

WateReuse California Los Angeles Chapter Meeting



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Legislation & Regulation Update

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2020 California Legislative Dates

- Jan. 1 Statutes take effect
- Jan. 6 Legislature reconvenes
- Feb. 21 Last day for bills to be introduced
- Apr. 24 Last day policy comm. to report fiscal bills
- May 15 Last day fiscal comm. to report fiscal bills
- May 29 Last day for bills to pass house of origin
- June 15 Last day to pass budget
- Aug. 31 Last day for any bill to be passed
- Sept. 30 Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills
- See: <http://assembly.ca.gov/legislativedeadlines>



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: 10/02/19 – Signed by Governor
- WRCA is Sponsor
- Policy Handbook Workshop 02/20/2020

Climate Resiliency Bonds

- Governor Newsom's \$4.75 billion bond
 - SB 45 (Allen) \$5.5 billion bond
 - AB 352 (E. Garcia) \$3.92 billion bond
 - AB 1298 (Mullin) \$ not specified
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- Need 2/3 vote to get on November 2020 ballot
 - WaterReuse is requesting \$1B for recycled water in bond funding

Constituents of Emerging Concern

- Metropolitan and CMUA cosponsoring CEC proposal
- Establish CEC Drinking Water Program at SWRCB
 - Set up consistent science-based approach for assessing public health of CECs
 - ID highest priority CECs in drinking water for action
 - Filling information gaps and coordinating scientific research
 - Remove barriers and improve timelines for state CEC actions
 - Ensure meaningful stakeholder participation and soliciting broad input
- Introduce bill in coming weeks
- WaterReuse proposed amendments
- Expect amendments after 30 days

California Water Resilience Portfolio

- Governor Newsom issued Executive order in April 2019
- State Agencies develop recommendations
- Water Resilience Portfolio released in January 2020

Goals and Actions include:

- Maintain and diversify water supplies
- Protect and enhance natural ecosystems
- Build connections, and
- Be prepared
- WRCA submitted comment letter February 6, 2020
 - Increase CWSRF capacity
 - Complete potable reuse regulations by 2023
 - Complete Onsite reuse regulations by 2023
 - Update non-potable recycled water regulations
 - Increase source control for PFAS chemicals



Federal Update

- National Water Reuse Action Plan
 - Comments were due 12/16/19
 - Release final plan 02/27/20; discussion at March 15-17 conference
- FY 2020 Appropriations enacted
 - CWSRF = \$1.638B
 - DWSRF = \$1.126B
 - Title XVI = \$63M
 - WINN = \$20M
 - WIFIA = \$60M
 - Aquifer Storage = \$10M
 - Innovative Water = \$1M
 - Stormwater reuse = \$25M
 - Research Program = \$6M
 - Desalination = \$20M
- FY 2021 initial Appropriations request significantly reduced
- WRDA expected in 2020
- National Water Policy Fly-in Washington D.C. April 27-28, 2020



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: 06/13/19 – Subcommittee Hearings



S. 1932: Drought Resiliency and Water Supply Infrastructure Act (Gardner)

- Surface & Groundwater Storage – Authorize \$640M FY 20-24
- Water Recycling and Reuse – Authorize \$100M FY 20-24
- Desalination— Authorize \$60M FY 20-24
- Reclamation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Pilot— Authorize \$150M FY 21-25
- De-authorization of Water Recycling Projects
- Last Action: 07/18/19 – Subcommittee Hearings



HR 5302: Western Water Recycling and Drought Relief Act (McNerny)

- Amend Title XVI - add projects to Congressional Approved list
- Authorize appropriations for 12 projects (11 No. Cal. & 1 HI)
- Limit Federal cost share to 25 percent
- No mention of \$20M funding ceiling
- Last Action: 12/13/19 – Introduced legislation



HR XX: FUTURE Drought Resiliency Act (Huffman)

- Furthering Underutilized Technologies and Unleashing Responsible Expenditures (FUTURE) for Drought Resiliency Act
- Incorporate Napolitano's HR 1162 Language
 - Increase Title XVI appropriation from \$50M to \$500M
 - Increase Title XVI federal funding ceiling from \$20M to \$30M
 - Delete funding priority for Drought & disaster areas
 - Removing the WIIN Act Title XVI 2021 expiration date
 - Remove naming requirement in appropriation legislation.
- Incorporate Levin's HR 3723 Desalination Development Act
 - Authorize appropriation of \$260M for FY 2020-2024
- Last Action: 01/08/2020 – release legislative package

Questions?

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