

WaterReuse California Los Angeles Chapter Meeting



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Legislation & Regulation Update

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AB 803: Water Recycling Act of 2013 (Gomez/Hueso)

- Address barriers to recycled water
 - Align RW spill reporting and incidental runoff in codes
 - Authorize permitting of RW into conveyance systems
 - Authorize use of hose bibs in cemeteries
- Sponsor: WateReuse
- Last Action: 9/9/13 – Enrolled & sent to Governor
- Next Action: 10/13/13 – Governor to sign or veto

SB 322: Water Recycling (Hueso)

- Critical for timely development of uniform water recycling criteria of DPR
- Promotes DPH completion of DPR feasibility study
 - DPH convene expert panel by 1/30/14
 - Draft report by 6/30/16 & public review by 9/30/16
 - DPH may accept non-state funds & contract w/ public universities
- Sponsor: SDCWA/City of San Diego
- Last Action: 9/20/13 –Enrolled & sent to Governor
- Next Action: 10/13/13 – Governor to sign or veto

AB 1200: Recycled Water Agricultural Impoundments (Levine)

- San Francisco RWQCB to authorize pilot program by Oct. 2014
- Investigate use of RW to supplement agriculture impoundments – 4 sites in Napa & Sonoma
- Measure water quality impacts
- Repeal study provisions by 2018
- Last Amendment: 7/2/13
- Last Action: 9/9/13 – Enrolled & sent to Governor
- Next Action: 10/13/13 – Governor to sign or veto

AB 145: SWRCB Drinking Water (Perea)

- Moves DPH Drinking Water Programs to SWRCB
- Address legislature concerns about DPH capacity
- Address rural disadvantaged community issues
- Coalition letter to Author - Oppose unless amend
- Last Amendment: 6/18/13
- Last Action: 8/30/13 – Held in Senate Apr. Comm.
- Next Action: 10/2/13 – CA Drinking Water Reorganization Task Force to gather feedback

AB 119: Water Treatment Devices (Alejo)

- Requires water treatment device's health or safety claims be substantiated
- Streamlines CDPH's water treatment device certification program
- Use ANSI certified independent tester
- Charge annual fee of \$500
- CDPH to update web site biannually
- Last Action: 9/28/13 – Signed by Governor & Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 403

2014 Water Bond - Concerns

- \$11.4 Billion Bond is considered too large
- Postponed twice from 2010 & 2012
- Polls show only moderate public support
- To address concerns, the new bond should:
 - Reduce overall cost
 - Avoid “earmarks” that allocate \$ w/o competition
 - Provide similar % of funding for water recycling projects and increase local and regional agency funding
 - Promote development of new reuse technology

AB 1331: Water Bond (Rendon)

- Climate Change Response for Clean and Safe Drinking Water Act of 2014.
- ~\$6.5 Billion bond focus on IRWM
- The group identified several principles including:
 - Protecting the Delta & Restoring healthy watersheds
 - Increasing regional self-reliance -- with IRWMPs as the tool
 - Ensuring safe drinking water for disadvantaged communities
 - Increasing water conservation and reuse
 - Expanding water storage options – above and below ground
 - Balance between improvements and new infrastructure.
- Last Action: 9/11/13 – Held in Senate Apr. Comm.

SB 42: Water Bond (Wolk)

- Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality, and Flood Protection Act of 2014.
- ~\$6.475 Billion bond
- Address concerns raised by the Delta community
- No earmarks
- Fund recycled water projects under IWRMPs
- Include funding for flood management projects
- Last Action: 9/11/13 – Held in Senate Apr. Comm.

National Legislative Committee

- Last met September 17, 2013
- USBR Title XVI presentation – need local support
- Develop work plan for 2014
 - 5-7 key initiatives (e.g., establish national wateruse goal)
 - Present to WRA in December
- WRRDA 2013
 - No earmarks; prioritize projects with transparent process
 - Deauthorizes \$12 Billion of inactive projects prior to 2007
 - Authorizes non-federal use of funds to expedite

2014 Recycled Water Legislation

- Consider new legislation proposals for 2014
- Consider looking at other barriers to RW
- Welcome new ideas

Questions?

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