

# WateReuse California Los Angeles Chapter Meeting



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Legislation & Regulation Update

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# 2018 California Legislative Dates

- Jan. 1 Statutes take effect
- Jan. 3 Legislature reconvenes
- Feb. 16 Last day for bills to be introduced
- Apr. 27 Last day policy comm. to report fiscal bills
- May 25 Last day fiscal comm. to report fiscal bills
- June 1 Last day for bills to pass house of origin
- June 15 Last day to pass budget
- Aug. 31 Last day for any bill to be passed
- Sept. 30 Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills
- See: <http://assembly.ca.gov/legislativedeadlines>

# 2018 Legislation - Status

- AB 1668: Water Management Planning (Friedman) - 5/31/18 - **Chaptered**
- SB 606: Water Management Planning (Hertzberg)- 5/31/18 – **Chaptered**
- AB 2072: SWRCB: Constituents of Emerging Concern (Quirk) – 5/25/18 – **Held in Committee**
- SB 966: Onsite Treated Nonpotable Water Systems (Weiner) – 8/8/18 – **Placed on Suspense file**
- SB 1422: California Safe Drinking Water Act: Microplastics (Portantino) 8/9/18 – **Amended; re-referred to Appr.**
- AB 2062: State Highways: Landscaping (Maienschein) 8/7/18 – **Enrolled**

# SB 966: Onsite Treated Nonpotable Water Systems (Weiner)

- Require SWRCB in consultation with BSC to adopt risk-based regulations (water quality standards) before 12/1/2022
  - Regulations must address at minimum pathogen removal, WQ monitoring, reporting, public notification, & cross-connections
  - Used for graywater\*, rainwater\*, storm water, blackwater, condensate and foundation drainage at individual buildings
  - Prohibit installation except under voluntarily adopted local jurisdiction programs in compliance with regulations
  - Require consultation with water and sewer providers
  - Terminate operation if local program is rescinded or directed by SWRCB
  - Last Action: 8/8/18 – Set for hearing. **Placed on suspense file**
  - Sponsor: SFPUC
- \*non irrigation uses

# SB 1422: California Safe Drinking Water Act: Microplastics (Portantino)

- SWRCB to adopt requirements for 3 yr. of testing and reporting the amount of microplastics in drinking water by 7/1/2020
- Before adoption of requirements, SWRCB shall
  - A. Adopt standard methodology for testing
  - B. Adopt notification level/guidance for interpretation of results
  - C. Adopt detection limit/guidance for reporting
  - D. Approve at least 1 lab in CA capable of analyzing microplastics
- SWRCB may implement through policy handbook
- Require public disclosure of results
- Last Action: 8/9/18 – amended; re-referred to Com. On Appr.
- Coalition of water agencies opposed unless amended - amended language under consideration

# AB 2062: State Highways: Landscaping (Maienschein)

- Use California native wildflowers and climate-appropriate vegetation to rebuild pollinator populations
- Require Caltrans to discontinue further water intensive freeway landscaping and use drought resistant landscaping whenever feasible
- Require Caltrans to eliminate dependency on imported water
- Require the use of RW for freeway landscaping when:
  1. Adequate quantity and quality is available;
  2. Approved by RWQCBs;
  3. Direct benefit to state highway program;
  4. Supplied by local public agency/utility able to contract for delivery, installation, and maintenance; and
  5. Doesn't unreasonably increase hazards or maintenance
- Last Action: 8/7/18 – Enrolled



# Recycled Water Regulations - Update

- Surface Water Augmentation – OAL officially approved regulations; effective 10/1/18
- Section 1211 - Wastewater Change Petitions; potential stakeholder meeting(s) in Sept. 2018?
- Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (MWELO) – potential stakeholder meeting(s) in August 2018?
- Backflow/Cross-Connection Regulations – SWRCB policy handbook under development; 2 workshops anticipated
- AWT Operator Certification – CA-NV AWWA & CWEA developing certification; expect new exams in spring 2019
- Recycled Water Policy - adoption by December 2018

# Recycled Water Policy Amendment

- Purpose:
  - Increase use of RW while protecting Env. & public health
  - Update Policy based on Science Advisory panel recommendations
  - Clarify, streamline RW permitting, and provide statewide consistency
- Status: Public Hearing on June 19<sup>th</sup>; Written comments on June 26; SWRCB adoption by December 2018
- WRCA concerns include:
  1. Focus on increasing RW not minimizing WWTP ocean discharges
  2. Streamline wastewater change petitions (Section 1211)
  3. Follow science panel recommendation for CEC Bioassay monitoring
  4. SNMP data collection, updating of project engineering reports, timeline to enroll in general permit, and restoring funding incentives
- [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/water\\_recycling\\_policy/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/water_recycling_policy/)



# Recycled Water Links

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Quick Links

- » General Waste Discharge Requirements for Recycled Water
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- » Recycled Water: Constituents of Emerging Concern (CECs)
- » Statewide General Permit for Landscape Irrigation Uses of Recycled Water
- » Statutes and Regulations
- » Water Recycling to Supplement Drinking Water Supplies (DDW)

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/water\\_recycling\\_policy/recycledwater\\_research.shtml#](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/water_recycling_policy/recycledwater_research.shtml#)

# Federal Update

## ● FY 19 Appropriations

- House passed FY 19 w/\$1.54B CWSRF, \$1B DWSRF, \$70M WIFIA
- Senate passed FY 19 w/\$1.69B CWSRF, \$1.16B DWSRF, \$63M WIFIA
  - Conference committee to negotiate difference in Sept.
- House passed HR 5895 w/\$115M for WaterSMART w/ \$65M for Title XVI
- Senate passed S 2976 FY 19 Energy & Water w/\$34M for WaterSMART w/ \$55M for Title XVI

## ● Water Resources Development Act

- WRA Letter supporting water reuse, storm water, WaterSense
- House passed HR 8; USACE consult w/locals to incorporate WMPs
- Senate expected to consider S 2800 in coming weeks

## ● Proposed Recycled Water Legislation

- HR 875 – Bureau of Reclamation Water Project Streamlining Act
- HR 2729 – Western Water Recycling and Drought Relief Act
- HR 5127 – Water Recycling Investment and Improvement Act

# WaterReuse Association

## Action Agenda 2017-2021

- Action 1 – Develop a national vision and strategy for water
- Action 2 – Support science needed to safely increase water supplies
- Action 3 – Leverage federal funding to increase investments in water infrastructure
- Action 4 – Provide financing options for water infrastructure projects
- Action 5 – Incentivize private investment in water reuse
- Action 6 – Transform Title XVI into a competitive grant
- Action 7 – Reform the permitting process for advanced treated water
- Action 8 – Amended WaterSense program to protect WQ

# Questions?

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