

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 300 (Alejo D) Safe Water and Wildlife Protection Act of 2015.

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

Location: 2/12/2015-A. PRINT

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

Location: 2/12/2015-A. PRINT

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: 2/13/2015-Read first time. To print.
Location: 2/13/2015-A. PRINT
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.
- 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
Status: 1/15/2015-Referred to Com. on N.R. & W.
Location: 1/15/2015-S. N.R. & W.
Summary: Would provide a local agency or groundwater sustainability agency 90 or 180 days, as prescribed, to remedy certain deficiencies that caused the State Water Resources Control Board to designate a groundwater 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: 2/6/2015-From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 8.

Location: 2/5/2015-S. PRINT

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: 2/12/2015-From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 14.

Location: 2/11/2015-S. PRINT

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: 2/13/2015-Introduced. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment. To print.

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: 2/13/2015-Introduced. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment. To print.

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: 2/13/2015-Introduced. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment. To print.

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.

Total Measures: 28
Total Tracking Forms: 28

***Please note that legislators can introduce bills up until the February 27 deadline. Staff will provide an updated list of tracked bills at the February Council meeting.