WateReuse California
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Legislation & Regulation Update

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2016 Legislative Dates

- Jan. 1: Statutes take effect
- Jan. 4: Legislature reconvenes
- Jan. 22: Last day for committees to hear and report floor bills
- Feb. 19: Last day for bills to be introduced
- June 3: Last day for bills to pass house of origin
- Aug. 31: Last day for any bill to be passed
- Sept. 30: Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills
- Nov. 30: Adjournment

See: [http://assembly.ca.gov/legislativedeadlines](http://assembly.ca.gov/legislativedeadlines)
2015 Recycled Water Legislation

- SB 88 – Budget Committee on Water -> Chaptered
- SB 163 – WWTP: Recycled Water -> Held in Committee
- AB 606 – State Property Water Use -> Chaptered
- AB 786 – CID’s use of Recycled Water -> Enrolled
- AB 888 – Waste Mgmt.: plastic micro beads -> Chaptered
- AB 1173 - Backflow: certification -> Held in Committee
- AB 1463 - Onsite Recycled Water -> Held in Committee
- AB 1531 - Env. Safety & Toxics: SWRCB-> Chaptered
SB 163: Wastewater Treatment: Recycled Water (Hertzberg)

- Declares ocean wastewater discharge a “waste and unreasonable use”
- Requires ocean dischargers to reuse ≥50% by 2026.
- Prohibits ocean dischargers after 2036, except as a “backup discharge”.
- Last Action: 9/03/15 Amended in Assembly -> 2 year bill
- Concerns include: timeline, cost, uncertain regulatory requirements, equity among WWTP dischargers, seasonal RW demand, and public acceptance of RW.
- Draft coalition letter being prepared
Establish WQ standards, distribution, monitoring, & reporting requirements for onsite treated water systems (OSTW)

OSTW is defined to mean water including graywater, rainwater, and other water captured or recycled onsite, that has been sourced, treated, and used onsite in a building in a manner that is protective of public health, safety and the environment. Does not include blackwater.

Last Action: 9/4/15 – Amend and re-refer to committee

Sierra Club and BIA among supporters; no known opposition

Concerns: clear distinction between graywater or OSTW and municipal recycled water quality and distribution requirements.
AB 1738: Building Standards – Dark Graywater (McCarty)

- Defines “dark graywater” as wastewater that comes from kitchen sinks and dishwashers.

- Require State to adopt building standards at next triennial review for construction, installation, and alteration of dark graywater systems for indoor and outdoor uses.

- Convene stakeholder group to ensure protection of water quality, existing research, use for irrigation, etc.
Existing law exempts recycled water pipelines from CEQA during declared drought or until January 1, 2017.

RW pipeline and related infrastructure construction or expansion projects within existing right-of-way, directly related to groundwater replenishment, where project avoids wetlands or sensitive habitat, and construction impacts are fully mitigated

This bill extends sunset provision for 5 years (until 2022).

No reimbursement by state or local agencies or schools

Last Action: 02/02/16 – Read first time; may be heard in committee on 03/04/16
Federal Legislative Update

- House/Senate bills to address drought
- House bills to revise Title XVI
- 2016 Omnibus spending bill
- Waters of the Untied States
2016 Regulatory Items

- Reservoir augmentation regulations
- Direct potable reuse feasibility
- SWRCB emergency conservation regulations
- Recycled water general permit
- Recycled water use for animals
- Operator certification framework
- Drinking water permit fees
Recycled Water General Permit

- Use for all non-potable uses except GW recharge
- Limited use of permit since introduction in June 2014
- Concerns over monitoring above existing permits

Proposed changes to address:
- Reporting of agronomic rates for landscape irrigation
- Reduce quarterly reporting
- Monitoring & reporting of priority pollutants
- 4-year testing of cross-connections
- Required consultation for adding new users

Comments due February 22, 2016
SWRCB hearing in April 18, 2016
Questions?

If you have any questions, please contact:

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