

Delta Stewardship Council February 2015 Bill Tracking

- [AB 1](#) ([Brown D](#)) **Drought: local governments: fines.**
Introduced: 12/1/2014
Status: 1/16/2015-Referred to Com. on L. GOV.
Location: 1/16/2015-A. L. GOV.
Summary: Would prohibit 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.
- [AB 78](#) ([Mathis R](#)) **Groundwater basins.**
Introduced: 1/5/2015
Status: 1/6/2015-From printer. May be heard in committee February 5.
Location: 1/5/2015-A. PRINT
Summary: Current law requires the Department of Water Resources to categorize each basin or subbasin as high-, medium-, low-, or very low priority and to establish ground water the initial priority for each basin no later than January 31, 2015. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to this provision.
- [AB 85](#) ([Wilk R](#)) **Open meetings.**
Introduced: 1/6/2015
Status: 1/26/2015-Referred to Com. on G.O.
Location: 1/26/2015-A. G.O.
Summary: Would, under the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act, specify that the definition of "state body" includes an advisory board, advisory commission, advisory committee, advisory subcommittee, or similar multimember advisory body of a state body that consists of 3 or more individuals, as prescribed, except a board, commission, committee, or similar multimember body on which a member of a body serves in his or her official capacity as a representative of that state body and that is supported, in whole or in part, by funds provided by the state body, whether the multimember body is organized and operated by the state body or by a private corporation. This bill contains other related provisions.
- [AB 103](#) ([Weber D](#)) **Budget Act of 2015.**
Introduced: 1/9/2015
Status: 1/26/2015-Referred to Com. on BUDGET.
Location: 1/26/2015-A. BUDGET
Summary: This bill would make appropriations for the support of state government for the 2015-16 fiscal year. This bill contains other related provisions.
- [AB 142](#) ([Bigelow R](#)) **Wild and scenic rivers: Mokelumne River.**
Introduced: 1/12/2015
Status: 1/26/2015-Referred to Com. on NAT. RES.
Location: 1/26/2015-A. NAT. RES.
Summary: Would require the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency, in a report analyzing the suitability or unsuitability of a proposed designation of the Mokelumne River, its tributaries, or portions thereof as additions to the system, to consider the potential effects of the proposed designation on future water requirements, as specified, and the effects of climate change. This bill contains other related provisions.
- [AB 149](#) ([Chávez R](#)) **Urban water management plans.**
Introduced: 1/15/2015
Status: 2/2/2015-Referred to Com. on W., P., & W.
Location: 2/2/2015-A. W.,P. & W.
Summary: The Urban Water Management Planning Act requires an urban water supplier to submit to the Department of Water Resources a copy of its urban water management plan and requires the department to prepare and submit to the Legislature, on or before December 31, in the years ending in 6 and 1, a report summarizing the status of plans adopted pursuant to the act. This bill, commencing January 1, 2017, would instead require an urban water supplier to update its plan at least once every 5 years on or before December 31 in years ending in 6 and one. The bill would instead require the department to submit its report to the Legislature, on or before December 31, in years ending in 7 and two.
- [AB 152](#) ([Bigelow R](#)) **Water rights: appropriation.**
Introduced: 1/15/2015
Status: 1/16/2015-From printer. May be heard in committee February 15.

Location: 1/15/2015-A. PRINT

Summary: Under current law, the State Water Resources Control Board administers a water rights program pursuant to which the board grants permits and licenses to appropriate water. Current law requires the board to allow the appropriation for beneficial purposes of unappropriated water under terms and conditions as in its judgment will best develop, conserve, and utilize in the public interest the water sought to be appropriated. This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to these provisions.

[AB 153](#) **(Bigelow R) Integrated regional water management planning.**

Introduced: 1/15/2015

Status: 1/16/2015-From printer. May be heard in committee February 15.

Location: 1/15/2015-A. PRINT

Summary: Current law authorizes a regional water management group to prepare and adopt an integrated regional water management plan with specified components. This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to that provision.

[AB 228](#) **(Waldron R) State Water Resources Development System: reporting requirement.**

Introduced: 2/4/2015

Status: 2/5/2015-From printer. May be heard in committee March 7.

Location: 2/4/2015-A. PRINT

Summary: Under current law, the Department of Water Resources operates the State Water Resources Development System. Current law requires the department, on or before January 10, 2010, and annually thereafter, to prepare and submit to the chairpersons of the fiscal committees of the Legislature a report, as prescribed, about the budget of the State Water Resources Development System. This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change in these provisions.

[AB 291](#) **(Medina D) California Environmental Quality Act: local agencies: notice of determination: water.**

Introduced: 2/11/2015

Status: 2/23/2015-Referred to Com. on NAT. RES.

Location: 2/23/2015-A. NAT. RES.

Summary: Would authorize 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 lieu of the county clerk of each county in which the project is located and would, if the local agency exercises this authorization, require the local agency to file the notice with the Office of Planning and Research. This bill contains other existing laws.

[AB 300](#) **(Alejo D) Safe Water and Wildlife Protection Act of 2015.**

Introduced: 2/12/2015

Status: 2/23/2015-Referred to Com. on NAT. RES.

Location: 2/23/2015-A. NAT. RES.

Summary: Would enact the Safe Water and Wildlife Protection Act of 2015, which would require the State Coastal Conservancy to establish and coordinate the Algal Bloom Task Force, in consultation with the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency, and would prescribe the composition and functions and duties of the task force. The bill would require the task force to review the risks and negative impacts of toxic blooms and microcystin pollution and to submit a summary of its findings and recommendations to the secretary by January 1, 2017.

[AB 307](#) **(Mathis R) Graywater: groundwater recharge.**

Introduced: 2/12/2015

Status: 2/13/2015-From printer. May be heard in committee March 15.

Location: 2/12/2015-A. PRINT

Summary: Would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to explicitly permit the usage of residential, commercial, and industrial graywater for the recharge of a groundwater basin or aquifer.

[AB 311](#) **(Gallagher R) Environmental quality: Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014.**

Introduced: 2/12/2015

Status: 2/23/2015-Referred to Coms. on NAT. RES. and W., P., & W.

Location: 2/23/2015-A. NAT. RES.

Summary: Would require the public agency, in certifying the environmental impact report and in granting approvals for specified water storage projects funded, in whole or in part, by Proposition 1, including the concurrent preparation of the record of proceedings and the certification of the record of proceeding within 5 days of the filing of a specified notice, to comply with specified procedures. Because a public agency would be required to comply with those new procedures, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

[AB 313](#) **(Atkins D) Enhanced infrastructure financing districts.**

Introduced: 2/12/2015

Status: 2/23/2015- Referred to Com. on L. GOV.

Location: 2/23/2015-A. L. GOV.

Summary: Would require, after the adoption of a resolution of intention to establish a proposed district, the legislative body to send a copy of the resolution to the public financing authority. This bill would revise the duties of the public financing authority after the resolution of intention to establish the proposed district has been adopted, so that the public financing authority, instead of the legislative body, will perform the specified duties related to the preparation, proposal, and adoption of the infrastructure financing plan and the adoption of the formation of the district.

[AB 320](#) **(Wood D) Engineers.**

Introduced: 2/13/2015

Status: 2/23/2015- Referred to Com. on B. & P.

Location: 2/23/2015-A. B.&P.

Summary: Would prohibit a person from using the title "environmental engineer" unless the person is licensed as an engineer. The bill would provide legislative findings and declarations in support of the licensure of environmental engineers in California. The bill would set forth the intent of the Legislature that the board be responsible for defining environmental engineering through rulemaking and that the board adopt standardized examination materials applicable to environmental engineering, as specified. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

[AB 323](#) **(Olsen R) California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: roadway improvement.**

Introduced: 2/13/2015

Status: 2/23/2015- Referred to Coms. on NAT. RES. and TRANS.

Location: 2/23/2015-A. NAT. RES.

Summary: The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires a lead agency to prepare a mitigated negative declaration for a project that may have a significant effect on the environment if revisions in the project would avoid or mitigate that effect and there is no substantial evidence that the project, as revised, would have a significant effect on the environment. This bill would extend the above exemption indefinitely. This bill contains other existing laws.

[AB 349](#) **(Gonzalez D) Common interest developments: property use and maintenance.**

Introduced: 2/17/2015

Status: 2/18/2015- From printer. May be heard in committee March 20.

Location: 2/17/2015-A. PRINT

Summary: Current law makes void and unenforceable any provision of the governing documents or architectural or landscaping guidelines or policies in a common interest development declaration that prohibits use of low water-using plants, or prohibits or restricts compliance with water-efficient landscape ordinances or regulations on the use of water, as specified. This bill would also make void and unenforceable any provision of the governing documents or architectural or landscaping guidelines or policies that prohibits use of low water-using landscapes that require not more than a specified amount of water. This bill contains other existing laws.

[AB 356](#) **(Williams D) Oil and gas: groundwater monitoring.**

Introduced: 2/17/2015

Status: 2/18/2015- From printer. May be heard in committee March 20.

Location: 2/17/2015-A. PRINT

Summary: Would authorize the State Oil and Gas Supervisor to require a well operator to implement a monitoring program for belowground oil production tanks and facilities, and disposal and injection wells,. Because a failure to comply with this requirement would be a crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

[AB 434](#) **(Garcia, Eduardo D) Drinking water: point-of-entry and point-of-use treatment.**

Introduced: 2/19/2015

Status: 2/20/2015- From printer. May be heard in committee March 22.

Location: 2/19/2015-A. PRINT

Summary: Would specifically make the emergency regulations adopted by the State Department of Public Health before January 1, 2014, operative and would require that the emergency regulations remain in effect until repealed or amended by the State Water Resources Control Board. The bill would authorize the State Water Resources Control Board to award a grant for point-of-entry and point-of-use treatment, in lieu of centralized treatment, by a public water system that meets certain requirements. This bill contains other related provisions.

[AB 452](#) **(Bigelow R) Water Rights Fund: Groundwater Regulation Subaccount.**

Introduced: 2/23/2015

Status: 2/24/2015- From printer. May be heard in committee March 26.

Location: 2/23/2015-A. PRINT

Summary: Would establish the Groundwater Regulation Subaccount in the Water Rights Fund and would provide that moneys in the subaccount are available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the State Water Resources Control Board for the purpose of board enforcement of the provisions of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

[AB 454](#) ([Bigelow R](#)) **Sustainable groundwater management.**

Introduced: 2/23/2015

Status: 2/24/2015-From printer. May be heard in committee March 26.

Location: 2/23/2015-A. PRINT

Summary: Would require a high- or medium-priority basin that is not subject to critical conditions of overdraft to be managed under a groundwater sustainability plan or coordinated groundwater sustainability plan by January 31, 2023. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

[AB 455](#) ([Bigelow R](#)) **Groundwater sustainability plans: environmental impact reports.**

Introduced: 2/23/2015

Status: 2/24/2015-From printer. May be heard in committee March 26.

Location: 2/23/2015-A. PRINT

Summary: Would require the Judicial Council, on or before July 1, 2016, to adopt a rule of court to establish procedures applicable to actions or proceedings brought to attack, review, set aside, void, or annul the certification of an EIR for projects covered by a groundwater sustainability plan that require the actions or proceedings be resolved within 270 days of certification of the record of proceeding. The bill would also prohibit the court from staying or enjoining the construction or operation of the project unless the court makes a certain finding. This bill contains other existing laws.

[AB 478](#) ([Harper R](#)) **Desalination.**

Introduced: 2/23/2015

Status: 2/24/2015-From printer. May be heard in committee March 26.

Location: 2/23/2015-A. PRINT

Summary: Current law provides that it is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Water Resources shall undertake to find economic and efficient methods of desalting saline water so that desalted water may be made available to help meet the growing water requirements of the state. This bill would make a nonsubstantive change in these provisions.

[AB 496](#) ([Rendon D](#)) **Pupil nutrition: fresh drinking water: funding.**

Introduced: 2/23/2015

Status: 2/24/2015-From printer. May be heard in committee March 26.

Location: 2/23/2015-A. PRINT

Summary: Would authorize the State Department of Education to receive funds transferred from available state and federal sources, to be allocated to school districts for purposes of complying with the requirement for providing access to drinking water as specified, and would require the department to identify available sources of funding for those purposes.

[AB 501](#) ([Levine D](#)) **Resources: Delta research.**

Introduced: 2/23/2015

Status: 2/24/2015-From printer. May be heard in committee March 26.

Location: 2/23/2015-A. PRINT

Summary: Would require a person conducting Delta research, as defined, whose research is funded, in whole or in part, 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. The bill would authorize the Delta Independent Science Board to adopt guidelines to provide adjustments to, and, where essential, exceptions from, these requirements and would exempt the adoption of these guidelines from the procedural requirements for the adoption of regulations.

[AB 585](#) ([Melendez R](#)) **Outdoor Water Efficiency Act of 2015: income tax credits: outdoor water efficiency.**

Introduced: 2/24/2015

Status: 2/25/2015-From printer. May be heard in committee March 27.

Location: 2/24/2015-A. PRINT

Summary: The Personal Income Tax Law allows various credits against the taxes imposed by that law. This bill, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2015, and before January 1, 2021, or an earlier specified date, would allow a credit equal to 25% of the amount paid or incurred by a qualified taxpayer for improvements made to outdoor landscapes on real property in this state, not to exceed \$2,500 per taxable year, as specified. This bill contains other related provisions.

[AB 603](#) ([Salas D](#)) **Income taxes: turf removal tax credit.**

Introduced: 2/24/2015

Status: 2/25/2015-From printer. May be heard in committee March 27.

Location: 2/24/2015-A. PRINT

Summary: Would, under Personal Income Tax Law and the Corporation Tax Law, for taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2015, allow a credit to a taxpayer participating in a lawn replacement program, as defined, in an amount equal to \$2 per square foot of conventional lawn removed from the taxpayer's property. The bill would make findings and declarations in this regard. This bill contains other related provisions.

[AB 606](#) ([Levine D](#)) **Water conservation.**

Introduced: 2/24/2015

Status: 2/25/2015-From printer. May be heard in committee March 27.

Location: 2/24/2015-A. PRINT

Summary: Would require the Department of General Services to identify each public property added to the department's state property inventory beginning January 1, 2015, 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 would require the appropriate replacements where feasible, except as specified.

[AB 615](#) ([Rendon D](#)) **The Center for Community Water Projects.**

Introduced: 2/24/2015

Status: 2/25/2015-From printer. May be heard in committee March 27.

Location: 2/24/2015-A. PRINT

Summary: Would establish The Center for Community Water Projects, to be administered by the Division of Financial Assistance within the State Water Resources Control Board. The bill would declare the purpose of the center is to provide a centralized, multidisciplinary technical assistance program for disadvantaged communities and to assist those communities in designing and building clean and sustainable water projects.

[AB 639](#) ([Dahle R](#)) **Water quality: organization and membership of regional boards.**

Introduced: 2/24/2015

Status: 2/25/2015-From printer. May be heard in committee March 27.

Location: 2/24/2015-A. PRINT

Summary: The Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act requires regional boards to consist of 7 members appointed by the Governor, 6 of them on the basis of demonstrated interest or proven ability in the field of water quality and one as a public member not specifically associated with any enumerated qualification. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to these provisions.

[AB 647](#) ([Eggman D](#)) **Beneficial use: diversion of water underground.**

Introduced: 2/24/2015

Status: 2/25/2015-From printer. May be heard in committee March 27.

Location: 2/24/2015-A. PRINT

Summary: Would declare that the diversion of water underground constitutes a beneficial use of water for which an appropriation may be made if the diverted water is stored and thereafter applied to beneficial use or if beneficial use of the water, including, but not limited to, protection of water quality or recovery of groundwater levels, is made while the water is underground. This bill would provide that the period for the reversion of a water right does not apply to water being beneficially used in the aquifer or being held in storage for later beneficial use.

[AB 697](#) ([Chu D](#)) **Water-conserving plumbing fixtures.**

Introduced: 2/25/2015

Status: 2/25/2015-Read first time. To print.

Location: 2/25/2015-A. PRINT

Summary: Current law requires the replacement of plumbing fixtures that are not water conserving, as defined as noncompliant plumbing fixtures, in residential and commercial real property built and available for use on or before January 1, 1994, as specified. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to these provisions.

[AB 725](#) ([Wagner R](#)) **Water quality: Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act.**

Introduced: 2/25/2015

Status: 2/25/2015-Read first time. To print.

Location: 2/25/2015-A. PRINT

Summary: Under current law, the State Water Resources Control Board and the California regional water quality control boards prescribe waste discharge requirements in accordance with the federal Clean Water Act and the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act (state act). The state act defines various terms for purposes of the act. This bill would make various nonsubstantive changes to these definitions.

- [AB 746](#) **(Ting D) San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority.**
Introduced: 2/25/2015
Status: 2/25/2015-Read first time. To print.
Location: 2/25/2015-A. PRINT
Summary: Current law establishes the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority as a regional entity with jurisdiction extending throughout the San Francisco Bay Area, and specifies that the authority is responsible for raising and allocating resources for the restoration, enhancement, protection, and enjoyment of wetlands and wildlife habitats in the San Francisco Bay and along its shoreline. Current law further prescribes the membership and functions and duties of the authority. This bill would make a nonsubstantive change in those provisions establishing the authority.
- [AB 747](#) **(Eggman D) Planning and land use: Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley.**
Introduced: 2/25/2015
Status: 2/25/2015-Read first time. To print.
Location: 2/25/2015-A. PRINT
Summary: Would prohibit a city or county within the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley from approving a discretionary permit or entitlement that would result in the construction of a new building or construction that would result in an increase in allowed occupancy for an existing building for a project that is located within a flood hazard zone unless the city or county finds that the construction meets the criteria referenced above. This bill contains other related provisions.
- [AB 761](#) **(Levine D) Carbon farm planning.**
Introduced: 2/25/2015
Status: 2/25/2015-Read first time. To print.
Location: 2/25/2015-A. PRINT
Summary: Current law creates the Department of Conservation and imposes powers and duties on the department with regard to resource conservation. This bill would declare that \$50,000,000 shall be available, upon appropriation, to the department to establish a grant program to fund projects that increase carbon sequestration in agricultural soils, improve soil water retention, and increase the resilience of working lands to climate change and drought.
- [SB 7](#) **(Wolk D) Housing: water meters: multiunit structures.**
Introduced: 12/1/2014
Status: 1/15/2015-Referred to Com. on T. & H.
Location: 1/15/2015-S. T. & H.
Summary: Would express the intent of the Legislature to encourage the conservation of water in multifamily residential rental buildings through means either 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 include appropriate safeguards for both tenants and landlords. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.
- [SB 13](#) **(Pavley D) Groundwater.**
Introduced: 12/1/2014
Last Amend: 2/24/2015
Status: 2/24/2015-From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on N.R. & W.
Location: 2/24/2015-S. N.R. & W.
Summary: Would specify that the State Water Resources Control Board is authorized to designate a high- or medium-priority basin as a probationary basin. This bill would provide a local agency or groundwater sustainability agency 90 or 180 days, as prescribed, to remedy certain deficiencies that caused the board to designate the basin as a probationary basin. This bill would authorize the board to develop an interim plan for certain probationary basins one year after the designation of the basin as a probationary basin. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.
- [SB 20](#) **(Pavley D) Wells: reports: public availability.**
Introduced: 12/1/2014
Status: 1/15/2015-Referred to Coms. on N.R. & W. and E.Q.
Location: 1/15/2015-S. N.R. & W.
Summary: Current law requires a person who digs, bores, or drills a water well, cathodic protection well, or a monitoring well, or abandons or destroys a well, or deepens or re-perforates a well, to file a report of completion with the Department of Water Resources. Current law prohibits those reports from being made available to the public, except under certain circumstances. This bill would instead require the department to, upon request, make the reports available to the public. The bill would require the department to provide specified disclaimers when providing the reports to the public.
- [SB 37](#) **(Nielsen R) Water: floods.**

Introduced: 12/1/2014

Last Amend: 2/12/2015

Status: 2/12/2015-From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on N.R. & W.

Location: 2/12/2015-S. N.R. & W.

Summary: Would authorize the Department of Water Resources to provide reimbursement to funding recipients that execute a funding agreement under the Urban Flood Risk Reduction Projects program for expenditures associated with continued funding of a project initiated under the Early Implementation Project program and incurred after July 1, 2014, and before issuance of a funding commitment, or amendment or execution of the funding agreement, but no later than December 31, 2015. This bill contains other related provisions.

[SB 69](#) **(Leno D) Budget Act of 2015.**

Introduced: 1/9/2015

Status: 1/12/2015-Read first time.

Location: 1/9/2015-S. BUDGET & F.R.

Summary: This bill would make appropriations for the support of state government for the 2015-16 fiscal year. This bill contains other related provisions.

[SB 113](#) **(Galgiani D) Disaster Preparedness and Flood Prevention Bond Act of 2006.**

Introduced: 1/13/2015

Status: 2/5/2015-Referred to Com. on N.R. & W.

Location: 2/5/2015-S. N.R. & W.

Summary: The Disaster Preparedness and Flood Prevention Bond Act of 2006 authorizes bonds in the amount of \$4,090,000,000 for the purposes of financing disaster preparedness and flood prevention projects. Funds provided by the act are only available for appropriation until July 1, 2016, and at that time the amount of indebtedness authorized by the act is reduced by the amount of funds that have not been appropriated. This bill would remove the restriction that the funds are available for appropriation only until July 1, 2016.

[SB 122](#) **(Jackson D) California Environmental Quality Act: record of proceedings.**

Introduced: 1/15/2015

Status: 2/5/2015-Referred to Com. on E.Q.

Location: 2/5/2015-S. E.Q.

Summary: CEQA establishes a procedure for the preparation and certification of the record of proceedings upon the filing of an action or proceeding challenging a lead agency's action on the grounds of noncompliance with CEQA. This bill would require the lead agency, at the request of a project applicant and consent of the lead agency, to prepare a record of proceedings concurrently with the preparation of a negative declaration, mitigated negative declaration, EIR, or other environmental document for projects. This bill contains other related provisions.

[SB 127](#) **(Vidak R) Environmental quality: Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014.**

Introduced: 1/20/2015

Status: 2/5/2015-Referred to Coms. on E.Q. and JUD.

Location: 2/5/2015-S. E.Q.

Summary: CEQA establishes a procedure by which a person may seek judicial review of the decision of the lead agency made pursuant to CEQA and a procedure for the preparation and certification of the record of proceedings upon the filing of an action or proceeding challenging a lead agency's action on the grounds of noncompliance with CEQA. This bill would require the public agency, in certifying the environmental impact report and in granting approvals for projects funded, in whole or in part, by Proposition 1, including the concurrent preparation of the record of proceedings and the certification of the record of proceeding within 5 days of the filing of a specified notice, to comply with specified procedures.

[SB 144](#) **(Pan D) Water development projects: Sacramento-San Joaquin watersheds.**

Introduced: 1/27/2015

Status: 2/5/2015-Referred to Com. on N.R. & W.

Location: 2/5/2015-S. N.R. & W.

Summary: Current law provides for state cooperation with the federal government in the construction of specified flood control projects. Current law adopts and authorizes federally adopted and approved projects, including a 200-year level of flood protection in the Natomas Basin, in areas within the City of Sacramento and the Counties of Sacramento and Sutter. This bill would describe the Natomas Basin flood protection project as further modified by a specified report adopted by Congress. The bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes.

[SB 173](#) **(Nielsen R) Groundwater: de minimis extractors.**

Introduced: 2/5/2015

Status: 2/19/2015- Referred to Com. on N.R. & W.

Location: 2/19/2015-S. N.R. & W.

Summary: Current law generally excepts a de minimis extractor from the requirement that a person who extracts groundwater from a probationary basin, as prescribed, or extracts groundwater on or after July 1, 2017, in an area within a basin that is not within the management area of a groundwater sustainability agency and where the county does not assume responsibility to be the groundwater sustainability agency has to file a report of groundwater extraction by December 15 of each year for extractions made in the preceding water year with the State Water Resources Control Board. This bill would define a de minimis extractor for the purposes of these provisions as a person who extracts, for domestic purposes, 10 acre-feet or less per year.

[SB 208](#) **(Lara D) Integrated regional water management plans: grants: advanced payment.**

Introduced: 2/11/2015

Status: 2/19/2015- Referred to Coms. on N.R. & W. and E.Q.

Location: 2/19/2015-S. N.R. & W.

Summary: Would require a regional water management group, within 90 days of notice that a grant has been awarded, to provide the state entity administering the grant with a list of projects to be funded by the grant funds where the project proponent is a nonprofit organization, as defined, or a disadvantaged community, as defined, or the project benefits a disadvantaged community. This bill contains other existing laws.

[SB 223](#) **(Galgiani D) Division of Boating and Waterways: oversight committee: invasive aquatic plants.**

Introduced: 2/13/2015

Status: 2/17/2015- From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 19.

Location: 2/13/2015-S. PRINT

Summary: Would require the Division of Boating and Waterways, no later than January 1, 2017, 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 in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, its tributaries, and the Suisun Marsh.

[SB 226](#) **(Pavley D) Sustainable Groundwater Management Act: groundwater rights.**

Introduced: 2/13/2015

Status: 2/17/2015- From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 19.

Location: 2/13/2015-S. PRINT

Summary: Would provide, under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, that a groundwater sustainability plan or coordinated groundwater sustainability plans establishes a timely method for determining rights to groundwater in furtherance of the objectives of the act. This bill would require the process to be available to any court of competent jurisdiction. This bill would require the boundaries of a basin to be as identified in Bulletin 118, unless other basin boundaries are established, as specified.

[SB 228](#) **(Cannella R) Groundwater storage: beneficial use.**

Introduced: 2/13/2015

Status: 2/17/2015- From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 19.

Location: 2/13/2015-S. PRINT

Summary: Would declare that the recharging of a groundwater basin by a local groundwater management agency or a local groundwater sustainability agency for the purposes of repelling saline intrusion and recovering basin groundwater levels constitutes a beneficial use of water if the recharge is consistent with the local agency's groundwater management plan or groundwater sustainability plan.

[SB 281](#) **(Stone R) Boards and commissions: salaries.**

Introduced: 2/19/2015

Status: 2/20/2015- From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 22.

Location: 2/19/2015-S. PRINT

Summary: Current law establishes the annual salary of the members of the Agricultural Labor Relations Board, the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission, the Public Employment Relations Board, the Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board, the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board, the State Water Resources Control Board, the Board of Parole Hearings, the Occupational Safety and Health Appeals Board, the Alcoholic Beverage Control Appeals Board, the State Personnel Board, the State Air Resources Board, and the Central Valley Flood Protection Board. This bill would for nonelected members of these state boards and commissions appointed on or after January 1, 2016, set the annual salary at \$12,000.

[SB 334](#) **(Leyva D) Pupil nutrition: drinking water.**

Introduced: 2/23/2015

Status: 2/24/2015-From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 26.

Location: 2/23/2015-S. PRINT

Summary: Would specify that a school district shall provide access to free, fresh, clean, and cold drinking water during meal times through the use of drinking water access points, as defined. The bill also would require a school district to provide access to free, fresh, clean, and cold drinking water throughout the schoolday, including, but not limited to, during recreation times, as specified. By imposing additional duties on school districts, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

[SB 367](#) **(Wolk D) Agriculture: environmental farming program: greenhouse gases.**

Introduced: 2/24/2015

Status: 2/25/2015-From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 27.

Location: 2/24/2015-S. PRINT

Summary: Would state the intent of the Legislature (1) to enhance the long-term viability of California agriculture by supporting activities that reduce global warming impacts that may negatively impact it and the rest of the state and (2) that the Department of Food and Agriculture support California agriculture in pursuing reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and increased carbon storage in agricultural soils and woody vegetation.

[SB 371](#) **(Hancock D) San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority.**

Introduced: 2/24/2015

Status: 2/25/2015-From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 27.

Location: 2/24/2015-S. PRINT

Summary: The San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority Act establishes a governing board of the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority composed of specified members, including a member who is a resident of the San Francisco Bay area who serves as the chair. This bill would delete the requirement that one member of the board, and the chair, be a resident of the San Francisco Bay area and would instead require that the member be an elected official of a bayside city or county. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

[SB 379](#) **(Jackson D) Land use: general plan: safety element.**

Introduced: 2/24/2015

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Summary: Would, upon the next revision of the housing element on or after January 1, 2017, require the safety element to be reviewed and updated as necessary to address climate adaptation and resiliency strategies applicable to that city or county. The bill would require the update to include a set of goals, policies, and objectives based on the most current information available regarding climate change adaptation and resiliency. By imposing new duties on cities and counties, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

[SB 389](#) **(Berryhill R) California Environmental Protection Program: funding.**

Introduced: 2/25/2015

Status: 2/25/2015-Introduced. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment. To print.

Location: 2/25/2015-S. PRINT

Summary: Current law establishes the California Environmental Protection Program which provides funding, from fees and other moneys in the California Environmental License Plate Fund, upon appropriation, for various environmental protection purposes including, among other things, projects and programs related to pollution control, land acquisitions for natural areas and ecological reserves, environmental education, the protection of wildlife and habitat, and climate change research. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to those provisions.

[SB 454](#) **(Allen D) Water quality: minor violations.**

Introduced: 2/25/2015

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Summary: The Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act authorizes the State Water Resources Control Board and the California regional water quality control boards to conduct inspections for violations of specified law. The act requires the state board and the regional boards to determine the types of violations that are minor violations and requires the state board to adopt regulations or state policy for water quality, as prescribed. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to the provision relating to minor violations.

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