

WateReuse California Los Angeles Chapter Meeting



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Legislation & Regulation Update

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Important 2014 Legislative Dates

- January 1 Statues take effect
- February 21 Last day for bills to be introduced
- June 15 Budget must be passed
- June 26 Last day to pass bills for Nov. ballot
- 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

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

Drought Update

- Governor's drought declaration on January 17th
 - "Perhaps the worst drought California has seen since records began being kept"
 - Calls for citizens to reduce water use by 20 percent
 - Clear the way for water transfers and exchanges
- Requested administrative measures
 - Implement 2003 Task Force Recommendations
 - Increase \$ or tax rebates to connect to RW
 - Consolidate & expedite permitting
- Proposed Legislation - SB 731 Steinberg

SB 731: Emergency Drought Relief Funding (Steinberg)

- Local Drought Response via IWRMP ~\$472M
- Immediate Relief for Drought-stricken Communities
- Water Supply Benefits from Flood Projects ~ \$100M
- Water & Energy Efficiency for Urban and Ag ~ \$50M
- Sustainable Groundwater Management
- Acceleration of State Agency Actions to Improve Supplies
- Protection of Watersheds, Species, & Landscapes
- Total funding \$644 million

2014 Water Bond

- \$11.4 Billion Bond is considered too large
- Require 2/3 vote to change
- Proposed Legislation
 - SB 848 (Wolk) ~ \$6.5B
 - AB 1331 (Rendon) ~ \$6.5B
 - AB 1445 (Logue) ~\$5.8B
 - SB 927 (Cannella/Vidak) ~ \$9.2B

Water Bond Comparison – February 2014

Funding Category	AB 1331 (Rendon) \$6.5 Billion	SB 848 (Wolk) \$6.825 Billion	SB 927 (Cannella) – \$9.217 Billion Amendments to 2009 Bond
Clean and Safe Drinking Water	\$1 Billion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disadvantaged Communities \$400M Emergency Clean Water \$100 M Small Community Wastewater \$400M Groundwater Cleanup \$100 M 	\$900 Million <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drinking Water \$400 M Emergency Clean Water \$100 M Small Community Wastewater \$400 M <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Private Wells \$20 M 	No Section on Drinking Water Groundwater Cleanup \$1 Billion
Protecting Rivers, Coast & Watersheds	\$1.5 Billion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> State Obligations \$500 M Conservancies \$250 M Unspecified Regional Amounts \$750 M 	\$1.7 Billion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> State Obligations \$500 M <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 specific project allocations Earmarks \$875 M <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9 Conservancies Wildlife Conservation Board Ocean Protection Council Urban Watersheds \$250 M <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Via Resources Agency State Park Water Quality \$25 M Resource Conservation Dist. \$30M Agricultural Runoff \$25 M 	None – Deleted
Regional Water Projects	\$1.5 Billion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> IRWM (\$1 B, allocated by region) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> water conservation, stormwater priority for innovation Recycled Water \$500 M 	\$2 Billion (Water Enhancement) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> IRWM (\$1.4 B, allocated by region) IRWM Innovation \$100 M Stormwater \$500 M 	Retains Separate Chapters on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional Water \$1.39 B Drought Relief \$327 M Water Recycling \$1.25 B
Delta Sustainability	\$1 Billion (unallocated) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delta Levees Ecosystem Restoration Delta Sustainability Silent on BDCP 	\$1.2 Billion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delta Conservancy \$800 M <ul style="list-style-type: none"> at least \$500 M for water quality and habitat restoration Delta Levees \$400 M Silent on BDCP 	\$2.25 Billion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delta Sustainability \$750 M Ecosystem Restoration \$1.5 B <ul style="list-style-type: none"> including BDCP
Water Storage	\$1.5 Billion (unallocated) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Surface and Groundwater Storage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> including groundwater cleanup Restoring Existing Storage Capacity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> earthquakes, sediment Specified Appropriations for 5 Years 	\$1.025 Billion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Storage Projects \$1 B DWR Surface Storage Studies \$25 M No Continuous 	\$3 Billion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Surface and Groundwater Storage Continuous Appropriation Broad Definition of Public Benefits

Drinking Water Reorganization

- Move DPH Drinking Water Programs to SWRCB
- Address DPH capacity & disadvantaged community issues
- CA Drinking Water Reorganization Task Force
- Reorganization in budget proposal
- Anticipate trailer bill to finalize move
- Existing permits protected
- Prohibit RWQCB's from issuing permits

Title 17 & Title 22 Regulation Update

- Subcommittee
- Timeline
- Suggested revisions:
 - Clarify backflow device requirements
 - Allow swivel ell's
 - Consider additional use of hose bibbs
 - Clarify dual plumed facilities - residence vs. HOA

Federal Legislative Update

- House/Senate bills to address drought
- FY 2014 Omnibus bill passed ~\$1T
 - Increased funding in WaterSMART and Title XVI
 - SRF Funding ~\$2.35B
- Water Resource Development Act (WRDA)
 - No earmarks; prioritize projects with transparent process
 - Authorizes non-federal use of funds to expedite
 - Stalled in conference committee

Questions?

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