

# 2016 Legislative Update:

California  
WATER COMMISSION



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# Legislative Calendar

- January 4<sup>th</sup> – Legislature reconvenes
- January 10<sup>th</sup> – Budget submitted by Governor
- January 31<sup>st</sup> – Last day for each house to pass bills introduced in odd-number year
- February 19<sup>th</sup> – Last day for bills to be introduced
- April 22<sup>nd</sup> – Last day for policy committees to hear and report **fiscal** bills introduced in their house
- May 6<sup>th</sup> – Last day for policy committees to hear and report **nonfiscal** bills introduced in their house
- May 27<sup>th</sup> – Last day for fiscal committees to hear and report to the floor bills introduced in their house
- June 3<sup>rd</sup> – Last day for each house to pass bills introduced in that house
- August 12<sup>th</sup> – Last day for fiscal committees to meet and hear bills
- August 31<sup>st</sup> – Last day for each house to pass bills
- September 30<sup>th</sup> – Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills

# Pending Legislation:

## Water Conservation and Storage

### AB 2087 – Regional conservation frameworks (Levine)

**Summary:** This bill would authorize Department of Fish and Wildlife to approve a regional conservation framework to guide conservation efforts associated with infrastructure planning.

### AB 2515 – Water Conservation: model water efficient landscape ordinance (Weber)

**Summary:** This bill would require the Department to either update the Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance on a three-year cycle, or determine that an update is not useful or effective. It would then require the Department to coordinate the Model Ordinance update and review with the triennial CALGreen Building Standard Code revision cycle.

### AB 2551 – Contract procurement: surface storage projects (Gallagher)

**Summary:** This bill would allow surface storage projects identified in the CALFED Bay-Delta Program Record of Decision, that receive Proposition 1 funding in support of the project, to use the design-build method of project delivery.

### SB 814 – Drought: excessive water use: urban retail water suppliers (Hill)

**Summary:** This bill would require all California urban retail water suppliers to develop a definition of excessive water use, and discourage excessive water use during any Governor's declared state of emergency due to drought conditions

### SB 1340 – Water Conservation in Landscaping Act (Wolk)

**Summary:** This bill would require a local agency to obtain a written permit for any automatic irrigation system needed for large landscaping projects.

# Pending Legislation:

## Groundwater

### **AB 453 – Extraction of groundwater: Semitropic Water Storage District (Salas)**

**Summary:** This bill would create the Semitropic Water Storage District and grant the district the authority to require groundwater extraction reports and impose fees.

### **AB 938 – Sustainable Groundwater Management Act: adjudicated basins (Rodriguez)**

**Summary:** This bill would allow for multiple agencies overlying a basin to work together to comply with SGMA, if the basin is reclassified and subject to the SGMA.

### **SB 37 – Kings River East Groundwater Sustainability Agency Act (Vidak)**

**Summary:** This bill would create the Kings River East Groundwater Sustainability Agency and require the agency to be a groundwater sustainability agency under SGMA.

### **SB 564 – West Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency Act (Cannella)**

**Summary:** This bill would create the West Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency and require the agency to be a groundwater sustainability agency under SGMA.

### **SB 995 – Well standards (Pavley)**

**Summary:** This bill would require the Department to update well standards for water wells, monitoring wells and cathodic protection wells based on existing knowledge. The bill then requires the Water Board to revise the Model Ordinance based on the updated information.

# Pending Legislation:

## Greenhouse Gas Reduction

### AB 1550 – Greenhouse gas investment plan: disadvantaged communities (Gomez)

**Summary:** This bill would require an increase in the percentages of Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund dollars that would be required to be expended upon projects that benefit low-income households, up to a minimum of 20 percent.

### SB 1386 – Resource conservation: working and natural lands (Wolk)

**Summary:** This bill would declare a policy of the state that the protection and management of natural lands is a key strategy in meeting the state's greenhouse gas reduction goals. It would further require all relevant state agencies, departments, boards, and commissions to consider this policy when revising, adopting or establishing policies, regulations, expenditures, or grant criteria.

## Miscellaneous

### AB 1585 – Monterey County Water Resources Agency: Lakes Nacimiento and San Antonio (Alejo)

**Summary:** This bill would allocate \$10 million from the General Fund to the Monterey County Water Resources Agency for the Interlake Tunnel Project and spillway modifications.

### AB 1755 – The Open and Transparent Water Data Act (Dodd)

**Summary:** This bill would require the integration and coordination of water and ecological data currently housed at the Department, the Water Board, and the Department of Fish and Wildlife, and additionally requiring the Department to create and operate, a statewide integrated water data platform that would provide data on completed water transfers and exchanges.

# Pending Legislation:

## Miscellaneous

### **AB 2480 – Source watersheds: financing (Bloom)**

**Summary:** This bill declare a state policy that watersheds be recognized and defined as integral components of California’s water system and thereby be eligible for financing, and would require the Water Board to develop an investment plan (project list) for watershed restoration in the Shasta and Oroville Reservoir watersheds.

### **AB 2800 – Climate change: infrastructure planning (Quirk)**

**Summary:** This bill would require CNRA to establish a working group composed of experienced professional engineers and scientists from various entities to examine and provide recommendations for integrating climate change impacts into state infrastructure.

### **SB 554 – Delta levee maintenance (Wolk)**

**Summary:** This bill would permanently eliminate the sunset date on the current state cost-share rate for the Delta Levee Subventions Program, which provides reimbursements of up to 75 percent of the costs in excess of \$1,000 per levee mile.

### **SB 1416 – Voluntary contribution: Revive the Salton Sea Fund (Stone)**

**Summary:** This bill would create the “Revive the Salton Sea Fund”, which would allow individual tax payers to contribute towards the restoration and maintenance of the Salton Sea.