

# Leg/Reg Update

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# SB 332 (Hertzberg-Wiener) Ocean-Bay Wastewater Discharges

- WRCA – oppose unless amended
- Agency by agency mandate to reduce ocean and bay wastewater discharges, baseline of average flow 2010 - 2020:
  - 50% reduction by 2030
  - 95% reduction by 2040
- WRCA concerns: lack of funding for process; utilities/agencies already doing a lot of other plans; how to establish an appropriate baseline
- Leg/Reg continuing discussions on technical issues
  - Provide examples of how much this bill will cost, rate impacts to agencies

# AB 1180 (Friedman)

- Requires State Board to:
  - include provisions in Title 17 for the use of a swivel or changeover device to supply potable water to a dual-plumbed system during an interruption in recycled waste service
  - update Title 22 regulations by January 1, 2023
- Another bill required update to Title 17 turning it into a “handbook”
- Water Board considering updating Title 22 to a “handbook”
- WRCA has concerns on both processes

# AB 292 (Quirk) – Potable Reuse Terminology

- Moved to full Assembly
- Removes terminology of “indirect” and “direct” potable reuse, clarifications to treated drinking water augmentation
- WRCA meeting w/Water Board on remaining concerns

# AB 405 (Rubio) – Tax Exempt RW Chemicals

- Seeks same exemptions that drinking water treatment chemicals receive
- Currently in Revenue & Tax committee
- The bill will be limited to "agents used by a city, county, public utility, and sanitation district." Concerns:
  - "Public utility" is defined as a private water company
  - What "agents" means
  - Special districts not currently included
  - Ensure no harm to existing exemptions
- WRCA will take support if amend position

# Bioassay Implementation Advisory Group

- Recycled Water Policy requires 2 new bioassay tests for potable reuse projects
- Facilitated by NWRI, funded by WRCA
- 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting April 10 (closed to public, slides available)
  - Reviewed draft language for SOPs
  - Goal: final SOPs in November
- Next public meeting in July/August

# Recycled Water Policy

- Adopted December 2018
- Approved by Office of Administrative Law April 2019
- <https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/recycledwaterpolicy>

# Clean Water SRF

- Intended Use Plan FY19/20 released March 27
- Recommends cut off score for fundable list
- Comments due by May 28 12pm
- Adoption maybe June 18 SWRCB meeting
- Workshop/webcast May 20 1pm
- [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/grants\\_loans/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/)



# Prop 1 IRWM Round 1 Implementation Funding

- Solicitation from Bay Area IRWM Coordinating Committee
- Proposals due June 3
- Bay Area: \$2.275M for DAC projects; \$22.75M for others
- Looking for multiple benefits, regional cooperation
- <https://bayairewmp.org/call-for-projects-prop-1-irwm-implementation/>

# WIFIA Loans

- Letter of Interest due July 5
- \$6 billion in loans
- Finances 49% of eligible project costs
- Minimums: \$20M project large communities, \$5M project small communities
- Webinar: April 30 11am
- <https://www.epa.gov/wifia>

# Upcoming Events

- AWWA CA/NV workshop, Water Reuse & Desalination Update for the West; What's New? What has Changed? Where is it Going?
  - May 7, 8am-5pm, Marina, CA
- WaterReuse California Leg/Reg Committee calls
  - May 17, 12:30-2:30
  - June 14, 12:30-2:30
  - July 12, 12:30-2:30
  - August 23, 12:30-2:30