



**Department of Water Resources
Year-End Report: 2012 California Legislative Session**

Chaptered Bills

AB 340 by Warren Furutani
(D-Long Beach)

Public employees' retirement

Revises existing public employees' retirement law, requiring public employees to pay for at least 50 percent of their pensions, placing a cap on the level of salaries upon which pensions are calculated, increasing the retirement age and adjusting the retirement formulas for most public employees, and requires retirement salaries to be calculated based upon a three-year average to prevent salary spiking.

AB 685 by Mike Eng
(D-Monterey Park)

State water policy

Declares that it is the policy of the state that everyone has the right to safe, clean, affordable and accessible water adequate for human consumption, cooking and sanitary purposes and would direct state agencies to consider this state policy when revising, adopting or establishing policies, regulations, and grant criteria when those policies, regulations and criteria are pertinent to the uses of water described in this bill.

AB 1422 by Henry Perea
(D-Fresno)

Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2012: submission to voters

This bill moved the Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2012 from the November 2012 statewide ballot to the November 2014 ballot.

AB 1532 by Speaker John Perez
(D-Los Angeles)

California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund

Creates the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund Investment Plan and Communities Revitalization Act to set procedures for the investment of fee revenues derived from the auction of greenhouse gas allowances pursuant to the cap and trade program of the Air Resources Board

AB 1578 by Dan Logue
(R-Chico)

Indian Valley Watermaster District

Creates the Indian Valley Watermaster District to provide watermaster services for Indian Valley, a task previously administered by the Department of Water Resources (DWR).

AB 1750 by Jose Solorio
(D-Santa Ana)

Rainwater Capture Act of 2012

Establishes the Rainwater Capture Act of 2012, defining key terms relating to rainwater capture and authorize the installation of rainwater capture systems.

AB 1965 by Richard Pan
(D-Sacramento)

Land use: flood protection

This bill revises provisions included in SB 1278 (Wolk, 2012) related to planning and zoning for flood protection in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley. See also SB 1278 (Wolk).

AB 2230 by Mike Gatto
(D-Burbank)

Recycled water: car washes

Requires specific new car wash facilities constructed after January 1, 2014, to reuse at least 60% of the water or to use recycled water provided by a water supplier for at least 60% of its wash and rinse water.

SB 71 by Mark Leno
(D-San Francisco)

State agencies: reports

Eliminates and revises more than 200 statutory reporting requirements of state agencies, departments, boards and commissions, and eliminates six dormant state boards and committees. Specific to Department of Water Resources activities, this bill eliminates various outdated reports relating to the now-defunct CALFED program and the Bay-Delta Authority, quarterly reporting of expenditures from the Electric Power Fund, and an antiquated reporting requirement from DWR and the California Water Commission.

SB 200 by Lois Wolk
(D-Davis)

Delta levee maintenance

This bill extends, until July 1, 2018, the current state cost-share rate for the Delta Levee Maintenance Subventions Program which is set at up to 75 percent of the costs in excess of \$1,000 per levee mile. After that date the cost-share would revert to 50 percent.

SB 1099 by Roderick Wright
(D-Los Angeles)

Regulations

Beginning January 1, 2013, this bill sets four days per year (January 1, April 1, July 1 and October 1) upon which new regulations are to take effect statewide.

SB 1278 by Lois Wolk
(D-Davis)

Planning and zoning: flood protection: Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley

SB 1278 makes changes to existing local flood protection requirements, extending by one year the timeframe under which cities and counties must incorporate flood risk information into their general plans and zoning ordinances. This bill also requires DWR, before July 2, 2013, to issue specific floodplain maps and data that will assist local agencies in updating their general plans.

SB 1495 by Lois Wolk
(D-Davis)

Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Reform Act of 2009

This bill exempts two types of actions, (certain leases as well as routine dredging operations) from review by the Delta Stewardship Council as "covered actions" under the Delta Plan as originally provided for by SBX7 1 (Simitian) in 2009.

Vetoed Bills

SB 447 by Mark DeSaulnier
(D-Concord)

State agencies: communications: social security numbers

SB 447 would have prohibited state agencies from mailing information to any individual that contains their social security number, unless required by federal law. The Governor vetoed this bill, noting that existing law already directs how information that includes social security numbers may be sent.

Bills that Failed Passage

AB 1570 by Henry Perea
(D-Fresno)

California Environmental Quality Act: record of proceedings

This bill, along with SB 984 (Simitian) (see below), would have expanded the provisions of law enacted in 2011 by AB 900 (Buchanan) that created an expedited process for the preparation of documents related to large economic development projects. This bill, along with SB 984, would have expanded this process to specific statewide or regionally-significant projects subject to the California Environmental Quality Act.

AB 2595 by Isadore Hall
(D-Rancho Dominguez)

Desalination

Would have convened the Seawater Desalination Permit Improvement Task Force, and would have required the Ocean Protection Council to investigate and report on opportunities for improving permitting processes for seawater desalination facilities

SB 984 by Joseph Simitian
(D-Palo Alto)

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SB 1146 by Fran Pavley
(D-Santa Monica)

Wells: reports: public availability

Would have required DWR to make well completion reports (commonly referred to as 'well logs') available to the public upon request. Currently, this information is available only to public agencies, to individuals undertaking studies relating to environmental cleanup efforts, or to individuals with the permission from the well owner.

SB 1247 by Ted Gaines
(R-Roseville)

Watermaster service areas: cost of administration

This bill would have, until January 1, 2014, allowed the State to pay up to 50 percent of the cost of the Watermaster Program, administered by DWR. Currently, and since 2011, all costs of the Watermaster Program are borne by the water rights holders receiving the service.