

Leg/Reg Update

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Agenda

- Bills
- Regulatory Updates
- Upcoming Events

AB 574 (Quirk)

- WRCA and CA Coastkeeper sponsored potable reuse bill
- Updates the definition of potable reuse to specify 4 types: groundwater augmentation, reservoir augmentation, raw water augmentation, treated water augmentation
- Sets 2023 deadline for development of raw water augmentation regulations
- Signed by Governor in October

AB 967 (Gloria)

- Allows liquefied human remains to enter sewer system **if** allowed by sanitation agency
- WateReuse asked for veto because it failed to allow all potable reuse facilities (drinking and sanitation agencies) from prohibiting remains from entering sewer
- Signed by Governor in October

SB 5 (De León)

- Bonds for drought/water /parks/climate/coastal protection
- Passed \$2.5B bond with only \$80M for water recycling
- Signed by Governor in October
- June 2018 ballot

Water Loss Audit Regulations

- CA Water Commission adopted regs for potable systems only
- NRDC had argued regs should apply to nonpotable reuse systems
- WRCA testified rule making did not apply to recycled water and recycled water has unique issues for water audits
- Expect issue to come up again in 2018 as separate bill

Recycled Water Policy Amendments

- Update will include new CEC monitoring requirements
- May include new state recycled water goal and tracking/reporting
- Expect draft amendment by March 2018
- CEQA scoping meetings by State Board over past week

Recycled Water Policy Amendments

- Science Advisory Panel presents findings & recommendations
 - December 15, 9:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m. in Sacramento, CA (CalEPA Building, Klamath Room)
- Staff workshops to discuss details of proposed amendment:
 - January 4, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. in Sacramento, Cal EPA, Byron Sher Auditorium
 - January 11, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. in Fountain Valley, Orange County Water District

Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance

- Update in 2018
- Questions from State on ETo > 1.0 for recycled water
 - WaterReuse working with Southern California Salinity Coalition and UC Riverside to provide justification in certain situations
 - Study expected end of 2017

Proposed Waste and Unreasonable Use Regs

- State Board workshop in November on proposed regs
- Included prohibition of any water, including RW, from irrigating median strip turf or publicly-owned landscaping unless a community benefit
 - WRCA and supporting agencies testified against that element
- Comments due December 26,
commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov

CWSRF Policy and Prioritization Improvements Update

- DFA gave update to State Board this week
- Recap of summer workshops and input received
- Main takeaways:
 - Increased the leveraging authority of the CWSRF this year
 - FY 18/19 IUP will include funding target and partial funding, target and how to allocate partial funding not yet known
 - Continue drafting a scoring system, considering retroactive construction funding, and developing a process for more up-front application assessment

Surface Water Augmentation Rules

- Draft regulations issued July, comments due September
- Many elements modeled on the groundwater recharge regulations
- WRCA/CASA comments:
 - Allow wastewater or water operators
 - Acknowledge multiple methods of MCL compliance (average or percentile results)
 - Allow application to include alternative minimum detention times
 - Request for tracer study or hydrodynamic modeling study based on change in operations or material change in project
 - Clarify additional treatment requirements for reservoir with 10% RW

Surface Water Augmentation Rules

- Revised draft regulations December 1
- Written comments due December 18,
commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov

Upcoming Events

- January 19, 12:30 pm – WRCA Leg/Reg Committee call/meeting
- February 9, 12:30 pm – WRCA Leg/Reg Committee call/meeting