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Legislation & Regulation Update

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Important 2014 Legislative Dates

- **August 31**: Last day for each house to pass bills
- **September 30**: Last day for Gov. to sign or veto bills
- **November 4**: General Election & ballot
- **November 30**: Adjournment of 2013-2014 session
- **December 1**: 2015-2016 session convenes
- **January 1**: Statutes take effect
- **January 5**: Legislature reconvenes

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# Recycled Water Legislation Results

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AB 2282: Building Standards - Recycled Water Infrastructure (Gatto)

- Develop mandatory recycled water building standards for residential & commercial buildings for adoption in 2016
- State agencies conduct recycled water research including:
  - Potential indoor and outdoor applications
  - Recycled water systems and infrastructure costs
  - Estimated water savings
- Only applies to new construction
- Local jurisdiction maintain final discretion
- Strong support: Env., labor, builders, and others
- Last Action: 9/29/14 Governor signed and Chaptered
AB 2636: CalConserve Water Use Efficiency Revolving Fund (Gatto)

- Establish sustainable funding source for water use efficiency and recycled water
- DWR enter in to agreements with local governments or investor-owned utilities to set up programs
- Projects shall either increase the use or availability of recycled water, reduce urban per capita use, agricultural water use, GHG emission and water/energy use
- Loans up to 25 years for DAC
- Last Action: 9/29/14 Governor signed and Chaptered
AB 2071: Recycled Water for Animals (Levine)

- Requires SWRCB to determine if the voluntary use of disinfected tertiary treated recycled water (RW) for drinking purposes poses a significant risk to public or animal health by 12/31/16
- SWRCB shall consider recommendations from CEC Advisory Panel and other research.
- SWRCB may establish uniform water recycling criteria
- Prohibit use of RW for animals producing dairy products
- Animals includes any domesticated bird, bovine animal, horse, mule, burro, sheep, goat, or swine.
- Last Action: 9/28/14 Governor signed and Chaptered
AB 2403: Local Government Assessments (Rendon)

- Clarifies the definition of “water” under 218 to include recycled water, urban runoff, and all other potential sources of water.
- Reduces requirement from 2/3 vote to ½ for approval of new water supply projects.
- Helps get funding for new infrastructure and programs.
- Last Action: 9/28/14 Governor signed and Chaptered.
AB 2443: Duplication of Service: Mutual Water Companies (Rendon)

- Bill expands availability and use of recycled water by removing current limitations to use in the service area of a mutual water companies.
- Allows a public agency to provide recycled water within the territory of a mutual water company, without compensation, if the mutual water company is not providing recycled water service or developing plans to provide recycled water service by December 31, 2014.
- Last Action: 9/28/14 Governor signed and Chaptered
SB 1168: Groundwater Management (Pavley) & AB 1739 (Dickinson)

- Identify or form local GW sustainability agency
- Adopt sustainable groundwater management plan by 2020 for high or medium priority basins
- Coordinate multiple plans for GW basin
- Cover entire GW basin – no unmanaged areas
- Report GW data to DWR annually by 2020
- Adjudicated basins exempt except for annual reporting
- Last Action: 8/7/14 Re-referred to Com. on Apr for 8/13/14
2014 Water Bond

- AB 1471, Rendon. Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014
- Bay Delta Conservation Plan neutral
- Protect existing water rights and area or origin
- Funding eligibility requires urban or agricultural mgmt. plans
  - $725 M for water recycling
  - $900 M for groundwater sustainability
  - $810 M for regional water reliability
  - $520 M for safe drinking water
  - $395 M for flood management
  - $1.5 B for watersheds; and
  - $2.7 B for water storage
Regulatory Update

- Regulations effective in 2014
  - Hexavalent Chromium Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) (DPH-11-005) -- effective July 1, 2014.
  - Groundwater Replenishment Using Recycled Water (DPH-14-003E) -- effective June 18, 2014.

- Upcoming Regulations
  - Feasibility of developing uniform water recycling criteria for direct potable reuse by December 31, 2016.
Questions?

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