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](http://assembly.ca.gov/legislativedeadlines)
SB 166: Process Water Treatment Systems: breweries (Wiener)

- Require SWRCB to convene a study group to advise Legislature on policies for onsite treatment & reuse of process water in breweries and wineries before 12/1/2021
- 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: 06/04/19 – hearing cancelled by author
- 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
- Last Action: 05/09/19 – Joint rule 62(a)
- 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: 05/30/19 – Hearing postponed by committee
- Minor clarification amendments
SB 332: Wastewater Treatment: Recycled Water (Hertzberg & Wiener)

- 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 from average annual dry weather volume by 2030
    - 95 percent from average annual dry weather volume by 2040
  - Submit joint plan for treatment, transportation, and reuse by 2025
  - Submit progress reports by 2027 & every 5 years thereafter
  - Penalties for lack of progress

Sponsor: NRDC & California CoastKeeper Alliance

Last Action: 05/16/19 – Held in committee

WRCA is in Oppose unless amend position
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: 06/05/19 – Re-referred to Com. On Appr.

WRCA is Sponsor
Federal Update

Proposed Recycled Water Legislation
- H.R. 1162 - Water Recycling Investment and Improvement Act

FY 2020 Appropriations
- House Appropriations
  - CWSRF = $1.78B
  - DWSRF = $1.30B
  - Title XVI = $67M; WINN = $13M
- Senate Appropriations under development
HR 1162: Water Recycling Investment and Improvement Act (Napolitano)

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

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