

Water Bond Bills:

AB 1471 – Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014-(Rendon)

Summary: This bill repealed the \$11.14 billion water bond set to go before the voters in November, and replaced it with the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014, which authorizes \$7.545 billion in bonds.

Integrated Regional Water Management Bills:

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 DWR to give funding preference for projects that address nitrate impacts in their plan.

Groundwater Bills:

AB 1739 - Groundwater management-(Dickinson)

Summary: This bill would create a process through which local groundwater sustainability agencies could be formed to manage groundwater at a basin and subbasin level. It would require the development and adoption of groundwater sustainability plans in high priority or medium priority basins. This bill would require the Board to step in and correct plans in chronic overdraft basins, or develop a plan where none exists.

SB 1168 - Groundwater management plans-(Pavley)

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AB 2453 – Paso Robles Basin Water District –(Achadjian)

Summary: This bill would provide directions on the formation of the Paso Robles Basin Water District within San Luis Obispo County. It outlines specifics for the creation, board members, and governing rules.

Water Management and Planning Bills:

AB 2067 - Urban water management plans-(Weber)

Summary: This bill would require urban retail and wholesale water suppliers to provide narratives describing the supplier's water demand management measures, as provided. It would also require, for urban retail water suppliers, the narrative to address the nature and extent of each water demand management measure implemented over the past 5 years and describe the water demand management measures that the supplier plans to implement to achieve its water use targets.

SB 1036 - Urban water management plans-(Pavley)

Summary: This bill would authorize an urban water supplier to include within an urban water management plan certain energy-related information, including estimates of the amount of energy used to extract or divert water supplies.

SB 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.

SB 1120 - Local water supply programs or projects: funding-(Galgiani)

Summary: This bill would require DWR to conduct a voluntary statewide survey of local regional water supply projects and post specified results of the survey on the department's Internet Web site by July 1, 2015.

SB 1420 - Water management-urban water management plans-(Wolk)

Summary: This bill would require an urban water management plan to quantify and report on distribution system water loss. It would also require the plan, or amendments to the plan, be submitted electronically to the department and include any standardized forms, tables, or displays specified by the department.

CEQA Bills:

AB 52 – Native Americans: CEQA -(Gatto)

Summary: This bill would specify that a project with potential to affect a tribal cultural resource, be considered a significant effect on the environment for the purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act.

AB 543 – CEQA: translation -(Campos)

Summary: This bill would require the Natural Resources Agency and a project lead agency to assess the need for translating CEQA notices into non-English languages.

Miscellaneous

AB 148 - Salton Sea Restoration-(Perez)

Summary: This bill makes 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 1896 – Coachella Valley Water District: nonpotable water use –(Perez)

Summary: This bill would prohibit the use of potable water for landscaped common areas of residential developments maintained by a homeowner's association within the boundaries of Coachella Valley Water District.

AB 2516 – Sea Level Rise Planning: database -(Gordon)

Summary: This bill would require the Natural Resources Agency, in collaboration with the Ocean Protection Council, to create a 'Planning for Sea Level Rise Database' describing steps being taken throughout the state to prepare for, and adapt to, sea level rise. This plan would be due on or before January 1, 2016.

AB 2636 - Cal Conserve Water Use-(Gatto)

Summary: This bill would establish the CalConserve Water Use Efficiency Revolving Fund for the purpose of water use efficiency projects, including at-or-below market interest rate loans and would permit the department to enter into agreements with local governments or investor-owned utilities that provide water or recycled water service to provide loans.