WateReuse California
Los Angeles Chapter Meeting

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Legislation & Regulation Update

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See: [http://assembly.ca.gov/legislativedeadlines](http://assembly.ca.gov/legislativedeadlines)
SB 166: Process Water Treatment Systems (Weiner)

- Require SWRCB in consultation with DPH to adopt regulations for onsite treatment & reuse of process water in breweries and wineries before 12/1/2025
- Regulations require microbiological, chemical, physical water quality, and treatment standards
- Prohibit reuse unless in compliance with regulations in 2 years
- Require reporting and termination if directed by SWRCB
- Last Action: 01/28/19 – Introduced
- Sponsor: SFPUC
- WRCA is considering concept
- Uncertain of need for regulations – may already have pretreatment permit requirements
- Uncertain if highest priority for SWRCB regulation staff
AB 231: CEQA Exemption Recycled Water (Mathis)

- Exempt project to construct or expand RW pipeline from CEQA for purpose of mitigating drought conditions if Gov. declared state of emergency.
- Project must be within existing right of way and not affect wetlands or sensitive habitats.
- Project must be on or adjacent to critically over drafted groundwater basin.
- Exempt the development and approval of building standards by state agencies for recycled water.
- No reimbursement for local agencies for mandated costs.
- Last Action: 01/17/19 – Introduced
- WRCA is considering legislation.
- Existing CEQA exemption for pipelines less than 1-mile.
AB 292: Recycled Water: raw water & GW augmentation (Quirk)

- Eliminate terms indirect potable reuse & direct potable reuse
- Rename “indirect potable reuse for groundwater recharge” as groundwater augmentation
- Clarify Potable Reuses as 1 of 4 types
  - Groundwater augmentation
  - Reservoir water augmentation
  - Raw water augmentation
  - Treated drinking water augmentation
- SWRCB adopt raw water augmentation before 12/31/2023
- Sponsor: WateReuse California
- Last Action: 01/28/19 – Introduced
- Expect additional amendments
Other Potential Legislation

- Update Title 17 & 22
  - Swivel Ells
  - Auxiliary water supply
  - Coagulated wastewater
  - Update allowable uses

- Minimize Ocean Discharges?
Recycled Water Regulations - Update

- Surface Water Augmentation – effective 10/1/18
- CWSRF Policy - adopted 11/6/18
- Recycled Water Policy - adopted 12/11/18
- AWT Operator Certification – CA-NV AWWA & CWEA developing certification; expect new exams in spring 2019
- Backflow/Cross-Connection Regulations – SWRCB policy handbook by 1/1/2020; 2 workshops anticipated
- Urban Water Advisory Group – 1st meeting in April
- Bioassay Implementation Advisory Group – 1st meeting was productive; next meeting in March or April
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: adopted December 11, 2018

WRCA concerns include:
1. Minimizing WWTP ocean discharges
2. RW Tracking/Reporting requirements
3. Wastewater change petitions process (Section 1211)
4. CEC Bioassay monitoring, QA/QC, phased implementation

Does not address direct potable reuse

Final policy not yet posted

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/water_recycling_policy/
Federal Update

- **Government Shutdown** – 2/15/19 deadline
  - Negotiators reached a tentative deal

- **FY 19 Appropriations** – seven remaining bills

- **House of Representatives hearings**
  - Natural Resources Committee on climate change
  - Transportation and Infrastructure Committee on infrastructure

- **David Bernhardt** nominated to lead Department of Interior

- **Andrew Wheeler** nominated to lead the EPA,

- **Proposed Recycled Water Legislation**
  - H.R. XX - Water Recycling Investment and Improvement Act
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- Increase $ for Title XVI
- Increase Title XVI appropriation from $50M to $500M
- Increase Title XVI federal funding ceiling from $20M to $30M
- Delete funding priority for projects identified by U.S. Drought monitor or as a disaster area for past 4 years
- Make program permanent by removing the WIIN Act Title XVI 2021 expiration date
- Remove the requirement for projects to be specifically named in appropriation legislation.

Last Action: 2/XX/19 – Introduced to House
Questions?

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