

WaterReuse California Los Angeles Chapter Meeting



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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

See: <http://assembly.ca.gov/legislativedeadlines>

Recycled Water Legislation Results

Approved

- AB 2282
- AB 2636
- AB 2071
- AB 2403
- AB 2443

Not Approved

- AB 2417
- AB 1699
- SB 1014
- AB 2712

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 of 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
- Surface Water Augmentation Using Recycled Water by December 31, 2016..
- Feasibility of developing uniform water recycling criteria for direct potable reuse by December 31, 2016.

Questions?

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