

2014 Water-related Legislation

AB 1434-Water corporations: low-income relief programs-(Yamada)

Summary: This bill would require the PUC to implement a program to provide rate relief for low-income ratepayers of a water corporation, instead of simply considering such activities.

AB 1632-Water rights: appropriation-(Olsen)

Summary: This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to provisions of current law relating to the State Water Resources Control Board's water rights program.

AB 1671- Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta: water conveyance system-(Frazier)

Summary: This bill would prohibit the Department of Water Resources from constructing water facilities as part of a specified water conveyance system unless specifically authorized by the Legislature.

AB 1674- Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2012-(Bigelow)

Summary: Would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would amend the Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2012.

AB 1731- Integrated regional water management plans: funding: disadvantaged communities-(Perea)

Summary: Would require in each integrated regional water management region that not less than 10% of any funding for planning and for projects that address critical water supply or water quality needs for disadvantaged communities.

AB 1739- Groundwater basin management: sustainability-(Dickinson)

Summary: The Groundwater Quality Monitoring Act of 2001 requires the State Water Resources Control Board, in establishing the comprehensive monitoring program, to prioritize groundwater basins that supply drinking water. This bill would require the Board, in consultation with DWR, to develop thresholds for the sustainable management of the priority groundwater basins.

SB 938- Water rights: reconsideration of a decision or order-(Galgiani)

Summary: This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to provisions of current law relating to the State Water Resources Control Board's authority to reconsider all or part of its decision or order. Current law specifies procedures under which a person may be subject to administrative civil liability for unauthorized diversion or use of water.

AB 148- Salton Sea Restoration-(Perez)

Summary: This bill would make technical changes to existing law that was recently enacted by AB 71 (V. M Pérez, Chapter 402, Statutes of 2013) relating to the Salton Sea.

AB 1249- Integrated regional water management plans: nitrate contamination-(Salas)

Summary: This bill would require integrated regional water management plans, if an area within the jurisdiction of the plan has been identified as a nitrate high-risk area, to include an explanation of how or if the plan addresses nitrate contamination. This bill would also require the Department of Water Resources to give funding preference for projects that address nitrate impacts in their plan.

AB 1331- Clean and Safe Drinking Water Act of 2014-(Rendon)

Summary: This bill would repeal the \$11.14 billion water bond set to go before the voters in November, and would replace it with the Clean and Safe Drinking Water Act of 2014, which, if adopted by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$6.5 billion.

AB 1445-California Infrastructure Act of 2014-(Logue)

Summary: This bill would repeal the \$11.14 billion water bond set to go before the voters in November, and would replace it with the California Water Infrastructure Act of 2014, which, if adopted by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$5.8 billion.

AB 1527- Public water systems: drinking water-(Perea)

Summary: Would require the State Department of Public Health, in administering programs to fund improvements and expansions of small community water systems, and other water systems to promote service delivery alternatives that improve efficiency and affordability of infrastructure and service delivery, particularly to help disadvantaged communities.

AB 1630- Water quality: integrated plan: Salinas Valley-(Alejo)

Summary: Would appropriate \$2 million from the Waste Discharge Permit Fund, as specified, to the State Water Resources Control Board for use by the Greater Monterey County Regional Water Management Group to develop an integrated plan to address the drinking water and wastewater needs of disadvantaged communities in the Salinas Valley whose waters have been affected by waste discharges.

AB 1636- Water conservation-(Brown)

Summary: Under current law, various provisions govern conservation programs and authorize public entities to enact water conservation programs to reduce the quantity of water used by persons for the purpose of conserving water supplies. This bill would prohibit a city or county, during a drought emergency declared by the Governor, from enforcing a law or ordinance requiring a resident to water his or her lawn.

SB 848- Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality, and Water Supply Act of 2014-(Wolk)

Summary: This bill would repeal the \$11.14 billion water bond set to go before the voters in November, and would replace it with the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality, and Water Supply Act of 2014, which, if adopted by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$6.825 billion to finance a safe drinking water, water quality, and water supply program.

SB 920- Planning and zoning: flood protection-(Galqiani)

Summary: This bill would, under the Planning and Zoning Law, revise the definition of adequate progress to include the critical features of the flood protection system being planned and designed or under construction and the completion of a levee safety plan for those flood protection systems that are a part of the State Plan of Flood Control.

SB 927 - Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2014-(Cannella)

Summary: This bill would amend provisions of the \$11.14 billion water bond set to go before the voters in November, and would instead authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$9.217 billion. The bill would reduce funding for drought relief and water supply reliability, it would remove the authorization for funds to be available for ecosystem and watershed protection and restoration projects, and would increase the amount of funds available for emergency and urgent actions to ensure safe drinking water supplies in disadvantaged communities and economically distressed areas.

AB 985- Stormwater resource planning-(Pavley)

Summary: This bill would require a stormwater resource plan to identify opportunities to use current publicly owned lands to capture and reuse stormwater. Current law, the Stormwater Resource Planning Act, authorizes a city, county, or special district, to develop a stormwater resource plan that meets certain standards.