

WateReuse California Los Angeles Chapter Meeting



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Legislation & Regulation Update

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2016 Legislative Dates

- June 15 Budget bill must be passed
- June 30 Last day for a legislative measure for the Nov. 8
- Aug. 12 Last day for fiscal committees to report bills
- Aug. 31 Last day for any bill to be passed
- Sept. 30 Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills
- Nov. 8 General Election
- Nov. 30 Adjournment
- Jan. 1 Statutes take effect



2016 Recycled Water Legislation

List of remaining active Recycled Water Legislation

- ~~● SB 163 – Wastewater Treatment: Recycled Water~~
- ~~● AB 1463 – Onsite Recycled Water~~
- ~~● AB 1738 – Building Standards: dark graywater~~
- AB 1749 – CEQA Exemption for Recycled Water Pipelines
- AB 2022 – Advanced Purified Demonstration Water
- ~~● AB 2076 – Water Recycling: beer and wine~~
- ~~● AB 2438 – CEQA Exemption for Recycled Water Pipelines~~
- ~~● AB 2601 – Building standards: residential graywater~~
- AB 2890 – Drinking & Wastewater Operator Certification



AB 1749: CEQA City of Porterville (Mathis)

- Existing law exempts recycled water pipelines from CEQA during declared drought or until January 1, 2017.
- Special statute for City of Porterville project
- 08/08/16 amendment – Lead agency shall certify EIR for construction of treatment facility by City of Porterville
- Set specific timelines for procedures and notification
- Last Action: 08/08/16 – Amend & re-refer to Com. on E.Q
- WRCA position: Watch



AB 2022: Advanced Purified Demonstration Water (Gordon)

- Authorize operator of advance purified demonstration water to bottle and distribute samples for educational purposes
- Must meet all water bottling and drinking water standards
- APDW is water treated by MF or UF, RO, AO and meet T22
- May bottle up to 1,000 gallons a year; \leq 8 oz. per bottle
- Specific labelling requirements
- Require bottle collection and recycling program
- Can not sell water
- Last Action: 08/03/16 – read 2nd time, ordered to 3rd reading
- Sponsored by OCWA, OCSD, & WRCA



AB 2890: Drinking Water and Wastewater Operator Certification

- Overhaul and align drinking water and wastewater operator certification programs
- Establish advisory committee to assist SWRCB
- Adopt emergency regulations and schedule of fees
- Issue a operator and distribution certificate by reciprocity
- Renew certificates every 3 years instead of 2 years
- Establish civil liability & penalty provisions
- Conduct board hearing prior to suspension or revocation
- Last Action: 08/08/16 – amended & ordered to 2nd reading
- Sponsored by SWRCB WRCA position: Watch



Federal Legislation – 114th Congress

- House and Senate are adjourned until September 6, 2016
- Only 9 business weeks in session left for Congress to act
- Appropriation bills have high priority
- Some legislation of interest:
 - HR 4954 - Water Quality Protection and Job Creation Act
 - S 2848 – Water Resources Development Act of 2016
 - S 2533 - California Emergency Drought Relief Act of 2016
 - S 2673 - Water Technology Acceleration Act of 2016

Important Regulatory Dates

- Recycled Water General Order adopted 6/7/16
- Surface Water Augmentation regulations by 12/31/16
- DPR feasibility study to legislature by 12/31/16
 - Expert Panel Research Report to SWRCB 6/30/16
 - Expert Panel Final Report to SWRCB 7/01/16
 - Expert Panel Final Report released to public 9/1/16
 - LA Chapter DPR Workshop – 9/22/16
- Evaluate recycled water use for animals by 12/31/16
- Mandatory RW Building Standards - 6/2016 - > 6/2017
 - Building Standards Commission - public meeting on 8/30/16



Recycled Water General Order

- SWRCB adopted General Order (permit) on June 7, 2016
- Use for all non-potable uses except GW recharge
- Maintain streamlined approach
- Cover larger projects over multiple RWQCB's
- Requires permits to be in compliance with SNMP's
- Adds language on CEC's & EDC's
- Only SWRCB can increase monitoring requirements
- Some concerns remain:
 - Mandatory consistency with GO & RW Policy
 - Mandatory use of GO with in 3 years instead of opt-in
 - Monitoring & reporting above existing permits
 - Required consultation for adding new users



Surface Water Augmentation

- Defined as the planned placement of RW into surface reservoir used as source of domestic drinking water supply
- SWRCB must adopt uniform water recycling criteria for SWA by 12/31/16
- Recycling Criteria means the levels of constituents of RW and assurance or reliability which is safe for public health
- Recycling criteria limits the use of RW for any purpose which RWC have been established or a RWCQB determines that no requirements are necessary
- SWRCB must submit proposed criteria to expert panel
- SWRCB shall not adopt SWA criteria unless expert panel finds that criteria protects public health

Additional Items

- Feasibility of Direct Potable Reuse – LA Chapter briefing & workgroup – September 22, 2016
- Statewide Recycled Water Survey
- Update of State Recycled Water Policy

Questions?

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