



SCWC 2015 Legislative Matrix

State Bills

Bill ID	Author	Description	Status	SCWC Position
WATER USE EFFICIENCY LEGISLATION				
AB 1	Brown	Prohibits a city, county, or city and county from imposing a fine under any local maintenance ordinance or other relevant ordinance for a failure to water a lawn or having a brown lawn during a period for which the Governor has issued a proclamation of a state of emergency based on drought conditions.	Chaptered	Support (Letter submitted)
AB 349	Gonzalez	Amends the Davis-Stirling Common Interest Development Act. Makes void and unenforceable any provision of the governing documents or architectural or landscaping guidelines or policies that prohibits the use of low water-using landscapes that require not more than a specified amount of water.	Chaptered	Support (Letter submitted)
AB 585	Melendez	Allows a credit, under the Personal Income Tax Law, for a specified percentage of the amount paid or incurred by a qualified taxpayer for water-efficiency improvements made to outdoor landscapes on real property in the State.	Assembly Appropriations Committee (2 year bill – suspense file)	Support

AB 603	Salas	Allows a credit under the Personal Income Tax and the Corporation Tax Laws to a taxpayer participating in a lawn replacement program.	Assembly Appropriations Committee (2 year bill – suspense file)	Support
AB 606	Levine	Requires the Department of General Services to identify each public property added to the department's state property inventory where it is feasible for water consumption to be reduced and water efficiencies to be achieved through replacement of landscaping, irrigation timers, or spray sprinkler heads, or any combination thereof, and requires the appropriate replacements where feasible.	Enrolled and presented to the Governor	Support (Letter submitted)
AB 723	Rendon	Prohibits manufacturers selling water closets, urinals, bathroom faucets, and shower heads from installing or selling any of the aforementioned plumbing fixtures that do not meet WaterSense standards set by the federal Environmental Protection Agency.	Senate Appropriations Committee (2 year bill)	Watch
AB 786	Levine	Amends existing law that prohibits an association from imposing a fine or assessment on separate interest owners for reducing or eliminating watering of vegetation or lawns during any period of declared emergency due to drought, except an association that uses recycled water for landscape irrigation. Limits that exception to only associations that use recycled water for all home and common area landscaping irrigation.	Enrolled and presented to the Governor; Passed Assembly 7-0	Watch
AB 1128	Jones-Sawyer	Makes nonsubstantive changes to existing law that declares the intent of the Legislature to, among other things, promote urban water conservation standards that are consistent with the California Urban Water Conservation Council's adopted best management practices and specified requirements for demand management.	Introduced (2 year bill)	Watch

AB 1139	Campos	Allows a taxpayer, under the Personal Income Tax Law, a credit for participation in a lawn replacement program.	Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee (2 year bill)	Support
AB 1463	Gatto	Requires the State Water Resources Control Board to establish water quality standards and distribution, monitoring, and reporting requirements for onsite water recycling systems prior to authorizing the use of onsite recycled water in internal plumbing of residential and commercial buildings.	Amended 9/4; Senate Environmental Quality Committee (2 year bill)	Watch
AB 1164	Gatto	Water conservation: drought tolerant landscaping	Passed Assembly 8-0; Amended 9/4	Watch
SB 7	Wolk	Encourages the conservation of water in multifamily residential rental buildings through means within the landlord's or the tenant's control, and to ensure that the practices involving the submetering of dwelling units for water service are just and reasonable, and including appropriate safeguards for both tenants and landlords. Authorizes building standards that require the installation of water submeters in multiunit residential buildings. Defines the term submeter for the Water Measurement Law.	Failed Passage; Requested reconsideration	Watch
SB 20	Pavley	California Water Resiliency Investment Act.	Amended 8/26; Asm Water, Parks and Wildlife	Watch
SB 47	Hill	Requires the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, in consultation with the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, the State Department of Public Health, and the Department of Toxic Substances Control, to prepare and provide to the Legislature and post on the office's Internet Web site a study analyzing synthetic turf, for potential adverse health impacts. Provides the information to be included in the study. Authorizes grant to crumb rubber businesses to find	Senate Appropriations Committee (2 year bill)	Watch

		alternative markets.		
SB 471	Pavley	Water, energy, and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions: planning. Requires the Strategic Growth Council to give special consideration to awarding funds to eligible projects that, in addition to existing objectives and goals, would also result in reduced energy use by a water supplier, and end user of water, or both. Includes projects or programs that reduce energy used to acquire, transport, treat, or distribute water as a regional project or program.	Assembly Appropriations (2 year bill; suspense file)	Support (Will not draft letter – awaiting amendments)
SB 551	Wolk	State water policy: water and energy efficiency. This bill would declare the policy of the state that water use and water treatment shall be as energy efficient as is feasible and energy use and generation shall be as water efficient as is feasible. This bill would require all relevant state agencies to consider this state policy when revising, adopting, or establishing policies, regulations, and grant criteria when pertinent to these uses of water and energy.	Assembly Appropriations (2 year bill; suspense file)	Watch
SB 553	Wolk	Requires the Department of General Services to identify each public property in the department's state property inventory where it is feasible for water consumption to be reduced and water efficiencies to be achieved through implementation of the relevant recommendations made in the model water efficient landscape ordinance and would require the department to implement the relevant recommendation where feasible.	Senate Appropriations Committee (2 year bill)	Support
SB 555	Wolk	Require each urban retail water supplier to conduct a water loss audit as prescribed by rules adopted by the Department of Water Resources. Requires an urban retail water supplier to submit a validated audit report to the department, and post the report on its website in a timely manner after receipt.	Enrolled and presented to the Governor; Passed Assembly 71-5	Watch

SB 789	Wieckowski	Sale of water by local public entities: excise tax	Assembly Local Government Committee (2 year bill)	Watch
LOCAL/REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY PROJECTS LEGISLATION				
SB 485	Hernandez	The County Sanitation District Act authorizes a sanitation district to acquire, construct, and complete certain works, property, or structures necessary or convenient for sewage collection, treatment, and disposal. This bill would authorize specified sanitation districts in the County of Los Angeles, to acquire, construct, operate, maintain, and furnish facilities for the diversion, management, and treatment of stormwater and dry weather runoff, the discharge of the water to the stormwater drainage system, and the beneficial use of the water.	Enrolled and presented to the Governor	Support (Letter submitted)
SB 385	Hueso	This bill would authorize, until January 1, 2020, the state board, at the request of a public water system, to grant a variance from the primary drinking water standard for hexavalent chromium if the public water system prepares and submits a compliance plan, the state board approves the compliance plan, the public water system provides specified notice requirements regarding the compliance plan to its customers, and the public water system sends annual reports to the state board that updates the status of the approved compliance plan. The bill would require the compliance plan to describe the actions the public water system is taking and will take to comply with the primary drinking water standard for hexavalent chromium by the earliest feasible date, include the public water system's best estimate of the funding required for compliance, and the actions the public water system will take to secure funding.	Chaptered	Support (Letter submitted) Letter submitted to Governor

AB 91		Emergency Drought Relief	Chaptered	
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AB 725	Wagner	Water Quality – Recycled water – storm induced overflow	Asm. Parks & Wildlife (2 year bill)	Watch
AB 935	Salas	This bill requires the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to fund the Reverse Flow Pump-Back Facilities on the Friant-Kern Canal and the San Joaquin River Recapture at Patterson Irrigation District Conveyed Through Delta-Mendota Canal to San Luis Reservoir, upon appropriation of the Legislature.	Amended 9/4; Senate Appropriations	Watch
AB 1362	Gordon	This bill would define “stormwater” for purposes of the act to mean any system of public improvements or service intended to provide for the quality, conservation, control, or conveyance of waters that land on or drain across the natural or man-made landscape.	Assembly Local Government Committee (2 year bill)	
SB 122	Jackson	Proposes changes to Public Resources Code re: CEQA requirements	Assembly Appropriations Committee (2 year bill)	Oppose (Letter Submitted)
SB 163	Hertzberg	Wastewater treatment: recycled water.	Amended 9/3; Assembly Rules (2 year bill)	
BAY DELTA LEGISLATION				
AB 291	Medina	Authorizes a local agency, for certain water projects, to file the notice with the county clerk of the county in which the local agency's principal office is located in and with the Office of Planning and Research and to mail a copy of the notice to the county clerk of the counties in which the project is located. Requires the notices to be available to for public inspection.	Senate Environmental Quality Committee (2 year bill)	Support (Letter submitted)
AB 498	Levine	Declares that it is the policy of the state and all state agencies, with regard to a project proposed in an area identified as a wildlife corridor, to encourage the project	Enrolled and presented to the Governor	Watch

		proponent to consult with the Department of Fish and Wildlife, and take steps to promote, protect, or restore functioning of the wildlife corridor.		
AB 501	Levine	Relates to the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Reform Act of 2009. Requires a person conducting Delta Research, funded by the State, to take specified actions with regard to the sharing of the primary data, samples, physical collections, and other supporting materials created or gathered in the course of that research. Authorizes the Delta Independent Science Board to adopt guidelines. Suspends State funding for improper reporting. Provides research property legal rights remain with the researcher.	Assembly Appropriations Committee (2 year bill)	Support if amended
AB 647	Eggman	Declares that the storing of water underground constitutes a beneficial use of water if the diverted water is used while it is in underground storage for specified purposes. Provides that the period for the reversion of a water right does not include any period when the water is being used in the aquifer or storage area or is being held in storage for later application to beneficial use. Applies to pre- and post-1914 water rights holders.	Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee (2 year bill)	Watch
AB 1201	Salas	Requires Delta Stewardship Council to direct the Delta Independence Science Board to conduct assessment of stressors on populations of native fish species	Senate Appropriations Committee (2 year bill; suspense file)	Support (Letter submitted)
AB 1242	Gray	Requires the State Water Resources Control Board to take into consideration any applicable groundwater sustainability plan or alternative in formulating state policy for water quality control and adopting or approving a water quality control plan that affects a groundwater basin. Requires the board to evaluate impacts on groundwater basins.	Amended 9/1; Senate Rules (2 year bill)	Watch
AB 1325	Salas	Enacts the Delta Smelt Preservation and Restoration Act of 2016.	Failed passage in Water, Parks and Wildlife on 4/28;	Watch

			reconsideration granted	
SB 637	Allen	Requires the State Water Resources Control board to establish a permitting process for suction dredge mining and related mining activities in rivers and streams. Requires that the regulations address cumulative and water quality impacts of specified issues.	Enrolled and presented to the Governor	Watch
SB 772	Stone	States the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation establishing judicial review procedures for the Bay Delta Conservation Plan.	Senate Rules Committee (2 year bill)	Watch
SB 223	Galgiani	Requires the Division of Boating and Waterways to establish an advisory and oversight committee to monitor the activities of the division relating to the management and control or eradication of invasive aquatic plants.	Assembly Appropriations Committee (2 year bill)	Watch

National Bills

Bill ID	Author	Description	Status	SCWC Position
HR 1775	Edwards	Innovative Stormwater Infrastructure Act of 2015	Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment	Support (per advice of Stormwater Task Force)
HR 1732	Shuster	Regulatory Integrity Protection Act of 2015	Senate	Watch
HR 2689	Walters	To clarify the scope of eligible water resources projects under the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 and the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014, and for other purposes.	Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment	Watch
HR 2898	Valadao	The American Water and Food Security Act of 2015	Referred to the Committee on	Watch

			Energy and Natural Resources	
S 1440	Barrasso	Federal Water Quality Protection Act	Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders	Watch