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](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
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
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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