

## Drought / Conservation:

### AB 1 – Drought: local government: fines-(Brown)

**Summary:** This bill would prohibit a city, county, or city and country from imposing a fine under any ordinance for a failure to water a lawn or having a brown lawn during a drought state of emergency declared by the Governor. (Enrolled)

### AB 91 – Budget Act of 2014-15: Drought – (Committee on Budget)

**Summary:** Expedited General Fund, Proposition 1E bond fund, and Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund dollars for a variety of drought response and planning, as well as other water management and infrastructure projects. (Enrolled)

### AB 92 – Water: Drought – (Committee on Budget)

**Summary:** This bill made changes to various provisions of law to address immediate actions associated with the state's current drought conditions. Specifically, this bill granted new authorities to the State Water Resources Control Board, expedited drought response through exemption of certain actions from the California Environmental Quality Act, and authorized funding for removal of the salinity barrier installed in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. (Enrolled)

### AB 606 – Water conservation-(Levine)

**Summary:** This bill would require the Department of General Services to reduce water consumption and increase water efficiency when replacing or installing landscaping or irrigation systems on state property. The use of drought tolerant landscape and replacement of irrigation timers and spray sprinklers is seen as a necessary measure in reducing water consumption. (S-Appropriations – pending hearing)

## Groundwater Bills:

### AB 617 – Groundwater-(Perea)

**Summary:** This bill would make various changes to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014. Specifically, it would allow private mutual water companies to be members of a groundwater sustainability agency; it would make the formation of a groundwater management agency exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); it would create a pathway for state agencies to be compelled to comply; and it would allow for an extension to to implementation of a groundwater sustainability plan if litigation has prevented implementation. (S-N.R. &W. hearing set 7/14/15)

### AB 647 – Beneficial use: storing of water underground-(Eggman)

**Summary:** This bill would clarify that the storage of water underground, when done for the purposes of preventing seawater intrusion into an aquifer or preventing/remediating subsidence, is a beneficial use. Additionally, this bill suspends the provisions of law requiring the forfeiture of the water right if the water is not withdrawn and used within five years, when associated with the purposes above. (S-N.R. & W. hearing set 7/14/15)

### AB 937 – Groundwater planning and monitoring: disadvantaged communities-(Salas)

**Summary:** This bill would require the Department of Water Resources to provide technical assistance to disadvantaged communities on groundwater planning efforts. The bill would additionally define technical assistance on groundwater planning to include the development of regional groundwater banking plans (the recent amendment incorporated AB 936 entirely). (S-N.R. & W. hearing set 7/14/15)

**AB 939 – Groundwater: basin reprioritization: establishment of groundwater sustainability agency-(Salas)**

**Summary:** This bill would clarify the timeline for actions of groundwater agencies under specific circumstances (the recent amendments incorporate AB 938 entirely).  
(S-N.R. & W. hearing set 7/14/15)

**AB 1390 – Groundwater: adjudication-(Alejo)**

**Summary:** This bill established a special procedure for a comprehensive adjudication, defined as an action filed in superior court to determine the rights to extract groundwater in a basin. This bill would authorize the court to determine all rights to groundwater in a basin whether based on appropriation, overlying right, or other rights. (S-Judiciary hearing set 7/14/15)

**SB 13 – Groundwater-(Pavley)**

**Summary:** This bill makes technical changes to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act that was passed in 2014, in order to better manage the groundwater within California.  
(A- Appropriations hearing set 7/15/15)

**SB 226 – Sustainable Groundwater Management Act: groundwater rights-(Pavley)**

**Summary:** This bill would provide for expedited groundwater basin adjudication. The bill is intended to encourage early settlement and avoiding lengthy adjudication processes. This bill proposes to modernize the adjudication process and aligns its efforts with the Act so that any future adjudication is done so in furtherance of the objectives of the Act. (A- Appropriations – pending hearing)

**Water Management and Planning Bills:**

**AB 149 – Urban water management plans-(Chavez)**

**Summary:** This bill extends the submission date for urban water suppliers to submit their 2020 Urban Water Management Plans by six months. It then allows the Department of Water Resources extra time to submit its consolidated report to the Legislature. This bill allows for the most current Census population data to be used in planning efforts. (Chapters)

**AB 935 – Integrated Regional Water Management Plans: conveyance projects -(Salas)**

**Summary:** This bill would require the Department fund projects that are elements of the San Joaquin River Restoration Settlement Agreement. (S-N.R. &W. hearing set 7/14/15)

**SB 37 – Water: floods-(Nielsen)**

**Summary:** This bill would extend the reimbursement timeline for flood projects initially implemented under the Early Implementation Project program, initiated in 2007. The Department is transitioning such urban flood protection projects to the new Urban Flood Risk Reduction program. Both programs use funding from the passage of Proposition 1E in 2006. (A-W.P &W – pending hearing)

**SB 208 – Integrated regional water management plans: grants: advanced payment-(Lara)**

**Summary:** This bill would require the department, within 60 days of receiving the project information, to provide advanced payment of 50% of the grant award for those projects that satisfy specified criteria and would require the advanced funds to be handled. (A-Appropriations hearing set 7/15/15)

**SB 555 – Urban retail water suppliers: water loss management-(Wolk)**

**Summary:** This bill would require each urban retail water supplier to submit a validated water loss audit report to DWR on an annual basis. The department would be responsible for ensuring the reports are validated, and post the annual reports to the Internet Web site to make available to the public. (A-W.P. &W. hearing set 7/14/15)

**SB 664 – Water: urban water management planning-(Hertzberg)**

**Summary:** This bill would require an urban water supplier to include within its plan, beginning January 1, 2020, a seismic risk assessment and mitigation plan to assess the vulnerability of each of the various facilities of a water system and mitigate those vulnerabilities. This bill would authorize an urban water supplier to comply with this requirement by submitting a copy of the most recent adopted local hazard mitigation plan or multi-hazard mitigation plan under specified federal law that addresses seismic risk. (A-Appropriations hearing set 7/15/15)

**Miscellaneous:****AB 142 – Wild and scenic rivers: Mokelumne River-(Bigelow)**

**Summary:** This bill would require the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency to conduct a study analyzing portions of the Mokelumne River as possible additions to California's Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. (S-N.R. &W. hearing set 7/14/15)

**AB 747 – Planning and land use: Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley-(Eggman)**

**Summary:** This bill would prohibit a city or county within the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley from approving a discretionary permit or entitlement that would result in the construction of a new building or construction that would result in an increase in allowed occupancy for an existing building for a project that is located within a flood hazard zone unless the city or county finds that the construction meets specified criteria. (S-Consent Calendar 7/13/15)

**AB 761 – Carbon sequestration: working lands-(Levine)**

**Summary:** This bill would establish a grant program that would provide funds for compost pilot projects. The projects would ultimately result in agricultural lands that are resilient to climate change and drought. The authorized funds would be used for projects that manufacture the reduction of greenhouse gases, improved soil water retention, and more resilient agricultural lands. (S-Environmental Quality hearing set 7/15/15)

**AB 965 – California and Mexico border: water resources improvement-(Garcia)**

**Summary:** This bill would change the definition of urban creek protection, restoration and enhancement under the Urban Streams Restoration Program. It would expand the definition to include reduction to water quality impairments as well as establish parkways for public use. This would allow funding to be available in areas such as Calexico that have water sources that originate across the border in Mexico. Although there is currently cross-border coordination for projects and programs that relate to water infrastructure, this bill would ensure the funding is available to implement upgrades and remedy major water pollution issues. (S-Environmental Quality hearing set 7/15/15)

**AB 1095 – Salton Sea: restoration projects-(Garcia)**

**Summary:** This bill would require, on or before March 31, 2016, the Natural Resources Agency to submit to the Legislature a list of shovel-ready, as defined, Salton Sea restoration projects, including information regarding project costs and project completion timelines. (S-N.R. & W. hearing set 7/14/15)

**SB 20 – Wells: reports: public availability-(Pavley)**

**Summary:** This bill would require the Department of Water Resources to release well completion reports submitted by well owners to members of the public. Upon request the Department would remove specific well owner information, including the well location, and then release to the requesting party. (A-W.P&W. – pending hearing)

**SB 144 – Water development: Sacramento-San Joaquin Watersheds-(Pan)**

**Summary:** This bill would update the parameters of the Natomas Basin flood protection project to meet new engineering requirements. This is needed in order to provide continued funding for the full scope of work that still remains and to achieve the requirement of at least a 200-year level of flood protection. This bill would describe the Natomas Basin flood protection project as further modified by a specified report adopted by Congress. (A-Appropriations Suspense File)

**SB 471 – Water, energy, and greenhouse gas reduction-(Pavley)**

**Summary:** This bill would include water treatment projects to the types of projects eligible for funding from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund. Additionally, the bill would require the Energy Commission to lead a multi-agency effort (state agencies) to study water-related energy use in California and would require the State Water Resources Control Board to develop a grant and loan program (with input from multiple state agencies) for water projects that reduce net greenhouse gas emissions. (A-N.R. & W. hearing set 7/13/15)

**SB 551 – State water policy: water and energy efficiency-(Wolk)**

**Summary:** This bill would declare the policy of the state to have water use be as energy efficient as feasible, and all energy use to be as water efficient as feasible. Since water and energy are inextricably linked, California must take every measure to ensure both water and energy efficiencies are maximized. (A-W.P. & W. hearing set 7/14/15)

**SB 554 – California Water Commission: disqualifying financial interest: removal from office-(Wolk)**

**Summary:** This bill would have removed a member of the California Water Commission from office if a court found that the commission member knowingly participated in any decision in which they had a disqualifying financial interest. (Failed passage in first house policy committee)

**SB 758 – Atmospheric Rivers Research and Mitigation Program-(Block)**

**Summary:** This bill would establish the Atmospheric Rivers Research and Mitigation Program in the Department to, upon appropriation of special fund moneys, research the causes and effects of atmospheric rivers, and to take actions to capture water generated by atmospheric rivers to increase the water supply and reliability of water resources in the state and to operate reservoirs in a manner that improves flood protection in the state. (A-W.P. & W. hearing set 7/14/15)