

WateReuse California Los Angeles Chapter Meeting



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Legislation & Regulation Update

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2017 Legislative Calendar

- Feb. 17 Last day for bills to be introduced
- June 2 Last day for bills to pass house of origin
- June 15 Last day to pass budget bill
- July 21 Last day for policy committees to report bills
Summer Recess begins
- Aug. 21 Legislature reconvenes
- Sept. 1 Last day for fiscal committees to report bills
- Sept. 15 Last day for any bill to be passed
- Oct. 15 Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills
- Jan. 1 Statutes take effect

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

AB 574: Potable Reuse (Quirk)

- Clarify Direct and Indirect Potable Reuse definitions
- Specify 2 types of Direct Potable Reuse
 - 1) Raw water augmentation
 - 2) Treated water augmentation
- Establish framework for regulating potable reuse by 6/1/2018
- SWRCB to adopt uniform water recycling criteria for raw water augmentation by 12/31/2023
- SWRCB must establish and administer expert panel
- SWRCB must submit proposed criteria to expert panel & receive finding of protection of public health before adoption
- Last Action 10/06/17 – Signed by Governor
- Sponsored by WaterReuse & California CoastKeeper

AB 869: Sustainable Water Use – Recycled Water (Rubio)

- Water use standards shall include credit for recycled water (RW)
- Urban water supplier shall receive credit for potable reuse on acre-foot basis to meet target
- Urban retail water supplier shall not be required to reduce RW produced, sold, or distributed during state emergency
- RW shall include special MWELO landscape variance
- Last Action: 8/24/17– Amend and Re-referred to Com. NR&W

AB 1668: Water Management Planning (Friedman)

- SWRCB to establish conservation standards by 6/30/2021
- Set initial indoor residential use at 55 gpcd
- Recycled water (RW) receives 10% credit for water use efficiency (WUE) targets
- Removes RW from Agriculture Water Supplier's 10,000 or more irrigated acres definition
- Last Action: 9/15/17 – Re-referred to Com. on RLS.

AB 967: Human Remains Disposal: alkaline hydrolysis (Gloria)

- Amends the Business and Professions Code and Health and Safety Code relating to the disposal of human remains
- Commencing 7/1/2020, requires license to regulate hydrolysis facilities
- Licensed hydrolysis facility may dispose of hydrolysate using a sewer collection system under the specified conditions
- Authorization for disposal of hydrolysate using a sewer collection system or licensed biomaterials handler shall be voluntary and at the discretion of WWTP
- Considered environmentally responsible alternative to cremation by author
- Last Action: 9/27/17 – Enrolled & presented to Governor

SB5: California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, and... (De Leon)

- Authorize \$4B Bond for drought, water, parks, climate, coastal protection, and outdoor access for all program
- Adopt guidelines that encourage use of recycled water
- \$250M for clean drinking water & drought preparedness
- \$290M for drought & groundwater regional sustainability
- \$80M for water recycling
- 20% of funds to severely disadvantage communities
- Last Action: 9/21/17 – Enrolled & presented to Governor
- This bill would require voter approval, set for June 5, 2018 primary election, and would take effect immediately on voter approval

Federal Legislation

- HR 23 – Gaining Responsibility on Water Act of 2017
- HR 434 – New Water Act
- HR 465 – Water Quality Improvement Act of 2017
- HR 875 – USBR Water Project Streamlining Act
- HR 1579 – Secure and Resilient Water Systems Act
- HR 1654 – Water Supply Permitting Coordination Act
- HR 1663 – Water Resources Research Amendments Act
- HR 2799 – Western Water Recycling and Drought Act
- HR 3248 – Water Advanced Technologies for Efficient Use
- HR 33 87 – Drinking Water System Improvements of 2017
- S 216 – Bureau of Reclamation Transparency Act
- S 880 – Made in America Water Infrastructure Act
- S 692 – Water Infrastructure Flexibility Act
- S 1137 – Clean Safe Reliable Water Infrastructure

Federal News

- WateReuse member, David Pedersen of Las Virgenes Municipal Water District, testified on Capital Hill on importance of investing in water reuse infrastructure.
- House passed spending package for 2018 that includes
 - \$73M for WaterSMART Program including \$35M for Title XVI
 - \$1.4B for Clean Water SRF and \$863M for Drinking Water SRF
 - \$25M for WIFIA

Upcoming Regulatory Actions

- Surface Water Augmentation regulations
- Recycled Water Policy Update
- Mandatory RW Building Standards
- Evaluate recycled water use for animals
- On-site Treatment System Policy

Recycled Water Policy Update

- Update Constituents of Emerging Concern (CECs) monitoring requirements
- Expand CEC assessment to cover Title 22 and surface water augmentation applications
- Provide recommendations for additional research including antibiotic resistant bacteria & micro plastics
- <http://sccwrp.org/ResearchAreas/Contaminants/RecycledWaterAdvisoryPanel.aspx>

2017 CEC Science Advisory Panel for Recycled Water Schedule

July 19-21, 2017	Panel Meeting #1
December 11-15, 2017	Panel Meeting #2
January 2018	Draft Report released for Public Comment
30 Days after Draft Release	Public Comments on Draft Due
February 29, 2018	Final Report due to State Water Board
TBD	State Water Board Workshop
December 31, 2018	Project end date

Questions?

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