

WateReuse California Los Angeles Chapter Meeting



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Legislation & Regulation Update

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2017 California Legislative Dates

- Jan. 1 Statutes take effect
- Jan. 4 Legislature reconvenes
- Jan. 20 Last day to submit bill request to Legislative Counsel
- Feb. 17 Last day for bills to be introduced
- May 26 Last day policy comm. to report fiscal bills
- June 2 Last day for bills to pass house of origin
- Sept. 15 Last day for any bill to be passed
- Oct. 15 Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills
- See: <http://assembly.ca.gov/legislativedeadlines>

2017 California Legislation

- SB 5 - California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate Act
\$3B Water Bond
- Potable Reuse
 - Sponsored by WateReuse/CA Coast keeper
 - Amend Section 13560 of the Water Code
 - Eliminate existing IPR/DPR definitions
 - Establish 4 potable reuse methods
 1. Groundwater recharge
 2. Reservoir augmentation
 3. Raw water augmentation
 4. Treated water augmentation
 - Establish policy with framework and sequential approach
 - Establish better framework for moving projects forward

Federal Legislation – 115th Congress

- HR 23 - Gaining Responsibility on Water Act of 2017
- HR 434 – New Water Act
 - WIFIA for reclamation projects
 - Provide Federal assistance for recycled water and desalination
 - Increase assistance up to %80 of project cost
- HR 448 – Water Conservation Rebate Tax Parity
- HR 875 – USBR Water Project Streamlining Act

Regulatory Actions Summary

- Non-Potable Uses General Order – Revised 06/07/2016
- DPR feasibility study to legislature by 12/31/16
- Surface Water Augmentation regulations by 12/31/16
 - Adoption delayed until 1st quarter of 2017
- Evaluate recycled water use for animals by 12/31/16
 - Adoption delayed
- Recycled Water Policy Update by 2019
 - SWRCB Board Meeting – 12/06/16
- Mandatory RW Building Standards by ~ 06/2017
- Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems Policy –TBD

Recycled Water Policy Update

- SWRCB Board adopted Resolution on 12/06/16
 - Confirm Board support & timelines
 - Direct staff to convene science panel on CECs
 - Initiate stakeholder process
 - Amend Policy by December 2018
- Issues identified by WateReuse include
 - SNMP implementation and coordination with agriculture and groundwater sustainability programs
 - Clarify SWRCB and RWQCB roles and procedures
 - Including potable reuse
 - Data collection and tracking

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Action Agenda 2017-2021

- Action 1 – Develop a national vision and strategy for water
- Action 2 – Support science needed to safely increase water supplies
- Action 3 – Leverage federal funding to increase investments in water infrastructure
- Action 4 – Provide financing options for water infrastructure projects
- Action 5 – Incentivize private investment in water reuse
- Action 6 – Transform Title XVI into a competitive grant
- Action 7 – Reform the permitting process for advanced treated water
- Action 8 – Amended WaterSense program to protect WQ

Questions?

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