

# WateReuse California Los Angeles Chapter Meeting



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Legislation & Regulation Update

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# 2015 Legislative Dates

- June 5 Last day for bills to pass house of origin
- July 17 Last day for policy committees to meet
- Aug. 28 Last day for fiscal committees to meet
- September 11 Last day for any bill to be passed
- October 11 Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills passed by legislature
  
- January 1, 2016 Statutes take effect
- January 4, 2016 Legislature reconvenes

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

# 2015 Recycled Water Legislation

- SB 88 – Budget Committee on Water -> Chaptered
- SB 471 – Water Energy GHG -> Held in Committee
- AB 606 – State Property Water Use -> Chaptered
- AB 786 – CID's use of Recycled Water-> Enrolled
- AB 888 – Waste Mgmt.: plastic micro beads -> Chaptered
- AB 954 – Water/Waste Loan Program -> Held in Comm.
- AB 1173 - Backflow: certification -> Held in Committee
- AB 1463 - Onsite Recycled Water -> Held in Committee
- AB 1531 - Env. Safety & Toxics: SWRCB-> Chaptered

# SB 163: Wastewater Treatment: Recycled Water (Hertzberg )

- Declares ocean wastewater discharge a “waste and unreasonable use”
- Requires ocean dischargers to reuse  $\geq 50\%$  by 2026.
- Prohibits ocean dischargers after 2036, except as a “backup discharge”.
- Requires ocean dischargers reuse 100% by 2036
- Requires plan to meet the requirements including costs
- Allows partial exemption for five years
- Last Action: 9/03/15 Amended in Assembly -> 2 year bill

# National Legislation Update

- S. 1894 - California Emergency Drought Relief Act of 2015 (Feinstein)
- Authorize \$1.6 B over 10 years
- Authorize \$200 M for Title XVI Grants
  - Require feasibility study to request funding
  - Remove Congressional authorization requirement
- Reauthorize Desalination Act and authorize \$50 M
- Authorize additional \$100M for WaterSMART

# Recycled Water General Permit

- Use for all non-potable uses except GW recharge
- Limited use of permit since introduction in June 2014
- Concerns over monitoring above existing permits
- Proposed changes to address:
  - Reporting of agronomic rates for landscape irrigation
  - Reduce quarterly reporting
  - Monitoring & reporting of priority pollutants
  - 4-year testing of cross-connections
  - Required consultation for adding new users

# Title 17 and 22 changes

- Subcommittee Identified priorities for revisions
- DDW reviewed proposed Title 17 and 22 changes
- DDW reminded us of other high priorities & limited staff
- DDW is open to non-substantive Title 22 changes
- DDW has concerns about removing 4-year testing of dual plumbed facilities & suggested alternative methods
- Subcommittee prepared detailed justification
- Subcommittee met with DDW to pursue revisions
- Subcommittee reviewing statement of reasons

# Questions?

If you have any questions, please contact:

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