

WaterReuse California Los Angeles Chapter Meeting



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Legislation & Regulation Update

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2015 Legislative Dates

- January 5 Legislature reconvenes
- February 27 Last day for bills to be introduced
- June 5 Last day for bills to pass house of origin
- September 11 Last day for any bill to be passed
- October 11 Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills passed by legislature

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

Legislative & Regulatory Committee

- Last meeting – 01/16/2015
- WRCA Legislative Briefing
- California Proposed Budget
 - Includes \$532 M in bond funds
 - Recycled water funding ~\$131
 - WRCA to seek additional Bond funds for 2015/16
- WRCA members confirm shovel ready projects
- Update on 2015 Regulatory Priorities



Legislative Regulatory Committee Schedule

- February 27, 2015
- March 17, 2015
- April 10, 2015
- May 1, 2015
- June 5, 2015
- June 26, 2015
- August 7, 2015
- August 28, 2015
- October 23, 2015

2015 Proposed Legislation

- IRWD recycled water proposal.
 - Focus on RW storage and storm-induced overflow.
 - Work group formed to resolve details before seeking formal WRCA support
- SB 47 - Analyze synthetic turf for potential adverse health impacts by July 1, 2017. Prohibit school or local government's from installing until January 2018.



Federal Legislation

- WRA National Legislative Committee Meetings
 - 2nd Friday of the month (11 am PST)
- Water in the 21st Century (HR 291\ S176)
 - Expand EPA's WaterSense Program, Reauthorize Water Desalination Act, and fund climate change (includes RW)
- Waters of the U.S. (HR 594)
 - Clarify definition of WOTUS
- Drinking Water Protection Act (HR 212)
 - Assess & manage risk of cyano toxins in drinking water



Water Bond

- Key funding areas
 - \$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
- Implementation Issues
 - Not all \$ will be released in 2015/2016
 - Prop. 1 guidelines under development

2015 WRCA Regulatory Priorities

- Reservoir augmentation regulations and direct potable reuse statewide outreach
- Changing general permit from WDR to WRRs
- Pursuing Title 17 and 22 changes
- Recycled water storage issues and decorative lakes
- SWRCB Drought Emergency Regulations
- Other issues?

Title 17 and 22 changes

- Subcommittee meeting for past 1 ½ years
- Identified changes to facilitate use
- Plan to meet with SWRCB in near future
- Request SWRCB to consider administrative changes that were suggested from WRCA
- Expect DDW to pursue simultaneously with IPR and DPR requirements

Questions?

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