

WaterReuse California Los Angeles Chapter Meeting



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Legislation & Regulation Update

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Important 2014 Legislative Dates

- August 4 Legislature reconvenes from recess
- August 15 Last day for fiscal committee to meet & move bills to the Floor
- August 22 Last day to amend bills on the Floor
- August 31 Last day for each house to pass bills; Final recess begins
- September 30 Last day for Gov. to sign or veto bills
- November 4 General Election & ballot
- January 2015 Statutes take effect

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

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 Amended : 8/5/14
- Last Action: 8/11/14 Re-referred to Com. on Apr for 8/14/14

AB 2417: CEQA Exemption for Recycled Water Pipelines (Nazarian)

- Exempts recycled water pipelines up to 8 miles in length for construction, installation, repair, replacement, etc.
- Must be within a public street, highway, or right-of-way
- Sponsor: ACWA , CMUA, & WateReuse
- Last Amended: 5/7/14
- File a NOE & hold public hearing for traffic mitigation
- Concerns: hearing, open space limits, trench size, etc.
- Last Action: 6/18/14 – Hearing cancelled by author

AB 2636: CalConserve Water Use Efficiency Revolving Fund (Gatto)

- Establish sustainable funding source for water use efficiency and recycled water projects.
- DWR enter in to agreements with local governments or investor-owned utilities to set up programs
- Funds from Prop. 13, future bonds, GHG, and federal contributions
- Loans up to 25 years for DAC
- Last Amended: 6/30/14 – non-substantive
- Last Action: 8/4/14 – placed on suspense file; hearing scheduled for 8/14/14

Other Recycled Water Legislation

- SB 1014 Pharmaceutical waste: home generated
- AB 1699 Waste management: micro plastics
- AB 2071 Recycled water: pasture animals
- AB 2403 Local government: assessments, fees, & charges
- AB 2443 Duplication of service: mutual water companies
- AB 2712 Hazardous materials: OCWD

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 Amended : 8/6/14
- Last Action: 8/7/14 Re-referred to Com. on Apr for 8/13/14

2014 Water Bond

- Existing \$11.2 B Water Bond scheduled for November ballot
- Deadline to place bond on November Ballot ~Aug 13, 2014
- Requires 2/3 vote to change & Governor's signature
- Include various amounts for recycled water and groundwater
- 11 bond proposals considered by legislature
- Governor request lower cost bond ~ \$6 B
 - Bay Delta Conservation Plan neutral
 - Protect existing water rights and area of origin
 - Funding eligibility requires urban or agricultural mgmt. plans
 - Propose \$450 M for water recycling
 - Propose \$ 2 B for storage – continuously appropriated

Federal Legislative Update

- Water in the 21st Century Act
 - Strengthens EPA's WaterSense program
 - \$700 million for rebates
 - New EPA grant program for local water systems to conserve water, increase water efficiency or reuse water
- California Emergency Drought Relief Act of 2014
 - Passed Senate 5/22 and awaiting reconciliation
- Water Resource Reform Development Act (WRRDA)
 - Signed by President June 10, 2014
- FY 2014 Omnibus bill passed ~\$1T
 - Increased funding in WaterSMART and Title XVI
 - SRF Funding ~\$2.35B

New State Permits

- Statewide Recycled Water General Permit
 - Covers all non-potable reuse applications except groundwater recharge
- Groundwater Replenishment Reuse Project (GRRP) Permit
 - Planned use of recycled municipal wastewater for replenishing designated groundwater basin

Regulatory Update

- Proposed amendment to Water Quality Control Plan for ocean waters to address desalination intakes and brine discharges
- Consider salinity objective & potential impact to marine life
- Public hearing scheduled for 8/19/14

Questions?

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