WateReuse California
Los Angeles Chapter Meeting

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Legislation & Regulation Update

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2019 California Legislative Dates

- Jan. 1: Statutes take effect
- Jan. 7: Legislature reconvenes
- Feb. 22: Last day for bills to be introduced
- Apr. 26: Last day policy comm. to report fiscal bills
- May 17: Last day fiscal comm. to report fiscal bills
- May 31: Last day for bills to pass house of origin
- June 15: Last day to pass budget
- Aug. 30: Last day for any bill to be passed
- Oct. 13: Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills

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

Require SWRCB to convene a study group to advise Legislature on policies for onsite treatment & reuse of process water in breweries and wineries before 12/1/2025

Study shall examine:
- Microbiological, chemical, physical water quality, and treatment standards for use of process water
- WQ monitoring, reporting, notification, & cross-connections

Study group to hold at least 3 public meeting

Last Action: 03/21/19 – Amended in Senate

Sponsor: SFPUC

WRCA is in watch position

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.
- 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: 03/12/19 – referred to Com. On W.P.,&W
- Minor clarification amendments
SB 332: Wastewater Treatment: Recycled Water (Hertzberg & Weiner)

- Accelerate water recycling and increase water supplies by mandating reduction of wastewater discharges to the ocean
- Declares discharges of treated wastewater from ocean outfalls is a “waste and unreasonable use” of water
- Requires NPDES permit holders and affiliated water suppliers to:
  - Reduce ocean discharges
  - 50 percent by 2030
  - 95 percent by 2040
  - Submit joint plan for treatment, transportation, and reuse by 2022
  - Submit progress reports by 2024 & every 5 years thereafter
  - Penalties for lack of progress
- Sponsor: NRDC & California CoastKeeper Alliance
- Last Action: 04/05/19 – referred to Com. On Jud. For 04/23/19
- WRCA is in Oppose unless amend position
AB 1180: Water: Recycled Water (Friedman)

Require SWRCB to update uniform criteria for nonpotable uses by 2023 if sufficient funds have been appropriated.

Amend Health and Safety Code to require policy handbook include a provision for use of a swivel or change over device to supply potable water to dual plumbed systems during an interruption of recycled water service; and

Require use of swivel or changeover device to be consistent with any notification and backflow protection provisions contained in the policy handbook.

No reimbursement for local agencies for mandated costs.

Last Action: 03/28/19 – Amended referred to Com. On Appr.

WRCA is Sponsor.
Federal Update

- WateReuse visits to Washington D.C. for Water Week 2019
- Visit congress members
- Martha Tremblay of the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County participated in congressional briefing

Proposed Recycled Water Legislation

- H.R. 1162 - 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 name in appropriation legislation.

Last Action: 03/04/19 – referred to Water, Oceans, & Wildlife
Questions?

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