



Department of Water Resources  
Legislative Affairs Office

BILL NUMBER

SUBJECT / DESCRIPTION

WATER / DWR PROGRAM AREAS

**AB 134 (Dickinson D)**

**Water Rights: Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District**

Under existing law, the State Water Resources Control Board (state board) is responsible for administering permits and licenses to appropriate water. This bill would authorize the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District to file an application for a permit to appropriate water in an amount based on the volume of treated wastewater that the district discharges into the Sacramento River. The bill would require the state board to grant a permit to appropriate that treated wastewater upon specific terms and conditions of the state board. The bill would exempt from the above-described approval and review requirements, the appropriation of water, and any change in the point of discharge, place of use, or purpose of use of treated wastewater, in accordance with a permit granted pursuant to the bill's provisions.

**AB 157 (Jeffries R)**

**Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2012**

Existing law creates the Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2012, which, if approved by the voters at the November 6, 2012, statewide election, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$11,140,000,000 to finance a safe drinking water and water supply reliability program. This bill would reduce by 25% the total amount of bonds authorized pursuant to the Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2012. and would make conforming reductions to amounts in the bond.

**AB 359 (Huffman D)**

**Groundwater Management Plans**

Existing law authorizes local agencies that provide water service to adopt groundwater management plans and to hold hearings prior to adopting the plan and to publish a specified notice before each of these hearings. This bill would require the local agency to provide a copy of the proposed groundwater management plan to the public and provide specified notices of the hearings. The bill would require DWR to post on its Internet web site the information the department possesses regarding the local agencies that have jurisdiction to develop groundwater management plans.

**AB 531 (Olsen R)**

**Groundwater**

This bill is currently a "spot bill," making nonsubstantive changes to existing statutes relating to groundwater management.

**AB 550 (Huber D)**

**Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta: Peripheral Canal**

Would prohibit the construction of a Peripheral Canal or similar structure that would convey water from a diversion point on the Sacramento River to a location south of the Sacramento- San Joaquin Delta unless specific, subsequent legislation is introduced and the Legislative Analyst completes an economic analysis of the feasibility of the project. It would also prohibit such a facility from impacting the Delta watershed, the residents in the Delta, or the Delta.

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<b>AB 576 (Dickinson D)</b>	<b>Delta Stewardship Council: Planning and Administration: Fees</b> Would require the Council to adopt a fee to be assessed on State and federal water contractors to provide funding to planning and administrative activities of the Council.
<b>AB 627 (Berryhill R)</b>	<b>State Water Resources Development System: Annual Report</b> This is a spot bill, making nonsubstantive changes to the reporting requirements placed in the Water Code by AB X4 11 (Chapter 11, Statutes of 2009) relating to State Water Project expenditures.
<b>AB 685 (Eng D)</b>	<b>State Water Policy</b> This is a spot bill that declares State policy that every human being has the right to clean, affordable, and accessible water.
<b>AB 745 (Valadao R)</b>	<b>California Water Plan</b> This is a spot bill that makes nonsubstantive changes to provisions of the Water Code that require the production of the California Water Plan.
<b>AB 763 (Berryhill R)</b>	<b>Department of Water Resources</b> This is a spot bill, making nonsubstantive changes to provisions of the Water Code relating to the appointment and service of the Director of the Department.
<b>AB 779 (Fletcher R)</b>	<b>Water transfers: Public Notice</b> Would require a local public water agency to notify customers prior to approving any purchase, or "transfer," of water to the agency in effort to ensure customers are not adversely affected by the excessive cost of water.
<b>AB 849 (Gatto D)</b>	<b>Water Use Efficiency</b> This is a spot bill that declares legislative intent to enact legislation that would encourage water use efficiency measures in residential and commercial construction through the reduction in regulatory barriers and/or incentives.
<b>AB 954 (Calderon D)</b>	<b>Water Replenishment Districts</b> This bill would require specific groundwater reporting and monitoring of the Water Replenishment District's basins. Additionally, the bill would restructure the distribution of fees within the District.
<b>AB 977 (Harkey R)</b>	<b>Water</b> This is a spot bill that makes nonsubstantive changes to the Davis-Dlowig Act in the Water Code, relating to recreation and fish & wildlife enhancement components of the State Water Project.
<b>AB 1002 (Butler D)</b>	<b>California Water Plan: Stormwater Recovery</b> Would require DWR to include in the California Water Plan, strategies relating to stormwater recovery.
<b>AB 1152 (Chesbro D)</b>	<b>Groundwater</b> Makes changes to SB X7 6 (Steinberg) of the 2009 Special Session on Water, concerning responsibilities of agencies in the reporting and monitoring of groundwater basin elevations.

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<b>AB 1187 (Fong D)</b>	<b>California Water Plan: Safe Drinking Water</b> Would require the California Water Plan to include a specific safe drinking water plan that is to be prepared by the Department of Public Health.
<b>AB 1200 (Ma D)</b>	<b>DWR: State-constructed water projects: recreational development</b> This is a spot bill that makes nonsubstantive changes to the Water Code relating to the inclusion of recreation at state-constructed water projects.
<b>AB 1283 (Berryhill R)</b>	<b>Safe, Clean and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2012</b> This is a spot bill, stating legislative intent to enact legislation relating to the 2012 water bond.
<b>SB 34 (Simitian D)</b>	<b>Water infrastructure projects: fees</b> This is a spot bill, for the moment, that would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to develop a fee-based system to pay for costs associated with updating and modernizing water infrastructure projects in the state.
<b>SB 52 (Steinberg D)</b>	<b>Water quality: Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District</b> Proposition 1E, the Disaster Preparedness and Flood Prevention Bond Act of 2006, authorized \$300 million is available to the Department of Water Resources for grants for storm water flood management projects. Proposition 84, the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006, authorized \$130 million was for grants to implement water quality improvement projects. This bill would appropriate \$50 million to provide financial assistance to the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District with the costs of capital improvements to the district's regional sewage treatment plant as a result of the issuance of a specified MPDES permit and waste discharge requirements.
<b>SB 200 (Wolk D)</b>	<b>Sacramento San Joaquin Delta: Delta Conveyance Facilities</b> The US Bureau of Reclamation operates the federal Central Valley Project and DWR operates the State Water Resources Development System, known as the State Water Project, to supply water to persons and entities in the state. This bill would prohibit the construction of a new Delta conveyance facility unless specified conditions are met, including (A) the adoption of an agreement by DWR and the DFG that specifies the stages of construction of the new Delta conveyance facility and (B) the establishment of plans and agreements for the construction of specified water facilities and implementation of specified water programs. The bill would prohibit the transportation of water for the federal Central Valley Project through state project facilities unless certain conditions are met.
<b>SB 224 (Pavley D)</b>	<b>Public Contracts: Department of Water Resources</b> Existing law provides that all contracts entered into by any state agency for goods, services or other specified activities are void unless and until approved by the Department of General Services. That law exempts certain transactions and contracts from that law, as specified. This bill would also exempt from that law specified contracts entered into by the Department of Water Resources, but would exclude from that exemption contracts for the sale, delivery, or use of water or power from the State Water Resources Development System.
<b>SB 263 (Pavley D)</b>	<b>Groundwater: Well Reports: Public Availability</b>

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	Existing law requires a person who drills a water well, cathodic protection well, or a monitoring well, or abandons or destroys a well to file a report of completion with the Department of Water Resources. Existing law prohibits those reports from being made available to the public, except under certain circumstances. This bill would instead make a report relating to a well constructed, altered, abandoned, or destroyed on or after January 1, 2012, available to the public. The bill, commencing July 1, 2013, would also make available to the public reports relating to a well constructed, altered, abandoned, or destroyed before January 1, 2012, unless the department receives notification by the well owner to keep the report confidential.
<b>SB 409 (La Malfa R)</b>	<b>Flood Control: DWR</b> This is a spot bill that makes nonsubstantive changes to the Water Code provisions that would authorize DWR to take certain actions relating to lands subject to inundation.
<b>SB 496 (Fuller R)</b>	<b>State Water Resources Development System</b> This is a spot bill that makes nonsubstantive changes to the Burns Porter Act of 1960.
<b>SB 571 (Wolk D)</b>	<b>California Water Commission: Master Plan for Financing</b> Would require the CWC to develop, by January 1, 2013, a master plan for financing and developing water resources in the state and to update the plan every 5 years. Additionally, the bill would require the CWC to review and audit the award of state funds for water projects.
<b>SB 665 (La Malfa R)</b>	<b>Groundwater: Public Trust Doctrine</b> A substantive spot bill, declaring legislative intent to enact legislation to clarify that the public trust doctrine does not extend to groundwater.
<b>SB 710 (La Malfa R)</b>	<b>State Water Project</b> A substantive spot bill, declaring legislative intent to enact legislation to address costs to local governments caused by the State Water Project.
<b>SB 834 (Wolk D)</b>	<b>Integrated Regional Water Management Plans: Contents</b> Would require an IRWM Plan to include information relating to the manner in which it complies with state policy to reduce reliance on the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.
<b>SB 845 (Wolk D)</b>	<b>Central Valley Flood Protection Plan</b> This is a spot bill, making nonsubstantive changes to Water Code provisions relating to the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan.

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<b>AB 49 (Gatto D)</b>	<p><b>Development: Permit Streamlining: CEQA</b>            Would require the Office of Planning and Research to undertake specific actions, under the Office of Permit Assistance, to assist local agencies in all aspects of project permitting in an attempt to expediting permit approvals. This bill places various other requirements on OPR as part of the new duties of this bill.</p>	
<b>AB 83 (Jeffries R)</b>	<p><b>Environment: CEQA exemption: recycled water pipeline</b>            The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires a lead agency to prepare and certify the completion of an environmental impact report (EIR) 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. CEQA also 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. CEQA exempts specified pipeline projects from the above requirements. This bill would additionally exempt a project for the installation of a new pipeline, not exceeding a specified length, for the distribution of recycled water within an improved public street, highway, or right-of-way.</p>	
<b>AB 320 (Hill D)</b>	<p><b>Environmental quality: California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA): determination: dispute</b>            CEQA requires a lead agency to prepare an environmental impact report 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. CEQA requires a lead agency to file a notice containing specified information with the Office of Planning Research or the county clerk. CEQA provides a procedure by which a party may challenge the decision of the public agency and requires that a petitioner or plaintiff name, as a real party in interest, a recipient of the approval being challenged. This bill would require the public agency, in its notice of determination or notice of exemption, to list the recipient(s) of its approval in said notice. The bill would then require that a petition or complaint be subject to dismissal if a petitioner or plaintiff fails to serve the recipient listed in that notice within the statute of limitations period.</p>	
<b>AB 939 (Perez, V. D)</b>	<p><b>New River Water Quality, Public Health, and River Parkway Development Program</b>            Existing law requires the California-Mexico Border Relations Council, contingent upon the execution of an agreement with the City of Calexico to provide the necessary funding, to develop a strategic plan to guide the implementation of the New River Improvement Project. This bill would require the development of the New River Water Quality, Public Health, and River Parkway Development Program.</p>	
<b>SB 215 (Huff R)</b>	<p><b>Invasive aquatic species: mussels</b>            Existing law prohibits a person from possessing, importing, transporting or planting dreissenid mussels in the state, and authorizes the Director of Fish and Game to engage in various enforcement activities. Existing law provides that a person who violates these provisions is subject to administrative penalty, in an amount not to exceed \$1,000. Existing law exempts certain entities from enforcement activities, or from civil or criminal liability, under prescribed circumstances. These provisions are repealed on January 1, 2012. This bill would delete that repeal provision.</p>	

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## WATER CONSERVATION

## AB 19 (Fong D)

**Building standards: water meters: multiunit structures**

Existing statute, The Water Measurement Law, requires every water purveyor to require the installation of a water meter to measure water service. That law also requires urban water suppliers to install water meters on specified service connections, and to charge water users based on the actual volume of deliveries. This bill would require the installation of a water submeter to measure water supplied to each individual dwelling unit. The bill would require the owner of the structure to ensure that a water submeter installed for these purposes complies with laws and regulations governing installation.

## AB 275 (Solorio D)

**Rainwater Capture Act of 2011**

Under existing law, the State Water Resources Control Board (state board) and the California regional water quality control boards prescribe waste discharge requirements for the discharge of stormwater in accordance with the national pollutant discharge elimination system (NPDES) permit program and the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act. Existing law authorizes a city, county, or special district to develop, jointly or individually, stormwater resource plans that meet certain standards. This bill would enact the Rainwater Capture Act of 2011, which would authorize landowners to install, maintain, and operate rain barrel systems and rainwater capture systems.

## ADMINISTRATIVE / LABOR / EMPLOYMENT

## AB 7 (Portantino D)

**State employment: salary freeze**

Existing law requires the Department of Personnel Administration to establish and adjust salary ranges for each class of position in the state civil service. This bill would, until January 1, 2014, prohibit a person employed by the state whose base salary is greater than \$150,000 per year from receiving a salary increase while employed in the same position or classification except for a person whose compensation is governed by an operative memorandum of understanding, a person who has been exempted by Executive Order of the Governor, or a person whose salary is set pursuant to the California Constitution.

## AB 149 (Lara D)

**Civil service: personal services contracts**

Existing law establishes standards for the use of personal services contracts. Any state agency proposing to execute a contract pursuant to these standards is required to notify the State Personnel Board of its intention. This bill would additionally authorize, if the State Personnel Board either prohibits a proposed contract from being executed or nullifies an executed contract based on the reviews described above, the department or agency submitting the contract to create and fill a civil service position for each employee position requested in the submitted contract.

## AB 328 (Smyth R)

**Inverse condemnation: comparative fault**

Existing law prohibits the taking of private property without the payment of just compensation and permits a person to maintain an action in inverse condemnation for the purpose of obtaining compensation for a taking and applies the doctrine of comparative fault for the purpose of apportioning responsibility and reducing damages to the extent a plaintiff is found partially at fault. This bill would apply the doctrine of comparative fault to inverse condemnation actions and would require a court or arbitrator to reduce the compensation paid to a plaintiff in an inverse condemnation proceeding, in direct proportion to the percentage of fault in the damaging of property that constitutes a taking.

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<b>AB 344 (Furutani D)</b>	<p><b>Public employees' retirement: retiree appointments</b></p> <p>The Public Employees' Retirement Law establishes the circumstances in which a retired person may serve without reinstatement from retirement or loss or interruption of benefits, including, among others, an appointment of limited duration that does not exceed 960 hours in any fiscal year. Existing law further provides that a person may serve without reinstatement under an appointment that exceeds 960 hours in any fiscal year, if the governing body of the contracting agency requests approval from the Public Employees' Retirement Board, as specified. This bill would delete that option for a person to serve without reinstatement under an appointment that exceeds 960 hours in any fiscal year.</p>
<b>AB 400 (Ma D)</b>	<p><b>Employment: paid sick days</b></p> <p>This bill would provide that an employee who works in California for 7 or more days in a calendar year is entitled to paid sick days, which shall be accrued at a rate of no less than one hour for every 30 hours worked. An employee would be entitled to use accrued sick days beginning on the 90th calendar day of employment. The bill would require employers to provide paid sick days for specific purposes. An employer would be prohibited from discriminating or retaliating against an employee who requests paid sick days.</p>
<b>AB 430 (Feuer D)</b>	<p><b>State finance: budget process</b></p> <p>This bill would require the Governor's proposed budget to include estimates of revenues and expenditures for the 3 subsequent fiscal years as well as budget-related plans and proposals for those 3 fiscal years. In addition, the bill would require the Governor to submit to the Legislature updated projections of revenues and expenditures for the budget year and the succeeding fiscal year by January 10, and on May 15 and October 15 of each year.</p>
<b>AB 920 (Portantino D)</b>	<p><b>Public Employees: Rights</b></p> <p>Provides that state employees are entitled to priority over excluded employees or contractors in filling permanent positions.</p>
<b>AB 968 (Chesbro D)</b>	<p><b>California Indian Tribes: State Agencies</b></p> <p>Would require every state agency to adopt a policy for communication and consultation with California Indian Tribes. Additionally, the bill would require the Governor to meet annually with elected officials of California Indian Tribes.</p>
<b>SB 14 (Wolk D)</b>	<p><b>State Budget</b></p> <p>The California Constitution requires the Governor to submit annually to the Legislature a budget itemizing state expenditures and estimating state revenues and requires the Legislature to pass the Budget Bill by midnight on June 15. This bill would require that the budget submitted by the Governor to the Legislature for the 2014-15 fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter be developed pursuant to performance-based budgeting, as defined, for each state agency.</p>
<b>SB 15 (Desaulnier D)</b>	<p><b>State Budget</b></p> <p>Existing law requires the Governor to submit a budget for the ensuing fiscal year by January 10th of each calendar year. The budget is required to contain a plan and itemized statements of proposed expenditures and estimated revenues, together with a comparison with the actual revenues and expenditures for the last completed fiscal year. This bill would require the budget to contain itemized statements, provisional language, performance measurement standards, recommended state expenditures, and a projection of anticipated state revenues as well as estimated resources available for expenditures proposed in the budget year and the succeeding fiscal year, and would further require the budget to contain a projection of state expenditures and anticipated state revenues for 3 fiscal years following the budget year.</p>

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**SB 27 (Simitian D)**

**Public retirement: final compensation: computation: retirees**

The Public Employees' Retirement System provides a defined benefit to its members based on age at retirement, service credit, and final compensation, and defines "final compensation" for purposes of calculating a member's retirement allowance. This bill would revise the definition of "creditable compensation" and would limit the calculation of a member's final compensation to an amount not to exceed the average increase in compensation received within the final compensation period and the 2 preceding years by employees in the same or a related group as that member. This bill would also prohibit a person who retires on or after January 1, 2013 from serving as a retired annuitant for any employer covered by a state or local retirement system until that person has been separated from service for a period of at least 180 days.

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<b>SB 235 (Negrete McLeod D)</b>	<p data-bbox="380 164 1073 188"><b>Water and Flood Districts: Reorganization of Governing Boards</b></p> <p data-bbox="380 228 1961 289">This bill would allow specic special districts to reorganize and reduce the membership of their governing boards, and specifices conditions of such a reorganization.</p>
<b>SB 252 (Vargas D)</b>	<p data-bbox="380 326 758 350"><b>Public contracts: personal services</b></p> <p data-bbox="380 358 2032 561">The California Constitution provides that the civil service includes every officer and employee of the state. The California courts have interpreted the California Constitution as generally restricting the contracting out of state activities or tasks to the private sector, if those activities or tasks may be adequately and competently performed by state employees. Existing law codifies certain exceptions, and authorizes the state to enter into personal services contracts when specified conditions are met. This bill would enact the Government Oversight and Fiscal Accountability Review Act of 2010 and would require a state agency that enters into a privatization contract to report to the Secretary of State regarding those contracts, and would require the Secretary of State to make these reports available for public inspection.</p>
<b>SB 270 (Hernandez D)</b>	<p data-bbox="380 618 737 643"><b>State Employees: Compensation</b></p> <p data-bbox="380 651 1990 716">This bill would continuously appropriate from the General Fund and other specified funds to the Controller an amount necessary for the payment of compensation and employee benefits to state employees for work performed on or after July 1 of a fiscal year for which no budget has been enacted.</p>
<b>SB 322 (Negrete-McLeod D)</b>	<p data-bbox="380 781 506 805"><b>Retirement</b></p> <p data-bbox="380 846 1982 984">Existing federal law limits the amount a defined benefit plan may pay a participant annually, and requires that this limitation be adjusted annually by regulation to account for increases in the cost of living. Under state law, the Public Employees' Retirement Law provides that a member's annual retirement benefits shall not exceed the federal dollar limit. This bill would prohibit a member who receives benefits based on credited service with multiple employers from exceeding the limitations set forth with regard to his or her annual retirement benefits.</p>
<b>SB 817 (Committee on Veterans Affairs)</b>	<p data-bbox="380 1040 772 1065"><b>State Contracts: Participation Goals</b></p> <p data-bbox="380 1105 2032 1169">Revises requirements relating to the level of service-connected disability from which the disabled veteran suffers, and requires specific tax information to be submitted to the Office of Small Business and Disable Veteran Business Enterprise Services.</p>