



<b>Legislative Update</b>
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**Background**

Kasey Schimke, DWR's Assistant Director for Legislative Affairs, will update the Commission on the 2013-14 state legislative session and federal legislation pertaining to water issues. Since the Commission's last legislative briefing, the Legislature passed and Governor Brown signed into law three bills that establish California's first statewide groundwater management policy and AB 1471, the new \$7.545 billion water bond proposal that will be on the November 2014 statewide ballot, and several measures to promote planning and conservation.

In June 2014, President Obama signed the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014, an omnibus update of federal water resource policy and also includes navigation, flood control, arbor and dam safety projects. Also this year, the U.S. House of Representatives passed a drought relief bill in February and the Senate passed its own version in May. Members of both houses were unable to reconcile the bills before Congress adjourned in September.

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