



CHAPTERED LEGISLATION

Water Management

AB 1572 (Friedman) Potable water: nonfunctional turf. Prohibits the use of potable water to irrigate nonfunctional turf on commercial, municipal, institutional, and multifamily residential properties. Begins a phase-in of this ban for specified property types beginning January 1, 2027. **Signed, awaiting Chaptering**

SB 389 (Allen) State Water Resources Control Board: determination of water right. Authorizes the Water Board, upon making certain findings, to determine whether the diversion and use of water from a stream system are based on upon appropriation, riparian right, or other basis of right. **Chapter 486**

AB 399 (Boerner) Water Ratepayers Protection Act of 2023. Restructures the vote requirement under the County Water Authority Act, requiring a vote of the entire membership of the San Diego County Water Authority service area to approve a member agency to leave the authority rather than a vote of the agency seeking to leave. **Chapter 802**

Weather Forecasting & Planning/Drone Technology

AB 30 (Ward) Atmospheric Rivers: Research, Mitigation, and Climate Forecasting Program. Formally establishes the Atmospheric Rivers Research and Forecast Improvement Program: Enabling Climate Adaptation Through Forecast Informed Reservoir Operations and Hazard Resiliency in DWR for the purpose of improving precipitation forecasting to improve water planning. **Chapter 134**

Flood

AB 876 (Rivas) Pajaro River Flood Management Project. Exempts the Pajaro River flood control project from various state and local environmental laws and regulations. **Signed, awaiting Chaptering**

Sustainable Groundwater Management

AB 779 (Wilson) Groundwater: adjudication. Allows an adjudicating court to refer the proposed adjudication to the SWRCB for investigation and report. The GSP shall submit a comprehensive monitoring plan over the basin; parties to the adjudication and any other party may not use new or increased pumping to establish a prescriptive claim. **Chapter 665**

SB 659 (Ashby) Groundwater recharge: minimum requirement. Requires the California Water Plan to include recommendations to increase the development of groundwater recharge projects. **Chapter 624**

Ecosystem

SB 539 (Stern) Sepulveda Basin: planning process: nature-based solutions

Requires DWR, along with the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, to work with the City of Los Angeles and the USACE to integrate nature-based solutions into the planning process for the Sepulveda Basin. **Chapter 490**

Energy

AB 1061 (Rendon) Requires that any resources procured or maintained by DWR as part of the Electricity Supply Strategic Reliability Reserve Program (ESSRRP), comply with applicable, existing emissions reporting and cap-and-trade elements of Air Resources Board regulations. **Chapter 558**

AB 1373 (Garcia) Provides DWR authority to act as a centralized procurement entity until January 1, 2035. Requires the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and the California Energy Commission, as applicable, to assess capacity payments for load-serving entities (LSEs) and local publicly owned electric utilities that are deficient in their reliability obligations until June 30, 2027. Finally, authorizes the CPUC additional enforcement and subsequent penalty authority over the LSEs' integrated resource plan. **Chapter 367**

State Administration / Contracts

AB 345 (Wilson) Habitat restoration: flood control: advance payments. Authorizes DWR and the Central Valley Flood Protection Board to provide advance payments to local agencies for projects that restore habitat for threatened and endangered species under state or federal law or improve flood protection. The amount advanced may not exceed 25% of the entire amount authorized. **Chapter 647**

AB 590 (Hart) State-funded assistance grants and contracts: advance payments. Requires a state agency to offer advance payments to non-profits under certain circumstances: where the recipients serve disadvantaged, low-income, and underserved communities, the payment does not exceed 25% of the award unless the agency can provide justification for a larger advance, and the recipients conform with rules relating to reporting, auditing and similar. **Chapter 535**

SB 790 (Padilla) Public records: contracts for goods and services. Specifies that any contract for the purchase of goods or services by a state or local agency is a public record subject to disclosure under the California Public Records Act. This bill provides that does not require disclosure of a record that is otherwise exempt from disclosure or prohibited from disclosure pursuant to federal or state law. **Chapter 77**

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AB 676 (Bennett) Water: general state policy. Existing law establishes the policy that the use of water for domestic purposes is the highest use of water and that the next highest use is for irrigation. This bill would have identified specific domestic purposes, including sustenance of human beings, animals, gardens, fire suppression, and any purpose as established by common law (court decisions).

SB 470 (Alvarado-Gil) Water: Urban Water Community Drought Relief program: Small Community Drought Relief. Would have required DWR to utilize the Urban Water Community Drought Relief and the Small Community Drought Relief programs to fund water infrastructure and water delivery projects in the Tahoe Basin and “elsewhere” for the purpose of fire prevention.

SB 557 (Limon) California Prompt Payment Act: nonprofit organizations. Would have expanded the definition of a grant for the purposes of the California Prompt Payment Act requiring timely payments to include nonprofits by changing what is considered a grant and sets a specific monetary threshold of \$250 or 5% of the invoiced amount (whichever is lower) for when a state agency can dispute a bill related to property or services delivered.

Failed Passage / Two-Year*

AB 560 (Bennett) Sustainable Groundwater Management Act: groundwater adjudication. Would require a court, before finalizing a groundwater adjudication, to refer the proposed adjudication to the SWRCB for an advisory determination as to whether it will impair the ability of a groundwater sustainability agency (GSA), the SWRCB, or DWR to achieve sustainable groundwater management. SWRB must consult with DWR before making its determination.

AB 754 (Papan) Water management planning: water shortages. Would require a water agency, that relies on a single reservoir for at least 50 percent of its water supply, to include water shortage response actions in its urban water management plan (UWMP) or agricultural water management plan (AWMP), that are implemented when water storage falls below specified levels.

AB 923 (Bauer-Kahan) Flood plain restoration projects: Central Valley: study. Would require the Central Valley Flood Protection Board, in coordination with DWR to identify priority flood plain restoration or floodway expansion projects and, upon appropriation, begin preconstruction activities for those projects.

AB 1284 (Ramos) Tribal ancestral lands and waters: co-governance and co-management agreements. Would encourage the CNRA and authorizes the secretary of CNRA, who shall be the signatory for the State, to enter into co-governance and co-management agreements with federally recognized tribes for the purposes of shared responsibility, decision making, and partnership in resource management and conservation within a tribe's ancestral lands and waters. This bill would have also required the secretary of CNRA or a delegate, within 90 days of a request from a federally recognized tribe, to begin government-to-government negotiations on co-governance and co-management agreements with the tribe.

AB 1563 (Bennett) Groundwater sustainability agency: groundwater extraction permit: verification. Would prohibit a local agency from approving permits for groundwater wells in a critically over-drafted basin until it obtains a written verification from the relevant groundwater sustainability agency (GSA) determining that the well is consistent with sustainable groundwater management and a report by a licensed professional that the well will not interfere with existing nearby wells.

AB 1573 (Friedman) Water conservation: landscape design: model ordinance. Would makes changes to required provisions in the Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (MWELo) developed by DW), including requiring the use of more native plants and a prohibition on the use of nonfunctional turf in new or renovated commercial and industrial areas.

SB 231 (Hurtado) Department of Water Resources: water supply forecasting. Would require the SWRCB, in coordination with DWR and the Dept. of Public Health, to prepare and submit an update to the report required by January 1, 2025, evaluating the feasibility, estimated costs, and potential means of financing a coordinated water measurement database.

SB 315 (Hurtado) Groundwater: groundwater sustainability agencies: probationary basins. Would place various requirements on the SWRCB in working with a groundwater sustainability agency (GSA), including providing clear benchmarks and guidance for GSAs to improve their groundwater management plans, among other things. It would also require the Sustainable Groundwater Management Grant program to allocate at least \$50 million of existing funds for a Critical Facilities Subsidence Mitigation subprogram.

SB 366 (Caballero) The California Water Plan: long-term supply targets. Would revise the California Water Plan (Water Plan) by requiring the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to develop a comprehensive plan for addressing the State's water needs and meet specific water supply target.

SB 550 (Grove) Water markets. Would require the LAO in consultation with SWRCB and DWR, to produce a report analyzing the water market.

SB 574 (Wahab) Public agencies: project labor agreements. Would prohibit a state agency from undertaking a major construction project, defined as a project that will exceed \$35 million dollars, unless that project is governed by a project labor agreement (PLA) and if that PLA includes a community benefit goal, as defined.

SB 583 (Padilla) Salton Sea Conservancy. Would establish the Salton Sea Conservancy within CNRA to undertake various activities related to the Salton Sea region. It would require the conservancy to be governed by a board of directors and would set forth the powers, duties, and limitations of the board of directors and the conservancy, as provided. It would create the Salton Sea Conservancy Fund and would make moneys in the fund available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for purposes of the conservancy.

SB 586 (Eggman) Flood management: Mossdale Tract. Would permit Mossdale Tract and the City of West Sacramento to approve development in flood hazard areas that do not have an urban level of flood protection or that are not making adequate progress, as defined in existing law, on a flood protection system if the local flood control agency has an active federal project, as specified.

SB 682 (Skinner) Low-carbon cement and low-carbon concrete. Would make it the policy of the State to purchase or specify at least 10 percent of cement and concrete meet or exceed a specified benchmark for low-carbon cement by 2030 and to exclude the purchase of all fossil-based supplementary cementitious materials from that 10% by 2035.

SB 687 (Eggman) Water Quality Control Plan: Delta Conveyance Project. Would require the SWRCB to adopt a final update of the 1995 Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary (Bay-Delta) before SWRCB may consider a change in point diversion or any other water rights permit or order for the Delta Conveyance Project.

Beginning of the 2023/24 two-year session - some legislation marked as a "2-year" bill could resurface in 2024.