WateReuse California
Los Angeles Chapter Meeting

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Legislation & Regulation Update

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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
Clarify Direct and Indirect Potable Reuse definitions

Specify 2 types of Direct Potable Reuse

1) Raw water augmentation
2) Treated water augmentation

Establish framework for regulating potable reuse by 6/1/2018

SWRCB to adopt uniform water recycling criteria for raw water augmentation by 12/31/2023

SWRCB must establish and administer expert panel

SWRCB must submit proposed criteria to expert panel & receive finding of protection of public health before adoption

Last Action 10/06/17 – Signed by Governor

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SB5: California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, and... (De Leon)

- Authorize $4B Bond for drought, water, parks, climate, coastal protection, and outdoor access for all program
- Adopt guidelines that encourage use of recycled water
- $250M for clean drinking water & drought preparedness
- $290M for drought & groundwater regional sustainability
- $80M for water recycling
- 20% of funds to severely disadvantage communities
- Last Action: 10/15/17 – Approved by Governor
- This bill would require voter approval, set for June 5, 2018 primary election, and would take effect immediately on voter approval
AB 967: Human Remains Disposal: alkaline hydrolysis (Gloria)

- Amends the Business and Professions Code and Health and Safety Code relating to the disposal of human remains
- Commencing 7/1/2020, requires license to regulate hydrolysis facilities
- Licensed hydrolysis facility may dispose of hydrolysate using a sewer collection system under the specified conditions
- Authorization for disposal of hydrolysate using a sewer collection system or licensed biomaterials handler shall be voluntary and at the discretion of WWTP
- Considered environmentally responsible alternative to cremation by author
- Last Action: 10/15/17 – Approved by Governor
AB 1668: Water Management Planning (Friedman)

- SWRCB to establish conservation standards by 6/30/2021
- Set initial indoor residential use at 55 gpcd
- Recycled water (RW) receives 10% credit for water use efficiency (WUE) targets
- Removes RW from Agriculture Water Supplier’s 10,000 or more irrigated acres definition
- Last Action: 9/15/17 – Re-referred to Com. on RLS.
- Coalition of stakeholders working on proposed changes on AB 1668 & SB 606
- Expect action in 1st quarter of 2018
Federal Update

FY2018 Funding incomplete – expect continuing resolution

Proposed funding includes

- $73M for WaterSMART Program with $35M for Title XVI
- $1.4B for CWSRF and $863M for DWSRF
- $25M for WIFIA

HR 4419, Water Project Streamlining Act of 2017, could de-authorize existing projects & shift funding from Reuse

HR 4492, WIFIA Reauthorization Bill, would extend program to 2024 and double funding to $90 million

Advanced refundings and private activity bonds are in jeopardy under proposed tax reform
Surface Water Augmentation

- Draft regulations released 7/21/17
- Public Hearing 9/7/17 and comments due 9/12/17
- Potential concerns: monitoring requirements, monitoring off ramps, minimum retention time, & operator training
- The SWRCB has revised the text of the proposed regarding Surface Water Augmentation regulations.
- The 15-day public comment period ends on December 18, 2017, at 12:00 P.M. (noon).
- Information on the regulations may be found at:

  http://waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/certlic/drinkingwater/Surface_Water_Augmentation_Regulations.shtml
Recycled Water Policy Update

- Public consultation meetings – 12/1/17 & 12/5/17
- [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/water_recycling_policy/docs/ceqa_presentation.pdf](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/water_recycling_policy/docs/ceqa_presentation.pdf)
- Update RW goals, CECs monitoring requirements, SNMP development, RW tracking, and clarify Section 1211
- Consider antibiotic resistant bacteria & micro plastics
SWRCB and DWR requesting revisions to survey

Expect SWRCB to make changes in RW Policy

Potential changes include:

- Categories of recycled water (SWA, industrial, etc.)
- WRCA identified reporting challenges
- SWRCB considering revising RW goals
- SWRCB wants to identify ocean dischargers

WRCA to submit comments to SWRCB by 12/11/17
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