C.

Summary: Would express the intent of the Legislature for the purposes of the Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS) program that the amount of electricity generated per year from eligible renewable energy resources be increased to an amount equal to at least 50% by December 31, 2030, and would require the PUC, by January 1, 2017, to establish the quantity of electricity products from eligible renewable energy resources to be procured by each retail seller for specified compliance periods sufficient to ensure that the procurement of electricity products from eligible renewable energy resources achieves 50% of retail sales by December 31, 2030, and that retail sellers procure not less than 50% of retail sales in all subsequent years.

AB 674 (Mullin D) Electricity: distributed generation.

Current Text: Amended: 3/25/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/25/2015

Last Amend: 3/25/2015

Status: 3/26/2015-Re-referred to Com. on U. & C.

Location: 3/26/2015-A. U. & C.

Summary: Would, to the extent authorized by federal law, require the Public Utilities Commission, by July 1, 2016, to do both of the following for electrical corporation customers that have installed clean distributed energy resources, as defined, before January 1, 2016: (1) require each electrical corporation to collect all applicable nonbypassable charges fixed, implemented, administered, or imposed by the commission based only on the actual metered consumption of electricity delivered to the customer through the electrical corporation's transmission or distribution system, which charges are to be at the same rate per kilowatt-hour as paid by other customers that do not employ a clean distributed energy resource, and (2) calculate a reservation capacity for standby service, if applicable, based on the capacity needed by an electrical corporation to serve a customer's electrical demand during an outage of the clean distributed energy resource providing electric service for that customer.

AB 1022 (Obernolte R) Net energy metering.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/26/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/26/2015

Status: 3/26/2015-Referred to Com. on U. & C.

Location: 3/26/2015-A. U. & C.

Summary: Current law requires every electric utility to make available to an eligible customer-generator a standard contract or tariff for net energy metering on a first-come-first-served basis until the time that the total rated generating capacity used by eligible customer-generators exceeds 5% of the electric utility's

aggregate customer peak demand. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive revisions to the net energy metering requirements.

AB 1030 (Ridley-Thomas D) California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/26/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/26/2015

Status: 3/19/2015-Referred to Com. on NAT. RES.

Location: 3/19/2015-A. NAT. RES.

Summary: Would require a state agency that allocates moneys from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund to prioritize projects that include project labor agreements with targeted hire goals, community workforce agreements that connect local residents to jobs or training opportunities, or partnerships with training entities that have a proven track record of placing disadvantaged workers in career-track jobs.

AB 1144 (Rendon D) California Renewables Portfolio Standard Program: unbundled renewable energy credits.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/27/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/27/2015

Status: 3/19/2015-Referred to Coms. on U. & C. and NAT. RES.

Location: 3/19/2015-A. U. & C.

Summary: Would provide, under the California Renewables Portfolio Standard Program, that unbundled renewable energy credits may be used to meet the first category of the portfolio content requirements if (1) the credits are earned by electricity that is generated by an entity that, if it were a person or corporation, would be excluded from the definition of an electrical corporation by operation of the exclusions for a corporation or person employing landfill gas technology or digester gas technology, (2) the entity employing the landfill gas technology or digester gas technology has a first point of interconnection with a California balancing authority, a first point of interconnection with distribution facilities used to serve end users within a California balancing authority area, or are scheduled from the eligible renewable energy resource into a California balancing authority without substituting electricity from another source, and (3) where the electricity generated that earned the credit is used at a facility owned by a public entity.

AB 1192 (Quirk D) California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: very low carbon transportation fuels.

Current Text: Amended: 3/26/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/27/2015

Last Amend: 3/26/2015

Status: 3/26/2015-Referred to Com. on NAT. RES.

Location: 3/26/2015-A. NAT. RES.

Summary: Would authorize the State Air Resources Board to establish a very low carbon fuel market commitment program that requires wholesalers, producers, importers, or any other entity that provides transportation fuel to a retailer or sells transportation fuel to a consumer to include as part of their transportation fuel sales in the state percentages of very low carbon transportation fuel, as defined, as determined by the state board. These provisions would become inoperative 5 years after the state board notifies the Secretary of State that very low carbon fuel sales have reached 2% of all transportation fuel sales in the state.

AB 1333 (Quirk D) Renewable energy.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/27/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/27/2015

Status: 3/23/2015-Referred to Com. on U. & C.

Location: 3/23/2015-A. U. & C.

Summary: Under the Public Utilities Act, electrical corporations are required to file with the Public Utilities Commission a standard tariff for electricity purchased from certain electric generation facilities. The act declares it is the policy of this state and the intent of the Legislature to encourage electrical generation from eligible renewable energy resources. This bill would specifically include in those eligible renewable energy resources those that can be used to meet peak demand. The bill also would make nonsubstantive changes and would correct erroneous cross-references.

SB 1

(Gaines R) California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: market-based compliance mechanisms: exemption.

Current Text: Introduced: 12/1/2014 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 12/1/2014

Status: 3/17/2015-Set for hearing April 15.

Location: 1/15/2015-S. E.Q.

Calendar: 4/15/2015 9:30 a.m. - Room 3191 SENATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, WIECKOWSKI, Chair

Summary: The California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 authorizes the State Air Resources Board to include the use of market-based compliance mechanisms. Current state board regulations require specified entities to comply with a market-based compliance mechanism beginning January 1, 2013, and require additional specified entities to comply with that market-based compliance mechanism beginning January 1, 2015. This bill instead would exempt categories of persons or entities that did not have a compliance obligation, as defined, under a market-based compliance mechanism beginning January 1, 2013, from being subject to that market-based compliance mechanism.

SB 5

(Vidak R) California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: market-based

compliance mechanisms: exemption.

Current Text: Introduced: 12/1/2014 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 12/1/2014

Status: 3/17/2015-Set for hearing April 15.

Location: 1/15/2015-S. E.Q.

Calendar: 4/15/2015 9:30 a.m. - Room 3191 SENATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, WIECKOWSKI, Chair

Summary: Under the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, current State Air Resources Board regulations require specified entities to comply with a market-based compliance mechanism beginning January 1, 2013, and require additional specified entities to comply with that market-based compliance mechanism beginning January 1, 2015. This bill instead would exempt categories of persons or entities that did not have a compliance obligation, as defined, under a market-based compliance mechanism beginning January 1, 2013, from being subject to that market-based compliance mechanism through December 31, 2020.

SB 32

(Pavley D) California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: emissions limit.

Current Text: Amended: 3/16/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 12/1/2014

Last Amend: 3/16/2015

Status: 3/19/2015-April 15 set for first hearing canceled at the request of author.

Location: 3/16/2015-S. E.Q.

Calendar: 4/15/2015 Anticipated Hearing SENATE E.Q., Not in daily file.

Summary: Would require the State Air Resources Board to approve a statewide greenhouse gas emission limit that is equivalent to 80% below the 1990 level to be achieved by 2050, as specified. The bill would authorize the state board to adopt interim greenhouse gas emissions level targets to be achieved by 2030 and 2040. The bill also would state the intent of the Legislature for the Legislature and appropriate agencies to adopt complementary policies that ensure long-term emissions reductions advance specified criteria.

SB 167

(Gaines R) California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/5/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/5/2015

Status: 2/19/2015-Referred to Com. on RLS.

Location: 2/19/2015-S. RLS.

Summary: The State Air Resources Board is required to adopt a statewide greenhouse gas emissions limit equivalent to the statewide greenhouse gas emissions level in 1990 to be achieved by 2020, and to adopt rules and regulations in an open public process to achieve the maximum technologically feasible and cost-effective greenhouse gas emission reductions. This bill would

make nonsubstantive changes to these provisions. This bill contains other existing laws.

SB 180 (Jackson D) Electricity: emissions of greenhouse gases.

Current Text: Amended: 3/26/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/9/2015

Last Amend: 3/26/2015

Status: 3/26/2015-From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on E., U., & C.

Location: 3/26/2015-S. E. U., & C.

Calendar: 4/7/2015 9:30 a.m. - Room 3191 SENATE ENERGY, UTILITIES AND COMMUNICATIONS, HUESO, Chair

Summary: Would, on July 1, 2017, replace the greenhouse gases emission performance standards for baseload generation with greenhouse gases emission performance standards for nonpeaking generation and peaking generation, as defined. The bill would require the Public Utilities Commission, by June 30, 2017, through a rulemaking proceeding and in consultation with the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission and the State Air Resources Board, to establish a greenhouse gases emission performance standard for all nonpeaking generation of load-serving entities, and a separate standard for peaking generation.

SB 189 (Hueso D) Clean Energy and Low-Carbon Economic and Jobs Growth Blue Ribbon Committee.

Current Text: Amended: 3/26/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/9/2015

Last Amend: 3/26/2015

Status: 3/26/2015-From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on B., P. & E.D.

Location: 3/26/2015-S. B., P. & E.D.

Calendar: 4/6/2015 1 p.m. and upon adjournment of Floor Session - Room 3191 SENATE BUSINESS, PROFESSIONS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, HILL, Chair

Summary: Would create the Clean Energy and Low-Carbon Economic and Jobs Growth Blue Ribbon Committee, comprised of 7 members appointed by the Governor, the Speaker of the Assembly, and the Senate Committee on Rules, as provided. The bill would prescribe the terms and qualifications of committee members and would require the committee to advise state agencies on the most effective ways to expend clean energy and GHG-related funds and implement policies in order to maximize California's economic and employment benefits, and to take specified actions in that regard.

SB 207 (Wickowski D) California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006:

Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund.

Current Text: Amended: 3/24/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/11/2015

Last Amend: 3/24/2015

Status: 3/24/2015-From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on E.Q.

Location: 3/24/2015-S. E.Q.

Calendar: 4/15/2015 9:30 a.m. - Room 3191 SENATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, WIECKOWSKI, Chair

Summary: Current law requires a state agency expending moneys from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund to create a record, prior to the expenditure, that includes, among other things, a description of the expenditure proposed to be made and a description of how the proposed expenditure will contribute to achieving and maintaining greenhouse gas emissions reductions, as specified. This bill would require that record to be posted on the Internet Web sites of the state agency and the State Air Resources Board prior to the state agency expending those moneys.

SB 246 (Wieckowski D) Climate Action Team.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/18/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/18/2015

Status: 3/26/2015-April 15 hearing postponed by committee.

Location: 2/26/2015-S. E.Q.

Calendar: 4/15/2015 Anticipated Hearing SENATE E.Q., Not in daily file.

Summary: Would create the Climate Action Team, under the direction of the Secretary for Environmental Protection and consisting of representatives from specified state agencies, that would be responsible for coordinating the state's climate policy to achieve the state's climate change goals, identifying specified unavoidable climate change impacts, developing and implementing specified mitigation and adaptation plans, coordinating climate change policies with specified groups, and identifying and disseminating information to local governments and regional bodies.

SB 350 (De León D) Clean Energy and Pollution Reduction Act of 2015.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/24/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/24/2015

Status: 3/24/2015-Set for hearing April 7.

Location: 3/5/2015-S. E. U., & C.

Calendar: 4/7/2015 9:30 a.m. - Room 3191 SENATE ENERGY, UTILITIES AND COMMUNICATIONS, HUESO, Chair

Summary: Would express the intent of the Legislature for the purposes of the RPS program that the amount of electricity generated per year from eligible

renewable energy resources be increased to an amount equal to at least 50% by December 31, 2030, and would require the PUC, by January 1, 2017, to establish the quantity of electricity products from eligible renewable energy resources be procured by each retail seller for specified compliance periods sufficient to ensure that the procurement of electricity products from eligible renewable energy resources achieves 50% of retail sales by December 31, 2030.

SB 400 (Lara D) California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/25/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/25/2015

Status: 3/5/2015-Referred to Com. on RLS.

Location: 3/5/2015-S. RLS.

Summary: The California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 authorizes the State Air Resources Board to include the use of market-based compliance mechanisms. Current law requires all moneys, except for fines and penalties, collected by the state board from the auction or sale of allowances as part of a market-based compliance mechanism to be deposited in the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund and to be available upon appropriation. Current law makes a specified continuous appropriation to the High-Speed Rail Authority from the fund. This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to these provisions.

SB 427 (Fuller R) Renewable energy resources.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/25/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/25/2015

Status: 3/5/2015-Referred to Com. on RLS.

Location: 3/5/2015-S. RLS.

Summary: Would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to the Renewables Portfolio Standard Program (RPS program) program authorization for electrical corporations to apply to the Public Utilities Commission for approval to construct, own, and operate an eligible renewable energy resource.

SB 471 (Pavley D) Water, energy, and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions: planning.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/26/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/26/2015

Status: 3/18/2015-Set for hearing April 14.

Location: 3/12/2015-S. N.R. & W.

Calendar: 4/14/2015 9:30 a.m. - Room 112 SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER, PAVLEY, Chair

Summary: Current law continuously appropriates specified portions of the annual proceeds in the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund to various programs

including 20% for the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program, administered by the Strategic Growth Council. Current law specifies the objectives for the program and identifies categories of projects eligible for funding under this program. This bill would require the council, in implementing these provisions, to give special consideration to awarding funds to eligible projects that, in addition to existing objectives and goals, would also result in reduced energy use by a water supplier, an end user of water, or both.

SB 551 (Wolk D) State water policy: water and energy efficiency.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/26/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/26/2015

Status: 3/12/2015-Referred to Com. on RLS.

Location: 3/12/2015-S. RLS.

Summary: Would declare the policy of the state that water use and water treatment shall be as energy efficient as is feasible and energy use and generation shall be as water efficient as is feasible. This bill would require all relevant state agencies to consider this state policy when revising, adopting, or establishing policies, regulations, and grant criteria when pertinent to these uses of water and energy. This bill contains other existing laws.

AB 1045 (Irwin D) Organic waste: composting.

Current Text: Amended: 3/26/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/26/2015

Last Amend: 3/26/2015

Status: 3/26/2015-Referred to Com. on NAT. RES. (Amended 3/26/2015)

Location: 3/19/2015-A. NAT. RES.

Calendar: 4/13/2015 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 447
ASSEMBLY NATURAL RESOURCES, WILLIAMS, Chair

Summary: Would require the California Environmental Protection Agency, in coordination with the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, to develop and implement policies to aid in diverting 50% of organic waste from landfills by 2020 by promoting the composting of specified organic waste and by promoting the appropriate use of that compost throughout the state. The bill would require the agency to promote a goal of reducing at least 5 million metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions per year through the development and application of compost on working lands, and would authorize the agency to work with the Department of Food and Agriculture to achieve this goal.

AB 85 (Wilk R) Open meetings.

Current Text: Introduced: 1/6/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 1/6/2015

Status: 1/26/2015-Referred to Com. on G.O.

Location: 1/26/2015-A. G.O.

Calendar: 4/8/2015 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 4202

ASSEMBLY GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION, GRAY, Chair

Summary: Would, under the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act, specify that the definition of "state body" includes an advisory board, advisory commission, advisory committee, advisory subcommittee, or similar multimember advisory body of a state body that consists of 3 or more individuals, as prescribed, except a board, commission, committee, or similar multimember body on which a member of a body serves in his or her official capacity as a representative of that state body and that is supported, in whole or in part, by funds provided by the state body, whether the multimember body is organized and operated by the state body or by a private corporation. This bill contains other related provisions.

AB 168 (Maienschein R) Local government finance.

Current Text: Introduced: 1/22/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 1/22/2015

Status: 1/23/2015-From printer. May be heard in committee February 22.

Location: 1/22/2015-A. PRINT

Summary: Current law requires the county auditor, in the case in which a qualifying city becomes the successor agency to a special district as a result of a merger with that district as described in a specified statute, to additionally allocate to that successor qualifying city that amount of property tax revenue that otherwise would have been allocated to that special district pursuant to general allocation requirements. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to the provision pertaining to property tax revenue allocations to a qualifying city that merges with a special district.

AB 204 (O'Donnell D) Redevelopment: County of Los Angeles.

Current Text: Introduced: 1/29/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 1/29/2015

Status: 2/9/2015-Referred to Coms. on L. GOV. and H. & C.D.

Location: 2/9/2015-A. L. GOV.

Calendar: 4/8/2015 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 127 ASSEMBLY LOCAL GOVERNMENT, MAIENSCHIN, Chair

Summary: Current law authorizes, in each county where more than one oversight board was created, only one oversight board to be appointed on and after July 1, 2016. This bill would require an oversight board within the County of Los Angeles to continue to independently operate past the July 1, 2016, consolidation

date, until its successor agency adopts a resolution dissolving the board, as provided. This bill contains other related provisions.

AB 304 (Gonzalez D) Sick leave.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/12/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/12/2015

Status: 3/26/2015-Referred to Com. on L. & E.

Location: 3/26/2015-A. L. & E.

Summary: Current law requires an employer who provides sick leave to employees, as specified, to allow the employees to use the sick leave to attend to the illness of a child, parent, spouse, or domestic partner. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to this provision.

AB 641 (Dahle R) Environmental quality: environmental impact reports.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/24/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/24/2015

Status: 3/26/2015-Referred to Coms. on NAT. RES. and JUD.

Location: 3/26/2015-A. NAT. RES.

Summary: The California Environmental Quality Act requires a lead agency to prepare a mitigated negative declaration for a project that may have a significant effect on the environment if revisions in the project would avoid or mitigate that effect and there is no substantial evidence that the project, as revised, would have a significant effect on the environment. The act requires the lead agency to determine whether a project may have a significant effect on the environment based on substantial evidence in light of the whole record. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to that provision.

AB 656 (Garcia, Cristina D) Joint powers agreements: mutual water companies.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/24/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/24/2015

Status: 3/9/2015-Referred to Com. on L. GOV.

Location: 3/9/2015-A. L. GOV.

Summary: Current law authorizes local public entities, as defined, to enter into a joint powers agreement for the purposes of providing risk-pooling, as specified. This bill would specifically authorize 2 or more mutual water companies, or 2 or more mutual water companies and one or more public agencies that operate a public water system, to participate in joint powers agreement for risk-pooling, technical support, and other similar services.

AB 712 (Mullin D) Redevelopment: successor agencies: Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/25/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/25/2015

Status: 3/12/2015-Referred to Coms. on L. GOV. and H. & C.D.

Location: 3/12/2015-A. L. GOV.

Summary: Would, commencing July 1, 2016, revise the timeline for the preparation of the required Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule to provide that the successor agency prepare a schedule for a 12-month fiscal period, with the first of these periods beginning July 1, 2016, and would authorize the Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule to be amended by the oversight board during a 12-month fiscal period if the amendment is approved at least 90 days before the date of the next property tax distribution.

AB 806 (Dodd D) Redevelopment: successor agencies to redevelopment agencies.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/26/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/26/2015

Status: 3/12/2015-Referred to Coms. on L. GOV. and H. & C.D.

Location: 3/12/2015-A. L. GOV.

Calendar: 4/15/2015 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 447
ASSEMBLY LOCAL GOVERNMENT, MAIENSCHIN, Chair

Summary: Would authorize a successor agency, if the successor agency has received a finding of completion, to enter into, or amend existing, contracts and agreements, or otherwise administer projects in connection with enforceable obligations, if the contract, agreement, or project will not commit new property tax funds or otherwise adversely affect the flow of specified tax revenues or payments to the taxing agencies, as specified. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

AB 1079 (Oberholte R) Successor agencies: due diligence review: finding of completion.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/27/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/27/2015

Status: 3/19/2015-Referred to Coms. on L. GOV. and H. & C.D.

Location: 3/19/2015-A. L. GOV.

Summary: Current law requires a successor agency to employ a licensed accountant to conduct a due diligence review to determine the unobligated balances of the former redevelopment agency that are available for transfer to taxing entities. Current law requires the Department of Finance to issue a finding of completion to a successor agency that completes the due diligence review and meets other requirements. This bill would provide that the requirements of a due diligence review have been satisfied if specified conditions with respect to a transfer of assets are met, and would provide in that event, that the successor agency is entitled to a finding of completion by the department.

AB 1260 (Thurmond D) Joint Exercise of Powers Act.

Current Text: Amended: 3/26/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/27/2015

Last Amend: 3/26/2015

Status: 3/26/2015-Referred to Coms. on L. GOV. and HIGHER ED. From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on L. GOV. Read second time and amended.

Location: 3/26/2015-A. L. GOV.

Summary: Would specifically authorize the University of California and the City of Richmond, and any other public agency, to enter into a joint powers agreement for the purpose of collaboration on the development of a Berkeley Global Campus at Richmond Bay, located within the City of Richmond, to be a new research and action hub with a focus on global issues, culture, and collaboration. This bill contains other related provisions.

AB 1315 (Alejo D) Public contracts: water pollution prevention plans: delegation.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/27/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/27/2015

Status: 3/23/2015-Referred to Com. on L. GOV.

Location: 3/23/2015-A. L. GOV.

Summary: Would prohibit a public entity, charter city, or charter county from delegating to a contractor the development of a plan, as defined, used to prevent or reduce water pollution or runoff on a public works contract, except as provided. By requiring a public entity, charter city, or charter county to prepare a plan, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

AB 1362 (Gordon D) Local government: assessments, fees, and charges: stormwater definition.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/27/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/27/2015

Status: 3/23/2015-Referred to Com. on L. GOV.

Location: 3/23/2015-A. L. GOV.

Summary: Would define "stormwater" for purposes of the Proposition 218 Omnibus Implementation Act to mean any system of public improvements or service intended to provide for the quality, conservation, control, or conveyance of waters that land on or drain across the natural or man-made landscape. This bill contains other related provisions.

SB 258 (Bates R) Local government.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/18/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/18/2015

Status: 2/26/2015-Referred to Com. on RLS.

Location: 2/26/2015-S. RLS.

Summary: Would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would protect the right of the public to participate in open deliberations of the legislative bodies of local agencies by clarifying the appropriate use of special meetings.

SB 272 (Hertzberg D) The California Public Records Act: local agencies: inventory.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/19/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/19/2015

Status: 3/5/2015-Referred to Coms. on GOV. & F. and JUD.

Location: 3/5/2015-S. G. & F.

Calendar: 4/15/2015 9:30 a.m. - Room 112 SENATE GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE, HERTZBERG, Chair

Summary: Would require each local agency, in implementing the California Public Records Act, to conduct an inventory of data gathered by the agency that discloses what data is maintained by the agency, by whom, and with what frequency it is collected. The bill would require the inventory to be available to the public. Because the bill would require local agencies to perform additional duties, it would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

SB 393 (Nguyen R) Local agencies.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/25/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/25/2015

Status: 3/5/2015-Referred to Com. on RLS.

Location: 3/5/2015-S. RLS.

Summary: Current law, the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000, establishes the sole and exclusive authority and procedure for the initiation, conduct, and completion of changes of organization and reorganization for cities and districts. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to the above-described law.

SB 442 (Hall D) Municipal water districts: revenue bonds.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/25/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/25/2015

Status: 3/5/2015-Referred to Com. on RLS.

Location: 3/5/2015-S. RLS.

Summary: Current law, the Municipal Water District Law of 1911, provides for the formation of municipal water districts and grants to those districts specified powers, including the authority to issue revenue bonds for any purpose for which general obligation bonds may be issued. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes in those provisions.

CEQA

AB 291 (Medina D) California Environmental Quality Act: local agencies: notice of determination: water.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/11/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/11/2015

Status: 2/23/2015-Referred to Com. on NAT. RES.

Location: 2/23/2015-A. NAT. RES.

Calendar: 4/13/2015 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 447
ASSEMBLY NATURAL RESOURCES, WILLIAMS, Chair

Summary: Would authorize a local agency, for certain water projects, to file the notice with the county clerk of the county in which the local agency's principal office is located in lieu of the county clerk of each county in which the project is located and would, if the local agency exercises this authorization, require the local agency to file the notice with the Office of Planning and Research. This bill contains other existing laws.

AB 323 (Olsen R) California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: roadway improvement.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/13/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/13/2015

Status: 3/26/2015-From committee: Amend, and do pass as amended and re-refer to Com. on TRANS. (Ayes 9. Noes 0.) (March 23).

Location: 3/26/2015-A. TRANS.

Summary: The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires a lead agency to prepare a mitigated negative declaration for a project that may have a significant effect on the environment if revisions in the project would avoid or mitigate that effect and there is no substantial evidence that the project, as revised, would have a significant effect on the environment. This bill would extend the above exemption indefinitely. This bill contains other existing laws.

AB 1068 (Allen, Travis R) California Environmental Quality Act: priority projects.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/26/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/26/2015

Status: 3/19/2015-Referred to Coms. on NAT. RES. and JUD.

Location: 3/19/2015-A. NAT. RES.

Calendar: 4/13/2015 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 447
ASSEMBLY NATURAL RESOURCES, WILLIAMS, Chair

Summary: Would authorize each Member of the Legislature to nominate one

project within his or her respective district each year, and the Governor to designate those projects as priority projects if the projects meet specified requirements. The bill would require the Governor to provide a notice of the designation to the appropriate lead agency and to the Office of Planning and Research. The bill would require the lead agency to notify the public and interested stakeholders of the designation, as specified, thereby imposing a state-mandated local program.

AB 1473 (Salas D) California Environmental Quality Act.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/27/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/27/2015

Status: 3/2/2015-Read first time.

Location: 2/27/2015-A. PRINT

Summary: The California Environmental Quality Act requires a lead agency to prepare, or cause to be prepared, and certify the completion of an environmental impact report on a project, as defined, that it proposes to carry out or approve that may have a significant effect on the environment, as defined, or to adopt a negative declaration if it finds that the project will not have that effect. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to a provision within the act.

SB 122 (Jackson D) California Environmental Quality Act: record of proceedings.

Current Text: Amended: 3/26/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 1/15/2015

Last Amend: 3/26/2015

Status: 3/26/2015-From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on E.Q.

Location: 3/26/2015-S. E.Q.

Calendar: 4/15/2015 9:30 a.m. - Room 3191 SENATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, WIECKOWSKI, Chair

Summary: CEQA establishes a procedure for the preparation and certification of the record of proceedings upon the filing of an action or proceeding challenging a lead agency's action on the grounds of noncompliance with CEQA. This bill would require the lead agency, at the request of a project applicant and consent of the lead agency, to prepare a record of proceedings concurrently with the preparation of a negative declaration, mitigated negative declaration, EIR, or other environmental document for projects. This bill contains other related provisions.

SB 154 (Huff R) California Environmental Quality Act.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/2/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/2/2015

Status: 2/19/2015-Referred to Com. on RLS.

Location: 2/19/2015-S. RLS.

Summary: The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires a lead agency, as defined, to prepare, or cause to be prepared by contract, and certify the completion of, an environmental impact report, as defined, on a project that may have a significant effect on the environment, or to adopt a negative declaration if it finds that the project will not have that effect. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to the definition of "environmental impact report."

SB 166 (Gaines R) California Environmental Quality Act.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/5/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/5/2015

Status: 2/19/2015-Referred to Com. on RLS.

Location: 2/19/2015-S. RLS.

Summary: The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires a lead agency to prepare a mitigated negative declaration for a project that may have a significant effect on the environment if revisions in the project would avoid or mitigate that effect and there is no substantial evidence that the project, as revised, would have a significant effect on the environment. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to those provisions. This bill contains other existing laws.

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MEMORANDUM

To: Joe Grindstaff and Kathy Besser, IEUA

From: Letitia White, Jean Denton, and Drew Tatum

Date: March 27, 2015

Re: March Monthly Legislative Update

After failing to reach an agreement before the February 27th deadline, Congress gave themselves an additional week to solve the Homeland Security funding fight. Ultimately the House passed the “clean” Senate version of the bill, which didn’t include controversial immigration provisions but funds the Department through the remainder of the fiscal year. Partisanship continued over Speaker John Boehner’s invitation to have Benjamin Netanyahu, the Prime Minister of Israel, address a joint meeting of Congress so close to his election. The House was out for one week in the middle of the month before returning to tackle their budget resolution in Committee and on the floor. There was a glimmer of bipartisanship at the end of the month when Democrats and Republicans in the House came together to pass a permanent “Doc fix” bill dealing with Medicare reimbursements to doctors, but the Senate failed to act on the legislation before leaving town. The Senate followed the same timeline on their own budget resolution. Progress on other legislation in the Senate came to a halt earlier in the month when Democrats pulled their support for a human trafficking bill over objections to abortion language that passed unanimously out of committee. In response, Majority Leader Mitch McConnell pulled a vote to confirm Loretta Lynch as the next Attorney General from the floor until an agreement can be reached on the pending trafficking bill. Both Chambers are finished with their work for the month, with a two week district/state work period on the schedule for Easter.

Budget Battles Consume Most of the Month

The House and Senate have completed consideration of their own FY16 Budget resolutions with the House finishing on Wednesday night and the Senate wrapping up in the early hours of Friday morning. Both chambers have spent the better part of two weeks on the non-binding resolutions that give appropriators the framework they need for topline appropriations numbers in their annual bills. The bills also contain reconciliation instructions that will give Republicans an opportunity to make changes to the Affordable Care Act with a simple majority, which might be necessary if the Supreme Court rules that federal subsidies are not available for individuals who have enrolled in the federal exchange on HealthCare.gov. It is important to note that any measure passed under reconciliation would still go to the President for his signature, but it will give Republican Senators the opportunity to vote on the Affordable Care Act in a policy bill—an opportunity they didn’t have when Democrats controlled the Senate. Now that the House and Senate have passed their own measures, a conference committee will be formed to iron out the differences in the two budget bills.

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The Senate was the last to finish their budget resolution, spending more than 12 hours considering amendments from noon on Thursday to around 2 am on Friday morning. The annual budget resolution is a time where Senators can introduce amendments related to virtually any topic in order to get votes on the record on topics like the minimum wage, immigration, healthcare, and other topics that find their way into campaign advertisements during the next election cycle. Senate Republicans worked hard to fend off efforts to change the overall levels set in the budget so they are close to the House numbers when working with the House to reconcile their differences. Those efforts included rebuffing potential party nominees to be the next President when they offered amendments that would have raised defense spending even higher than the Committee agreed to in its blueprint. The Senate plan was amended in committee to raise the limit on war related funds to \$96 billion, providing additional resources for the Pentagon without proposing to break the \$523 billion statutory cap on base discretionary defense spending created by the 2011 budget law. The Senate resolution also sets a cap of \$493.5 billion in non-defense discretionary spending in fiscal 2016, similarly reflecting statutory cap levels. The measure passed through the Senate Budget Committee a week earlier along party lines. There were efforts at the committee level and on the floor to extend the Ryan-Murray deal that increased spending over the last two years on both the defense and domestic sides.

Difficulty arose out of the House Budget Committee more than it did on the House floor. There were disagreements over the total funding that would be provided for defense spending. After budget hawks rebuffed leadership, the Rules Committee added the additional funding through a self-executing rule on the floor. This procedure allowed the House to attach an additional \$2 billion in funding for the war related funds account, bringing total funding to \$96 billion on top of the statutory \$523 billion cap. The House resolution also holds to the \$493.5 billion cap in non-defense discretionary spending in fiscal 2016.

The President has said he would not support appropriations bills that hold to the caps set in the budget law, leaving hope that there might be a deal later in the year that would provide relief from sequestration on domestic spending. Since before sequestration took effect on March 1, 2013, Congress has modified the discretionary spending caps three years in a row. Even though the Senate didn't agree to an expansion of the Ryan-Murray plan, it could serve as a potential model for such a deal which could include offsetting increased spending with mandatory program cuts and fee increases. Most lawmakers don't see the framework for such a deal emerging until later in the year, but still believe it is a real possibility due to the disdain for the sequester cuts on both sides of the aisle.

Deadline Continues to Loom Over Transportation Fix

Congress loves deadlines and the excitement they bring! Increasingly we've seen lawmakers come up to deadlines, and often give themselves and extension, in order to push through another short funding bill. Funding for the nation's highway and transit programs seems to be heading toward the same path. While funding might not run out until the end of May, lawmakers are going to have to produce a blueprint much sooner if they plan to move it through regular order. The respective committees in the House and Senate have already held hearings on reauthorization, but no clear consensus has emerged. House Transportation Chairman Bill Shuster (R-PA) has continued to insist that his committee would like to push for a multi-year

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bill, but the Committee still hasn't put forth a blueprint for consideration at the committee level causing some lawmakers to fear that another short term patch of a year or less might be necessary to keep project funding while Congress continues to debate a long term solution to the Highway Trust Fund, which has required an infusion of money from the federal government as recently as last year in order to meet its obligations. This month we heard from the Chairman of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, Jim Inhofe (R-OK), that he would be supportive of raising the gas tax in order for the fund to continue to meet its obligations. Lawmakers are increasingly worried about relying on the gas tax since fuel economy standards have continued to increase coupled with increasing numbers of electric and alternative fuel vehicles on the roads which avoid traditional fuels, and subsequently the tax all together. While talks continue behind closed doors, Chairman Shuster continues to insist that lawmakers need to decide on a path forward after the upcoming two week recess in order to give the legislation time to be considered in the House and Senate. After that, he believes a short term bill might be necessary to prevent a lapse in funding.

Outlook for April

Lawmakers have until April 15th to reach a compromise version of their budget resolutions. With Senators working hard to keep changes in the overall numbers from occurring, we believe it is likely that negotiators will be able to come to an agreement that will appease enough Republicans in both chambers to pass. This will give appropriators the information they need to start working at the subcommittee level to advance bills. We will also be looking for the possibility of a transportation fix emerging at the committee level in advance of the end of May deadline for reauthorization. Spring and summer are important months for transportation projects, and states have already started to

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Legislative Report

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SU: Legislative Report, March 2015

Snapshot. Congress gets to work. Budget issues dominated the month. March began with the House finally passing funding for DHS (and avoiding a feared departmental shutdown) and resolving the stalemate on it. Authorizing Committees (H and S) began holding budget hearings on departments and agencies (within their specific jurisdictions). As significantly, House and Senate each passed Budget bills claiming to “*balance-the-federal budget*” in ten years with \$5 Trillion+ in unspecified cuts and spending reductions (first time budgets have passed in several Congresses). Drought conditions in California and other Western and Southern Tier States reveal near all-time dry conditions. At the month’s end, Congress broke for a two-week Easter break/recess (traditional).

Budget Issues Dominate March in House and Senate

- ***Three Different Budget Issues Before House and Senate***
 - DHS Funded for Remainder of Fiscal Year – Shut-Down Averted.
 - House and Senate Authorizing Committees began holding programmatic budget hearings on proposed budgets (submitted by the various Departments and Agencies)
 - House and Senate each passed, just before the end of March, their respective proposed overall budgets – which serve as spending guides for Appropriators. Proposed budgets are different and will require a conference in April after Congress reconvenes.

- ***BuRec Budget Hearing (House)***. Newly confirmed Commissioner Lopez made his first appearance before the House Water and Power Subcommittee to defend the BuRec’s proposed \$1.1 Billion Appropriations request for the fiscal year beginning next October 1. The hearing, not surprisingly, was dominated by drought issues. At the same hearing, the issue of drought impacts on hydro-power production were also raised (including the impact on power rates to customers as a result). Valley Members and former Water and Power Chair, Rep. Tom McClintock, strongly advocated for more water for farmers (especially in the SJ Valley). Rep. Jared Huffman, now the Ranking D on House Water and Power, weighed in with the belief that the environment was unjustifiably being demonized for the drought (and resulting water allocations). In so doing, he declared that the “*Administration and Congress can’t make it rain.*” Rep. Jim Costa (D-CA) called the water system in California “*broken.*” Rep. Grace Napolitano urged that funding for USGS aquifer research be expanded. Ds in general supported conservation and water recycling.

- ***DOD Budget Increases Likely Mandate Reduced Spending on Domestic Infrastructure Spending***. Budgets, as approved, propose significant multi-billion dollar increases for DOD funding levels (vote in House was very controversial). It is expected that these increases will force Appropriations Committee leadership to reduce funding in “non-defense discretionary” spending. Defense spending goes up, domestic spending likely to be reduced.

International Issues Continue to Dominate and Influence the Congressional Agenda

■ ***Major Foreign Policy and International Conflict Issues Continue to Dominate National Agenda***

- Immigration
- Oil price gyrations
- Syria
- Iranian Negotiations on Nuclear Agreement (Deadline – early next month)
- Mideast Peace initiatives
- International Cyber Crime and Hacking Disruptions
- Greece’s financial mess
- Russia and Status of Putin
- Civil War in Yemen (Saudi Arabia and Egypt are now militarily involved)

Collectively these international issues continue to dominate – and, at times, overwhelm – the national and congressional agenda. They compete for time, attention and dollars. Congress is increasingly focusing on these issues.

2016 – Presidential Politics.

- ***2016 President Election – Very Underway.*** Last two months, I reported that “*the November 2012 election followed by the start of the new Congress marked the “public” beginning of the 2016 presidential election cycle.*” With each passing day, this is reaffirmed. Former Florida Governor and son and brother of former Presidents, Jeb Bush, jumped into the race and immediately began a massive fund-raising effort. Senator

Ted Cruz (R-TX) became the first R to formally announce from the US Senate. In April, Senators Rand Paul (R-KY) and Mario Rubio (R-FL) are expected to enter the race. Others are expected – as many as 15 – to join the fray. On the Democratic side, all eyes are on Hilary Clinton. Media coverage is already overwhelming (and it will become more intense). As reported last month – and it’s certainly true this month, “*daily polls, straw votes, who’s up and who’s down pronouncements, floor statements (in US Senate), Sunday news shows, pundits and blog are already saturated with 2016 coverage. Together, this both competes for time and attention today and distracts from contemporary legislative and policy deliberations.*” This will not change.

Drought

- ***End of Wet Season in California.*** Stating the obvious, March came to a close without major storms. Snow-pack is down (or non-existent). One report said it was 8% of normal. Situation is bad.
- ***Drought Legislation.*** Throughout March, reports (in California and Washington) were circulating that a revised and renegotiated Feinstein-Valley drought bill would be released and circulated. Didn’t happen. There were reports that Federal and State Agencies were reviewing language – and reportedly Governor Brown and the State of California had significant objections to and with the bill.
- ***Drought Conditions – California.*** All 58 California Counties are today experiencing drought (again). March experienced a dry cycle (in the middle of traditionally wet periods). According to the NOAA/USDA’s Drought Monitor, 100% of California is in drought. The Monitor’s weekly report for March 24 indicated that almost 90% of the entire state was in severe, extreme or exceptional status.
- ***Drought Conditions – Rest of the West.*** This month, all 17 Western States are experiencing some level of drought. It begins in the Pacific Northwest, comes down the map through California and Nevada and incorporates CO, UT, AZ and NM. Texas and Oklahoma are hard hit as well.

Quick Takes. ***Senator Harry Reid (D-NV), Minority Leader, US Senate To Retire.*** In an unanticipated announcement just before the Senate adjourned for the Easter Recess, Senator Reid announced that he will retire at the end of this Congress (end of 2016). ***Senator Charles Schumer (D-NY) to Become D Leader in January 2017.*** Within 24 hours, Schumer lined up support to replace Reid. For all practical purposes, that race is over. Unlike R leadership races, this was quiet, fast and non-controversial. ***Miller Announces Five Water Policy Principles.*** Now-retired Rep. George Miller, published an OP-ED in the SF Chronicle in which he set forth what he called the “*cornerstones of an affordable, sustainable water policy*” and identified five principles that should guide water policy in the future:

- Reduce reliance on the delta and increase local solutions;
- Embrace credible economics;
- Support agricultural modernization;

- Develop restoration programs, not environmental rollback; and,
- Adopt a 58-county approach.

MWD's Board Approved 100,000 AF Water Acquisition and Made \$71 Million Available. In response to the drought, MWD's Board authorized the purchase of water from Sacramento Valley farmers. ***USDA Reports Record Low Snow-pack in Cascades, Sierra Nevada Mountains.*** In mid-March, the USDA (NRCS) announced that some areas were simply snow-free. Ironically, they noted that precipitation in Oregon and Washington was near-normal, but almost all of it fell as rain (not snow). ***Media Reports – CA – One Year of Water Left.*** Scientist Jay Farmiglietti, from the NASA Jet Lab wrote, in the LA Times, “*given the historic low temperatures and snowfalls that pummeled the eastern U.S. this winter, it might be easy to overlook how devastating California's winter was as well. As our “wet” season draws to a close, it is clear that the paltry rain and snowfall have done almost nothing to alleviate epic drought conditions. January was the driest in California since record-keeping began in 1895. Groundwater and snowpack levels are at all-time lows. We're not just up a creek without a paddle in California, we're losing the creek too. Data from NASA satellites show that the total amount of water stored in the Sacramento and San Joaquin river basins — that is, all of the snow, river and reservoir water, water in soils and groundwater combined — was 34 million acre-feet below normal in 2014. That loss is nearly 1.5 times the capacity of Lake Mead, America's largest reservoir. Statewide, we've been dropping more than 12 million acre-feet of total water yearly since 2011. Roughly two-thirds of these losses are attributable to groundwater pumping for agricultural irrigation in the Central Valley...*” This was reported world-wide and was considered sensational. ***Army Corps Comments on BDCP – Highly Critical – Just Released.*** Last July, the Corps submitted highly critical comments on the BDCP plan, but the comments were not made public until now. The Corps joined EPA in submitting critical comments. ***The State of California Fish and Wildlife Agency Report that Delta Smelt Numbers – All-Time Low (Extinction Possible).*** A State survey for Delta Smelt brought revealed record low-numbers. Fishery experts are now predicting that extinction is possible. ***Nevada's Pat Mulroy, at California Water Policy Conference, Issues Challenge – Fix the Delta.*** Mulroy delivered a hard-hitting “get-serious” talk about drought, water-management and the Delta. ***AWWA's Tom Curtis to Retire.*** Tom Curtis, AWWA's long-time water leader in Washington announced his retirement, effective this coming July.

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CALIFORNIA STRATEGIES, LLC

Date: March 27, 2015
To: Inland Empire Utilities Agency
From: John Withers, Jim Brulte
Re: March Activity Report

Listed below is the California Strategies, LLC monthly activity report. Please feel free to call us if you have any questions or would like to receive any more information on any of the items mentioned below.

- Met with IEUA Executive Management Team to review priority issues and to discuss activities for March that they wanted accomplished.
- Followed up with elected leadership in the City of Fontana regarding issue that the IEUA Executive staff wanted completed
- Participated in discussions with staffs of San Bernardino and IEUA to discuss coordination of County and District legislative and public policy issue agendas that Executive Staff wanted.
- Monitored LAFCO staff on the status and key issues related to the MSR process currently underway for water conservation districts countywide. LAFCO toured conservation districts first week of March. Developing a response letter to draft MSR report. LAFCO hearing to be scheduled for April 15th.
- Support and advise on IEUA/SBVMWD transfer transaction on an as needed basis.
- Provided an update on the recent filing of a Sphere of Influence amendment filing by the CVWRD.
- Continue to monitor statewide water issues including the BDCP, water bond, and drought relief act activities.
- Outreach to Board Directors as needed on issues of interest
- Monitor Santa Ana Regional Board agenda and issues of interest to IEUA.

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ITEM


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Date: April 15, 2015

To: The Honorable Board of Directors

Through: Public, Legislative Affairs, and Water Resources Committee (04/08/15)

From:  P. Joseph Grindstaff
General Manager

Submitted by: Chris Berch 
Executive Manager of Engineering/Assistant General Manager

 Sylvie Lee
Manager of Planning and Environmental Compliance

Subject: Commercial, Industrial, Institutional (CII) Turf Rebate Update

RECOMMENDATION

This is an informational item for the Board of Directors.

BACKGROUND

The Commercial, Industrial, and Institutional (CII) Turf Removal Rebate Program promotes the removal of high water-consuming turf, encourages participants to install climate appropriate plants, and to convert overhead sprinklers to more efficient technologies such as micro-spray or drip system irrigation. Over 65 percent of the region's water is used to irrigate landscape with outdoor water use representing a major source of waste.

As a part of regional water use efficiency planning and programming, the Agency works with its member agencies to develop an annual budget. A component of that budget includes allocating funding to enhance rebates for Residential and CII customers. Metropolitan Water District (MWD) provides water use efficiency rebates with a base rate. The Agency, in partnership with its members, augments those rebates to increase the base rate and attract greater participation.

In response to the Governor's Drought Declaration and call for an immediate reduction in water use, on July 1, 2014, the Agency and its members increased the regional CII Turf Removal Rebate by adding \$1 to MWD's base rebate rate of \$2, for a total enhanced incentive of \$3. To expand program participation, on July 10, 2014, the Agency issued a press release notifying the public of the \$1 increase to the rebate and encouraged Southern Californians to significantly reduce outdoor water use during this exceptional period of drought.

On August 6, 2014, staff reported to the Board that after the issuance of the CII Turf Removal Rebate press release that the program experienced a considerable increase in participant interest, and that it was anticipated customer demand would significantly exceed the existing budget. On October 15, 2014, Staff recommended that the Board approve an inter-fund transfer and loan of \$3,000,000 from the Administrative Services Fund to the Water Resources Fund in order to honor current and future requests.

The following table represents the total number of CII turf removal applications that have been received through MWD’s SocialwaterSmart rebate program from July 1, 2014 through March 11, 2015. A total of 30 applications have been paid to date, representing Agency sponsored funding of \$278,573 (\$1 per square foot). The remaining applications are in-progress.

IEUA CII TURF REMOVAL										
(Total Turf Projects Applications Received through 3-11-15)										
Agency	# of Projects	Square Footage	Public		Private		HOA		IEUA Supplemental TOTAL	TOTAL REBATE AMOUNT
			# of Projects	IEUA Supplemental	# of Projects	IEUA Supplemental	# of Projects	IEUA Supplemental		
City of Chino	7	411,820	2	\$0	2	\$37,137	3	\$67,247	\$104,384.00	\$928,024.00
City of Chino Hills	22	493,421	17	\$410,552	1	\$42,529	4	\$24,610	\$67,139.00	\$1,464,263.00
Cucomonga Valley WD	31	1,484,902	13	\$96,562	14	\$135,912	4	\$32,748	\$168,660.00	\$3,235,026.00
Fontana Water Co.	2	18,547	0	\$0	2	\$18,547	0	\$0	\$18,546.80	\$60,520.40
Monte Vista WD	6	102,043	0	\$0	2	\$8,790	4	\$3,752	\$12,542.00	\$216,628.00
Ontario Municipal	13	388,270	1	\$14,480	8	\$308,468	4	\$28,239	\$336,707.00	\$1,127,727.00
City of Upland	9	80,556	0	\$0	4	\$11,452	5	\$69,104	\$80,556.00	\$241,668.00
TOTALS	90	2,979,558.80	33	\$521,594	33	\$562,835	24	\$225,700	\$1,310,128.80	\$7,273,856.40

*Note: Totals are subject to change after Post-Inspection

The program continues to be very popular with a high demand from the CII sector. Agency supplemental funding of \$1,310,128.80 has been committed to date with \$1,879,841.20 remaining in Agency approved funding. In order to ensure that Agency supplemental funding is equitably disbursed; staff is recommending that the Board approve several policy principles:

1. Principle: Set a maximum application funding level for Agency approved supplemental funding (\$1 per square foot):
 - a. **Option 1:** No maximum application funding limit – this would allow very large projects to consume the entire Agency provided supplemental funding.
 - b. **Option 2:** Set a maximum application funding level at \$50,000 or a maximum project size of 50,000 square feet. Total projects under 50,000 square feet represent 63 sites.
 - c. **Option 3:** Set a maximum application funding level at \$100,000 or a maximum project size of 100,000 square feet. Total projects between 50,000 – 100,000 square feet represent 14 sites. Total Projects over 100,000 square feet represent 13 sites.

Staff has reviewed all applications submitted from July 1, 2014 through March 11, 2015 and has determined the average size of CII turf projects to be approximately 33,106 square feet with the majority of projects below 100,000 square foot. Setting a funding level maximum will prevent a few larger CII turf projects from consuming the entire supplemental funding budget while limiting the opportunity for HOAs, smaller public agency projects, or smaller commercial properties from participating in the program.

2. **Principle**: Staff recommends allowing eligibility for CII customers who utilize groundwater supplies for irrigation by allowing CII groundwater users to participate, it will reduce irrigation use and increase available supplies for other uses.
3. **Principle**: Staff recommends allowing eligibility for CII customers who utilize recycled water for irrigation by allowing CII recycled water users to participate, it allows the Agency to utilize additional recycled water supplies for groundwater recharge and assists in reducing peaking demands during the summer months when irrigation usage is at its highest.

While the Agency's supplemental funding is available to accommodate all requests, a modification is necessary to achieve the following objectives in a sustainable manner:

- Increase public awareness regarding use of water efficiency landscaping.
- Transforming the market towards use of more efficient outdoor water use practices.
- Accelerating the region's ability to comply with 20 percent water use reduction by 2020.
- Achieving increased water savings during this critical period of drought.

In addition, Agency staff is currently working with the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (SAWPA) on the Department of Water Resources (DWR) Proposition 84 Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Drought Emergency Grant and has confirmed that the Agency is anticipated to receive approximately \$683,000 in reimbursements for CII turf removal, specifically related to public sector and homeowner's association projects. To date, the Agency has already met that obligation for grant reimbursement and will be submitting invoicing once an SAWPA and DWR have an executed agreement.

This program is consistent with the Agency's Business Goal of increasing *Water Reliability* by promoting water use efficiency and education to enhance water supplies within the region and meeting the region's need to develop reliable and diverse local water resources in order to reduce dependence on imported water supplies.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION

On October 15, 2014, the Board of Directors approved an inter-fund transfer and loan of \$3,000,000 from the Administrative Services Fund to the Water Resources Fund in order to honor current and future CII turf removal application requests.

IMPACT ON BUDGET

The \$1,879,841.20 in supplemental rebates committed to date is supported by the approved funding budgeted in the Agency's Water Resources (WW) fund.

Commercial, Institutional & Industrial Turf Rebate Update April 2015



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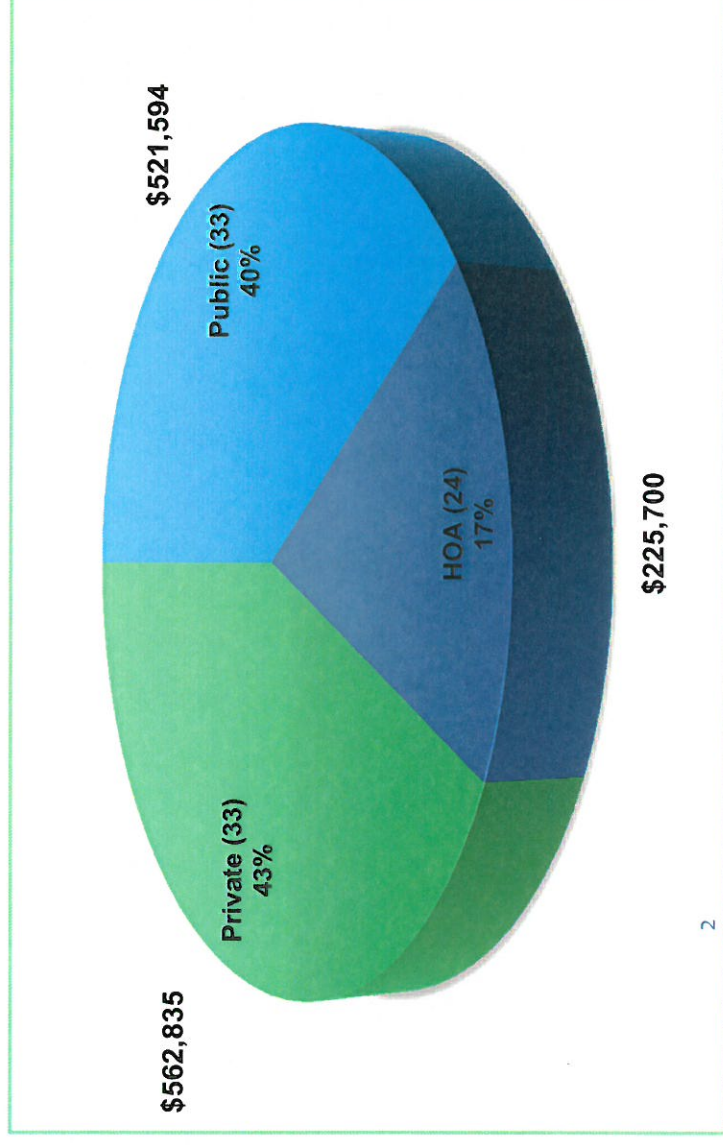
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Water Resources Analyst II

Project Scope

IEUA Supplemental Funding

July 1, 2014 – March 11, 2015

- * 90 applications received
(3.0 M sq. ft.)
- * Funding committed
(\$1.3 M)
- * 30 applications paid
(\$0.3 M)



Program Budget

\$1 / Square Foot Supplemental Funding

Description	Budget
Revised FY 2014-2015 Budget	\$3,189,970
IEUA supplemental funding - reserved to date	\$1,310,129
IEUA supplemental funding - paid to date	\$ 278,573
IEUA supplemental funding – uncommitted	\$1,879,841



Program Scopes

- * Total Projects under 50,000 sq. ft. = **63**
- * Total Projects between 50,000 – 100,000 sq. ft. = **14**
- * Total Projects over 100,000 sq. ft. = **13**



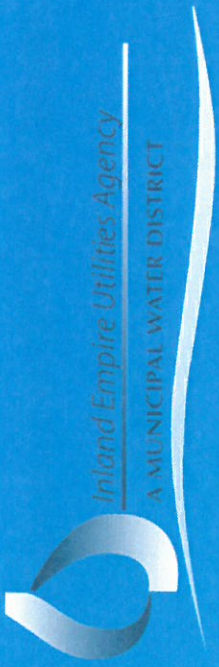
Program Request

- * **Principle:** Set a maximum application funding level for Agency approved supplemental funding (\$1 per square foot):
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 - **Option 2:** Set a maximum application funding level at \$50,000 or a maximum project size of 50,000 square feet;
 - **Option 3:** Set a maximum application funding level at \$100,000 or a maximum project size of 100,000 square feet.
- * **Principle:** Allowing eligibility for CII customers who utilize groundwater supplies for irrigation.
- * **Principle:** Allow eligibility for CII customers who utilize recycled water for irrigation.

Recommendation

- ❖ Staff recommends the Board consider approving a maximum application funding level for Agency approved supplemental funding at \$100,000 (\$1 sq. ft.)

Consistent with the Agency's business goal of increasing Water Reliability by promoting water use efficiency and education to enhance water supplies within the region and meeting the region's need to develop reliable and diverse local water resources in order to reduce dependence on imported water supplies.



Questions?

INFORMATION

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3rd Quarter Planning & Environmental Compliance Update



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April 2015

Regulatory Compliance Update

RWQCB

- * All Facilities – 100% compliance
- * Reproduction Toxicity at RP-1
- * Facility inspections of RP-5 & CCWRF

AQMD

- * All Facilities – 100% compliance

SWRCB – DDW

- * CDA1 & GWR – 100% compliance



Pretreatment & Source Control

Regional System

- * Local Limits Draft Report

North NRWS

- * Solids Discrepancy Evaluation
- * NRWS Capacity Allocation for FY 15/16
- * Philadelphia Pump Station Upgrades

South Brine Line

- * OCSD Ordinance Revision
- * OCSD Local Limits Revision
- * Program Audit



Planning

Prado Basin Adaptive Management Plan

- * Monitoring wells installation almost complete
- * Draft report is being finalized

Santa Ana River Habitat Conservation Plan

- * Phase 1 completed
- * Phase 2 Hydraulic Impact Modeling underway
- * On schedule for completion by January 2016

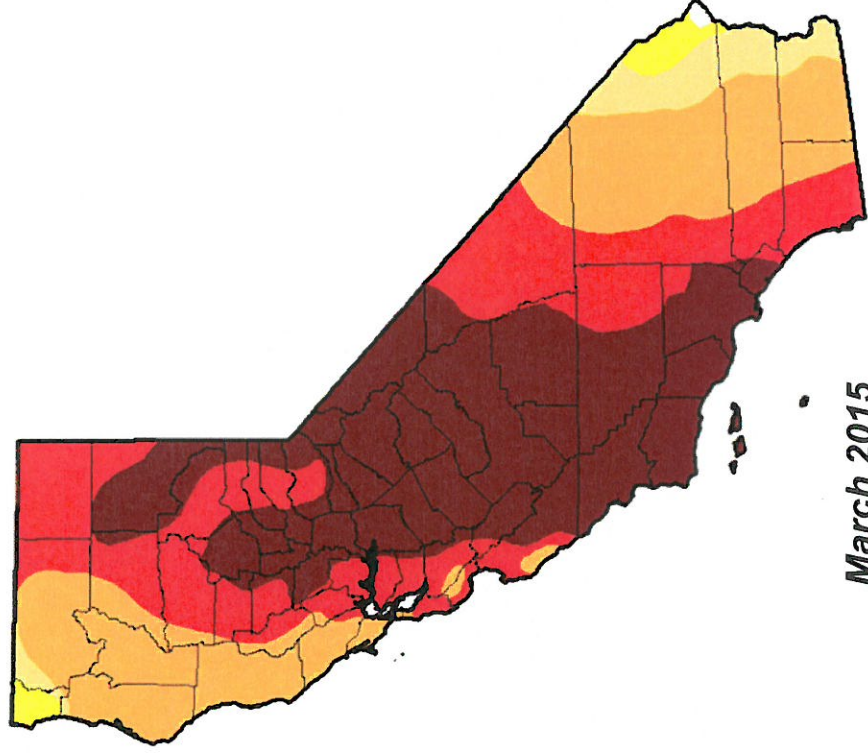


Planning

Integrated Resources Plan

- ✓ **Completed Tasks:**
 - ✓ Review IRP goals and identify data gaps
 - ✓ Update water demand forecast model
- * **Tasks to be completed via Stakeholder Workshops:**
 - Define objectives and corresponding targets
 - Develop implementation plan
- * **Other Activities:**
 - Update Water Use Efficiency model
 - Model impacts of proposed plan on Chino Basin (Wildermuth)
 - Robust modeling for climate change and resiliency testing (RAND)
- * **Fall: Draft IRP**

Water Resources Activities



March 2015

Water Supply Allocation Plan (WSAP)

- * WSAP revisions adopted by MWD Board 12/9/14
- * MWD Board action in April, if approved, effective July 1st
- * Staff reviewing data provided for the allocation

Water Resources Activities

MWD Foundational Actions Programs

- * RW Intertie – Developing final report (June 2015)
- * BIOTTA – Conceptual design and process optimization (June 2015)
- * 3D-FEEM Study – Reviewing sampling results and drafting report (March 2016)



Water Resources Activities

State Drought Emergency Water Conservation

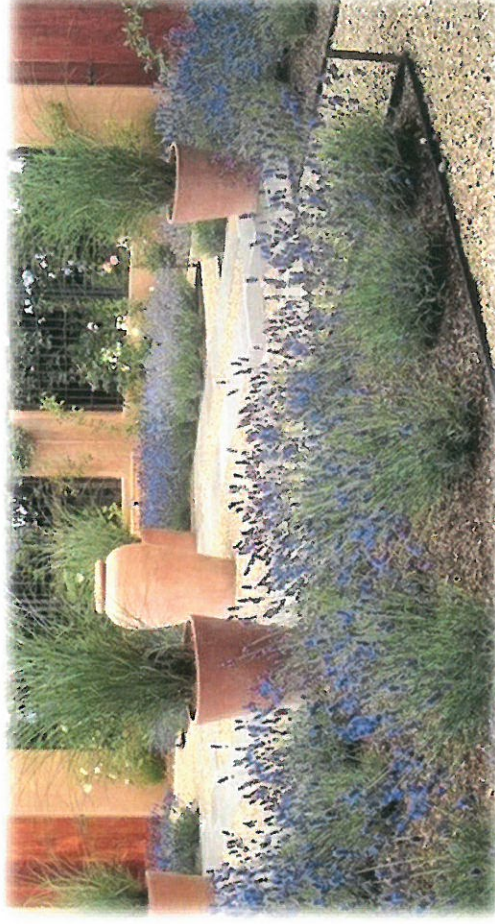
- * SWRCB released draft Regulations on March 6th
- * SWRCB met on March 17th to discuss
- * Additional regulations under consideration:
 - Prohibition on irrigation of turf/ornamental landscapes (2 days/week)
 - Restrictions in the hospitality sector (Water on Request, Linens)
 - Notification requirements to customers regarding leaks
 - Additional reporting requirements (retail agencies only)



Water Resources Activities

DWR/SAWPA Prop. 84 Drought Grant

- * Water Use Efficiency Advisory Group met:
 - February 9th & March 16th
- * Funding allocations and project implementation processes under development



**Prop 84 Grant:
Building Blocks for
Financial & Conservation
Success**

**Rates:
Cost Recovery
&
Conservation**

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**Customer Outreach:
Technology-based
Conservation**

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**Agency Tools:
Efficiency Calculator, Rate Modeling,
Agency/Customer Portal**

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**Customer Level Data:
Irrigated Area/Parcel, Local ET**

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Rates Workshops: May 14 (Anaheim) 11:30-3:00

May 27 (Western MWD) 11:30-3:00

Workshop #1: Been There/Done That (Decision-makers)

Pre-survey

Video (to be used as outreach to all agencies)

Post-survey... Sign-up

General Managers:
Why?
Lessons?
Repeatable?

Finance Managers:
How?
Lessons?
\$\$\$ Impact?

Elected Officials:
Reaction?
Public Feedback?
Public Relations?

Workshop #2: Challenges/Barriers (Staff)

Data

Legal

Billing Systems

Outreach... etc.

Questions?