

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: 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: WaterReuse 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

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: 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
 - H.R. 658 - National Infrastructure Development Act of 2019
- 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 name in appropriation legislation.
- Last Action: 03/04/19 – referred to Water, Oceans, & Wildlife

Questions?

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