WateReuse 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
- 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.

SB 42: Water Bond (Wolk)

- ~$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 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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