

2016 First Cut Bill Review 1/21/2016

[AB 581](#)

(Gomez D) Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014.

Current Text: Amended: 1/4/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/24/2015

Last Amend: 1/4/2016

Status: 1/12/2016-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 13. Noes 0.) (January 12). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Summary: The Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 provides that it is the intent of the people that, to the extent practicable, a project supported by the funds made available by the act will include signage informing the public that the project received funds from the act. This bill would require certain recipients of funding pursuant to the act to post signs acknowledging the source of funds in accordance with guidelines that the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency would be required to develop.

Position	Priority
	low

[AB 727](#)

(Wilk R) Castaic Lake Water Agency: board of directors.

Current Text: Amended: 1/4/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/25/2015

Last Amend: 1/4/2016

Status: 1/4/2016-From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on L. GOV. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on L. GOV.

Summary: Current law authorizes the board directors of the Castaic Lake Water Agency, by majority vote, to appoint from its members one vice president. This bill would authorize the board of directors to appoint from its members one or more vice presidents.

Position	Priority
Spot	low

[AB 1180](#)

(Garcia, Cristina D) Rates and charges for water service: payment transaction fees.

Current Text: Amended: 1/13/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/27/2015

Last Amend: 1/13/2016

Status: 1/21/2016-Action From APPR.: Do pass.

Summary: Would, until January 1, 2022, authorize a water corporation with more than 10,000 connections to seek commission approval to operate a pilot program designed to evaluate customer interest in, and utilization of, bill payment options, including, but not limited to, credit card and debit card bill payment options, for their water bills and to assess the cost-effectiveness of, and public interests served by, customer access to those bill payment options.

Position	Priority
	low

[AB 1244](#)

(Gray D) Water rights: small irrigation use.

Current Text: Amended: 1/4/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/27/2015

Last Amend: 1/4/2016

Status: 1/21/2016-Action From APPR.: Do pass as amended.

Summary: Would require the State Water Resources Control Board, when adopting general conditions, to consult with the Department of Food and Agriculture and the University of California Cooperative Extension, regarding relevant agricultural information, and with the Department of Fish and Wildlife, regarding potential impacts on fish and wildlife species, for small irrigation use other than for facilities used for frost protection in a prescribed area.

[AB 1336](#)

(Salas D) Greenhouse gases: Community Climate Improvement Program.

Current Text: Amended: 1/14/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/27/2015

Last Amend: 1/14/2016

Status: 1/21/2016-Action From APPR.: Held in APPR..

Summary: Would establish and require the Strategic Growth Council, in coordination with the State Air Resources Board, to administer the Community Climate Improvement Program to provide grants for the development and implementation of regional projects that reduce or sequester greenhouse gas emissions. The bill would require the council, in coordination with the state board, to develop guidelines for the program. The bill would require the council to implement the program with moneys

appropriated from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund.

Position **Priority**
low

AB 1473 **(Salas D) California Environmental Quality Act.**

Current Text: Amended: 1/4/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/27/2015

Last Amend: 1/4/2016

Status: 1/6/2016-In committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.

Summary: Would extend the time by which the Governor may certify projects as environmental leadership projects to January 1, 2019, and would extend the time by which lead agencies are required to approve certified projects to January 1, 2020, in order for certified projects to benefit from the streamlining benefits. Because the bill would extend the time period in which lead agencies would be required to concurrently prepare the record of proceedings, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. The bill would repeal the act on January 1, 2021. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position **Priority**
Spot low

AB 1555 **(Gomez D) Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund.**

Current Text: Introduced: 1/4/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 1/4/2016

Status: 1/5/2016-From printer. May be heard in committee February 4.

Summary: Would state the intent of the Legislature to enact future legislation that would appropriate \$1,700,000,000 from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund for the 2015-16 fiscal year that would be allocated to different entities in amounts to be determined in the future legislation for purposes including low carbon transportation and infrastructure, clean energy communities, and community climate improvements, wetland and watershed restoration, and carbon sequestration.

Position **Priority**
Support Medium

AB 1562 **(Kim R) Sales and use taxes: exemptions: disaster preparedness products.**

Current Text: Introduced: 1/4/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 1/4/2016

Status: 1/5/2016-From printer. May be heard in committee February 4.

Summary: Would exempt from sales and use taxes the gross receipts from the sale of, and the storage, use, or other consumption of, qualified disaster preparedness products sold or purchased during 2-day period beginning at 12:01 a.m. on the 2nd Saturday in October, 2017, and ending at 12:00 midnight the following Sunday, or for which an order is placed, a layaway agreement is entered into, a rain check is issued or other specified orders are placed, during this period, as specified. The bill would provide that this exemption does not apply to a specified state sales and use tax from which revenues are deposited into the Local Public Safety Fund.

Position **Priority**
low

AB 1575 **(Bonta D) Medical marijuana.**

Current Text: Introduced: 1/4/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 1/4/2016

Status: 1/5/2016-From printer. May be heard in committee February 4.

Summary: Would also require the Board of Equalization to form an advisory group made up of representatives from financial institutions, the medical marijuana industry, and state and federal banking regulators to examine strategies, such as the use of automated kiosks for accepting cash payments, integrated point-of-sale systems with state track and trace systems, and other measures that will improve financial monitoring of medical marijuana businesses.

Position **Priority**

AB 1585 **(Alejo D) Monterey County Water Resources Agency: water conveyance.**

Current Text: Introduced: 1/6/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 1/6/2016

Status: 1/7/2016-From printer. May be heard in committee February 6.

Summary: Current law authorizes the Monterey County Water Resources Agency to award a design-build contract for the combined design and construction of a project to connect Lake San Antonio, located in the County of Monterey, and Lake Nacimiento, located in the County of San Luis Obispo, with an underground tunnel or pipeline for the purpose of maximizing water storage, supply, and

groundwater recharge. This bill would require no less than \$25,000,000 from an unspecified source to be allocated, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the agency for the purpose of constructing a water conveyance tunnel between Lake Nacimiento and Lake San Antonio, as specified. This bill contains other related provisions.

Position	Priority
Oppose	Medium

[AB 1586](#) (Mathis R) California Environmental Quality Act: Temperance Flat Reservoir.

Current Text: Introduced: 1/6/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 1/6/2016

Status: 1/7/2016-From printer. May be heard in committee February 6.

Summary: Would prohibit the court, in an action or proceeding brought alleging a violation of CEQA, from staying or enjoining the construction or operation of the Temperance Flat Reservoir unless the court makes certain findings. This bill contains other related provisions.

Position	Priority
Watch	low

[AB 1587](#) (Mathis R) Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014: groundwater: recharge basins.

Current Text: Introduced: 1/6/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 1/6/2016

Status: 1/7/2016-From printer. May be heard in committee February 6.

Summary: The Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 authorizes the use of \$100,000,000 of those funds for competitive grants for projects that develop and implement groundwater planning requirements. This bill, in implementing the competitive grants for those projects that develop and implement groundwater planning requirements, would require special consideration be given to those projects that would create groundwater recharge basins in areas of fallow farmland. This bill would appropriate \$50,000,000 from the proceeds of the bond act for the purpose of that competitive grant program.

Position	Priority
Watch	Medium

[AB 1588](#) (Mathis R) Water and Wastewater Loan and Grant Program.

Current Text: Introduced: 1/6/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 1/6/2016

Status: 1/7/2016-From printer. May be heard in committee February 6.

Summary: Would require the State Water Resources Control Board to establish a program to provide low-interest loans and grants to local agencies for low-interest loans and grants to eligible applicants for specified purposes relating to drinking water and wastewater treatment. This bill would create the Water and Wastewater Loan and Grant Fund and provide that the moneys in this fund are available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the board for expenditure for the program. This bill would transfer to the Water and Wastewater Loan and Grant Fund \$20,000,000 from the General Fund. This bill contains other related provisions.

Position	Priority
Watch	Medium

[AB 1589](#) (Mathis R) California Environmental Quality Act: exemption.

Current Text: Introduced: 1/6/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 1/6/2016

Status: 1/7/2016-From printer. May be heard in committee February 6.

Summary: Would, for the duration of a state of emergency proclaimed by the Governor due to drought, flood, or fire, exempt from the requirements of CEQA projects that are undertaken, carried out, or approved by a public agency to mitigate the effects of, or conditions caused by, drought, flood, or fire. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position	Priority
Watch	low

[AB 1590](#) (Mathis R) State Water Resources Control Board: appointments.

Current Text: Introduced: 1/6/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 1/6/2016

Status: 1/7/2016-From printer. May be heard in committee February 6.

Summary: Would require that an additional 4 members be appointed to the State Water Resources Control Board by the Legislature. The bill would require that one member each be appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly, the Assembly Minority Leader, the President pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Senate Minority Leader. The bill would require that vacancies be immediately filled by the

appointing power.

Position	Priority
Watch	Medium

[AB 1647](#) (Waldron R) Environmental quality: water storage facilities.

Current Text: Introduced: 1/12/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 1/12/2016

Status: 1/13/2016-From printer. May be heard in committee February 12.

Summary: The California Environmental Quality Act requires the lead agency to determine whether a project may have a significant effect on the environment based on substantial evidence in light of the whole record. The act exempts certain specified projects from its requirements. This bill would exempt a project to expand the storage capacity of an existing surface water storage facility, or to replace an existing surface water storage facility, that is owned and operated by a public entity if that public entity adopts, by resolution, findings and declarations that the project meets specified criteria.

Position	Priority
Watch	Medium

[AB 1649](#) (Salas D) Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014: water storage projects.

Current Text: Introduced: 1/12/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 1/12/2016

Status: 1/13/2016-From printer. May be heard in committee February 12.

Summary: Would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to ensure surface water storage is funded and built consistent with the goals of Proposition 1 and that the commission fulfills the original intent of the water storage project provisions of Proposition 1. The bill would make findings and declarations of the Legislature, including, but not limited to, that, of the water storage projects available, the Temperance Flat Dam and Sites Reservoir will meet statewide goals and provide those specified public benefits to the greatest extent.

Position	Priority
Watch	Medium

[AB 1683](#) (Eggman D) Alternative energy financing.

Current Text: Introduced: 1/20/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 1/20/2016

Status: 1/20/2016-Read first time. To print.

Summary: Would prohibit the sales and use tax exclusions from exceeding \$200,000,000 for each calendar year. By increasing the limit on the sales and use tax exclusion, this bill would include a change in state statute that would result in a taxpayer paying a higher tax within the meaning of Section 3 of Article XIII A of the California Constitution, and thus would require for passage the approval of 2/3 of the membership of each house of the Legislature. The bill would specify that if less than \$200,000,000 is granted in a calendar year, the unallocated amount may roll over to the following calendar year.

Position	Priority
Watch	low

[SB 127](#) (Vidak R) Water and Wastewater Loan and Grant Program.

Current Text: Amended: 1/4/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 1/20/2015

Last Amend: 1/4/2016

Status: 1/4/2016-Withdrawn from committee. Re-referred to Com. on RLS.

Summary: Would require the State Water Resources Control Board to establish a program to provide low-interest loans and grants to local agencies for low-interest loans and grants to eligible applicants for specified purposes relating to drinking water and wastewater treatment. This bill would create the Water and Wastewater Loan and Grant Fund and provide that the moneys in this fund are available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the board for expenditure for the program.

Position	Priority
Watch	low

[SB 512](#) (Hill D) Public Utilities Commission.

Current Text: Amended: 1/4/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/26/2015

Last Amend: 1/4/2016

Status: 1/20/2016-Set for hearing January 21.

Summary: Would require that the Public Utilities Commission hold its sessions at least once in each calendar month in the City and County of San Francisco or the City of Sacramento and would require

that the commission hold no less than 6 sessions each year in the City of Sacramento. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position	Priority
	low

SB 554 (Wolk D) Delta levee maintenance.

Current Text: Amended: 1/4/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/26/2015

Last Amend: 1/4/2016

Status: 1/20/2016-Set for hearing January 21.

Summary: Current law establishes a delta levee maintenance program pursuant to which a local agency may request reimbursement for costs incurred in connection with the maintenance or improvement of project or nonproject levees in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. This bill would declare legislative intent to reimburse up to 75% of those costs incurred in any year for the maintenance or improvement of levees in excess of \$1,000 per mile of levee and would authorize the board to advance funds in an amount that does not exceed 75% of the estimated state share to an eligible local agency.

Position	Priority
Support	Medium

SB 814 (Hill D) Drought: excessive water use: urban retail water suppliers.

Current Text: Introduced: 1/4/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 1/4/2016

Status: 1/5/2016-From printer. May be acted upon on or after February 4.

Summary: Would declare that excessive water use, as defined by each urban retail water supplier, is a waste or unreasonable use of water. This bill would prohibit excessive water use by a residential customer and would make a violation of this prohibition an infraction punishable by a fine of at least \$500 per 100 cubic feet of water used above the excessive water use definition in a billing cycle. By creating a new infraction, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position	Priority
Watch	Medium

Total Measures: 22
Total Tracking Forms: 21