

Regional Water Authority – Legislative Hot List - 2016

RWA’s Legislative Hot List provides the summary and status of significant legislation followed by RWA’s Advocacy Program. The Hot List includes bills determined to be of High or Medium priority using the decision matrix included in the Legislative Platform and/or input from the Lobbyist Subscription Program Committee. For more information on a specific bill, please contact Soyla Fernandez, Hector Fernandez or Dave Brent.

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<p><i>AB 1555 (Gomez D) Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund.</i></p> <p>RWA Interest: This bill would potentially benefit RWA’s efforts to provide State funding for turf replacement and other water efficiency tools.</p> <p>This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact future legislation to appropriate \$1.7 billion from the GGRF for the 2015–16 fiscal year, for among other things, unspecified amounts to DWR for turf and toilet replacement programs and an energy efficient groundwater pump replacement program.</p>	<p>SUPPORT</p>	<p>Introduced: 1/4/16</p> <p>Will meet w/ Gomez and recommend expanding the groundwater pump repl. to include other pumps/motors</p>
<p><i>AB 1585 (Alejo D) Monterey County Water Resources Agency: Lake Nacimiento and Lake San Antonio</i></p> <p>RWA Interest: For consideration, does RWA want to take positions on earmark funding issues?</p> <p>This bill would allocate \$25 million from an unspecified source to the MCWR Agency for the purpose of constructing a water conveyance tunnel between Lake Nacimiento and Lake San Antonio to reduce flooding, maximize runoff capture and reduce saltwater intrusion.</p>	<p>Watch</p>	<p>Introduced: 1/6/16</p> <p>Referred to Com. on W, P, & W on 2/9/16</p>

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<p><i>AB 1587 (Mathis R) Groundwater: subsidence abatement.</i></p> <p>RWA Interest: Two things, first is the “earmark” issue and second is the proposal to streamline groundwater recharge during droughts and floods.</p> <p>This bill contains two provisions of interest. The first issue is a provision that would appropriate \$50M of the \$100M authorized in Prop 1 for groundwater resource planning for those projects that would create groundwater recharge basins in areas of fallow farmland.</p> <p>The second provision would prohibit, during a Governor declared drought or flood emergency, the State Board from requiring a permit to recharge groundwater if the water may be diverted and used without injury to a lawful user of water, and the water may be diverted and used without unreasonable effect on other beneficial uses.</p> <p>ACWA “Not Favor” because the \$50M appropriation is an amendment to Prop. 1.</p>	Watch	<p>Introduced: 1/6/16</p> <p>Referred to Com. on W, P, & W on 2/1/16</p> <p>Amended and re-refer to Com. on W., P., & W. Read second time and amended on 2/24/16</p>
<p><i>AB 1588 (Mathis R) Water and Wastewater Loan and Grant Program.</i></p> <p>RWA Interest: This bill offers an alternative source of funding (i.e., the General Fund) for low income assistance programs. Consistent with our “Public Goods Policy”.</p> <p>This bill would require the State Board to establish a program to provide low-interest loans and grants to eligible, low income homeowners for specified purposes related to drinking water and wastewater treatment. Creates the “Water and Wastewater Loan and Grant Fund” and provides \$20M from the General Fund, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the State Board for the program.</p>	Watch	<p>Introduced: 1/6/16</p> <p>Referred to Com. on W, P, & W on 2/1/16</p>
<p><i>AB 1589 (Mathis R) California Environmental Quality Act: exemption.</i></p> <p>RWA Interest: This bill provides CEQA exemption for projects that are undertaken, carried out, or approved by a public agency to mitigate the effects of, or conditions caused by, drought, fire, or flood. This exemption would only apply while a state of emergency due to drought, fire, or flood is in effect though it would potentially apply to construction of new, long-term facilities as well as replacement and repair of existing facilities.</p> <p>ACWA favors but doubts CEQA reform bills have much of a chance of passing.</p>	Watch	<p>Introduced: 1/6/16</p> <p>Referred to Com. on NR on 2/1/16</p> <p>Amended and re-ref to Com. on NR on 2/24/16</p>

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<p><i>AB 1590 (Mathis R) State Water Resources Control Board: appointments.</i></p> <p>RWA Interest: Probably a good one to stay out of as this bill proposes to add four members to the State Board to be appointed by the Legislature. In other words, would neutralize the Governor’s appointments.</p> <p>ACWA Legislative Committee voted to “Not Favor” for political reasons.</p>	Watch	<p>Introduced: 1/6/16</p> <p>Referred to Com. on W, P, & W on 2/1/16</p> <p>Amended and re-ref to Com. on W, P, & W on 2/24/16</p>
<p><i>AB 1647 (Waldron R) Environmental quality: water storage facilities.</i></p> <p>RWA Interest: This bill provides a CEQA exemption for projects 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.</p> <p>Need to watch because could amend into a shortcut to water storage detrimental to RWA.</p>	Watch	<p>Introduced: 1/12/16</p> <p>Referred to Com on NR on 2/4/16</p>
<p><i>AB 1649 (Salas D) Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014: water storage projects.</i></p> <p>RWA Interest: The bill attempts to confirm the commitment of the Legislature to ensure Prop 1 funding and construction of qualified, surface water storage projects. Importantly, it also greases the skids for Temperance Flat Dam and Sites Reservoir which could probably be considered earmarks and a change to Prop 1’s intent of having qualified projects compete for funding.</p> <p>While these reservoirs are consistent with RWA priorities and principals related to “Statewide Balanced Management Solutions Beneficial to the Greater Sacramento Region”, they may be counter to our stance on “earmarks”.</p>	Watch	<p>Introduced: 1/12/16</p> <p>This bill and AB 2551 (Gallagher) may be combined. Soyla to follow up and report back.</p> <p>No change in position at this time.</p>

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<p><i>AB 1716 (McCarty D) Lower American River Conservancy</i></p> <p>RWA Interest: The LAR Conservancy would include local representation plus State officials including, Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency, and the directors of Finance, Fish and Wildlife, and Parks and Recreation. Also would include appointees from the Governor, Senate Rules Committee, and the Assembly Speaker. Should we advocate for a spot for Water Forum?</p> <p>This bill would establish in the Natural Resources Agency the Lower American River Conservancy to receive and expend proceeds from bonds or other appropriations for the benefit of the American River Parkway. The bill would create the LAR Conservancy Fund in the State Treasury, and would specify that moneys in the fund shall be available, upon appropriation, for the purposes of the conservancy.</p>	Watch	<p>Introduced: 1/27/16</p> <p>Referred to Com on NR on 2/18/16</p> <p>More follow up with McCarty's office.</p> <p>If assured this won't conflict or compete with water supply efforts, will consider a support position</p>
<p><i>AB 1749 (Mathis R) California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: recycled water pipelines.</i></p> <p>RWA Interest: As noted by ACWA, the original bill was part of the Trailer Bill process (SB 88) that included the water system consolidation issue. RWA was opposed to both the TB process and the consolidation component of SB 88. The bill itself is helpful.</p> <p>This bill extends the sunset of a CEQA exemption for construction of recycled water pipelines and related infrastructure, including related groundwater replenishment projects, from January 2017 to January 2022.</p> <p>While extension of CEQA exemption seems like something RWA could easily support, do we want to take a stand on the Trailer Bill process?</p>	Support	<p>Introduced: 2/2/16</p> <p>Referred to Com on NR on 2/18/16</p>

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<p><i>AB 1755 (Dodd D) The Open and Transparent Water Data Act.</i></p> <p>RWA Interest: As the title implies, this bill is attempting to upgrade the State’s collection, management, and transparency of water data, including pending and previous water transfer information. But, the bill includes provisions that the State Board consider, among other things adopting a policy that requires more frequent monitoring and reporting from water right holders and to set and make public other water allocation priorities and quantities for wet, average, and dry periods for the environment and public health and safety. (Update 3/8/16 – amendments have removed the above provisions). Recommend that RWA work through ACWA on this and AB 2304 (Levine).</p> <p>This bill would enact the Open and Transparent Water Data Act. The act would require the department to establish a public benefit corporation that would create and manage (1) a statewide water information accounting system to improve the ability of the state to meet the growing demand for water supply reliability and healthy ecosystems, that, among things, would integrate existing water data information from multiple databases and (2) an online water transfer information clearinghouse for water transfer information that would include, among other things, a database of historic water transfers and transfers pending responsible agency approval and a public forum to exchange information on water market issues.</p>	<p>WATCH</p>	<p>Introduced: 2/2/16</p> <p>Referred to Com on W, P, & W on 2/18/16</p> <p>Follow up with Dodd’s office and do other follow up work to determine recommended RWA position and involvement on this bill.</p>
<p><i>AB 1882 (Williams D) Oil and gas: groundwater monitoring.</i></p> <p>RWA Interest: This bill enhances oversight of underground injection projects. This seems like a good bill but I need input from the group if it’s worth us spending time on. It basically adds another layer of oversight and protection for groundwater supplies.</p> <p>The bill requires the Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources to provide an opportunity and the information necessary for the State Board and the appropriate regional water quality control board to review, comment on, and propose additional requirements for Class II underground injection well projects. The bill would require the state board or the appropriate regional water quality control board to review, comment on, and propose additional requirements it deems necessary for those projects to ensure that the injection of fluids will not affect the quality of water that is, or may reasonably be, used for any beneficial use.</p>	<p>Watch</p>	<p>Introduced: 2/11/16</p> <p>Referred to Com. on NR on 2/25/16</p> <p>This bill will be removed from the Hot List and moved to a Low Priority/Watch</p>

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<p><u>AB 1925 (Chang R)</u> Desalination: statewide goal.</p> <p>RWA Interest: One of several desalination related bills. This one would establish annual production goals for 2025 and 2030. This would be consistent with RWA Priorities and Policy Principles if increased use of desalination by exporters reduce dependency on Delta supplies, as it should,</p> <p>If desalination in the State does become more of a priority, RWA will need to keep an eye on funding sources and assure that the beneficiary pays principles are upheld.</p>	Watch	<p>Introduced: 2/12/16</p> <p>Referred to Com. on W, P, & W on 2/25/16</p>
<p><u>AB 1989 (Jones R)</u> Drought: water supply.</p> <p>RWA Interest: This is included as a “hot list” watch item as it has some potential to be amended along the lines of the RWA long term conservation proposal and PCWA’s legislation.</p> <p>Would require the DWR and the State Board, by ____, to prepare and submit to the Legislature a report that includes recommendations relating to drought preparedness. The bill would require the department and the board to conduct an annual survey of public and private water suppliers relating to water supply reliability in the event of a drought.</p>	Watch	<p>Introduced: 2/16/16</p> <p>Referred to Com. on W, P, & W on 2/25/16</p>
<p><u>AB 2040 (Melendez R)</u> Outdoor Water Efficiency Act of 2016: personal income tax credits: outdoor water efficiency.</p> <p>RWA Interest: A tax credit for water efficiency improvements that would be consistent with RWA Priority Issues and Policy Principles. However, the bill would require local agency involvement.</p> <p>This bill, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2017, and before January 1, 2022, would allow a credit equal to 25% of the amount paid or incurred by a qualified taxpayer for water-efficiency improvements, as defined, on qualified real property in this state, as specified.</p>	Watch	<p>Introduced: 2/17/16</p> <p>Referred to Com. on Rev and Tax on 2/29/16</p>

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<p><i>AB 2099 (Stone, Mark D) Safe drinking water assistance program.</i></p> <p>RWA Interest: In its current form, this bill hits the mark by providing assistance to low income households without depending on a PGC on water ratepayers. The bill specifically requires the State Department of Social Services to establish a safe drinking water assistance program and fund it with existing resources. We need to keep an eye on it for amendments that would utilize a PGC. AB 2099 provides temporary relief to struggling families who live in homes with inadequate drinking water supplies by offsetting the cost of purchasing water during the interim wait for long-term water supply infrastructure upgrades. The measure allows impoverished families who live in a community or home with insufficient, contaminated, or otherwise unsafe drinking water supplies to access a small supplemental cash benefit for purchasing water.</p>	Watch	<p>Introduced: 2/17/16</p> <p>Referred to Coms. on HUM. S. and E.S. & T.M. on 2/29/16</p>
<p><i>AB 2304 (Levine D) California Water Market Exchange.</i></p> <p>RWA Interest: This bill attempts to do a lot in managing water transfers. Key concerns for RWA include 1) the establishment of the Ca. Water Market Exchange, a 5-member board, four appointed by the Governor; 2) would this be funded by a PGC? and 3) provisions that might limit an “open market” for transfers. Recommend that RWA work through ACWA on this and AB 1755 (Dodd).</p> <p>Would establish the California Water Market Exchange, governed by a 5-member board, in the Natural Resources Agency. This bill would require the market exchange, on or before December 31, 2017, to create a centralized water market platform on its Internet Web site that provides ready access to information about water available for transfer or exchange.</p>	Watch	<p>Introduced: 2/18/16</p> <p>May be heard in committee on 3/20/16</p>
<p><i>AB 2480 (Bloom D) Source watersheds: maintenance and repair.</i></p> <p>RWA Interest: The stipulation that source watersheds would be eligible for financing on an equivalent basis with other water infrastructure may mean this “spot bill” will become another vehicle for a PGC. RWA should keep an active eye on this bill.</p> <p>Would declare it to be state policy that source watersheds are recognized and defined as integral components of California’s water system. The bill would also declare that their maintenance and repair are eligible for financing on an equivalent basis with other water collection and treatment infrastructure.</p>	Watch	<p>Introduced: 2/19/16</p>

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<p><i>AB 2525 (Holden D) Water-efficient landscaping.</i></p> <p>RWA Interest: This bill would encourage local agencies to incentivize water efficient landscapes. It also creates the Water Efficient Landscaping Fund that provides funding for turf replacement and other water efficiency measures for low-income and disadvantaged communities. It appears RWA agencies would not be eligible for these funds. The presumption is the Fund would be part of a PGC.</p> <p>Would require the DWR to create the California Water Efficient Landscaping Program for the purpose of encouraging local agencies and water purveyors to use economic incentives that promote the efficient use of water, promote the benefits of consistent landscape ordinances, and support and enhance turf replacement. This bill would create the Water Efficient Landscaping Fund and provide that moneys in the fund are available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the department for certain purposes.</p>	Watch	Introduced: 2/19/16
<p><i>AB 2550 (Patterson R) State Water Resources Control Board: instream flow curtailments: compensation.</i></p> <p>RWA Interest: – This bill makes an aggressive point about the impacts of prioritizing in-stream flows during a drought at the expense of human needs. This bill takes on the State Board by requiring a fiscal compensation per acre-foot for water that is authorized under a permit or license due to a board-issued in-stream flow curtailment. It is not likely to go anywhere and we may consider moving it off the “hot list”.</p> <p>Would require the State Board to financially compensate a person who is unable to divert the full amount of water authorized under his or her permit or license due to a board-issued instream flow curtailment, and a person who is required to file a statement of diversion and use and is unable to divert the same amount of water in the succeeding year due to a board-issued instream flow curtailment. The bill would only apply this requirement to instream flow curtailments issued by the board on and after January 1, 2017.</p>	Watch	Introduced: 2/19/16
<p><i>AB 2551 (Gallagher R) Surface storage: design-build contracts.</i></p> <p>RWA Interest: This is pretty much a spot bill and it will be recommended that it be taken off the “hot list”.</p> <p>Would authorize certain surface storage projects that receive Proposition 1 funding to use the design-build method of project delivery.</p>	Watch	Introduced: 2/19/16

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<p>AB 2583 (Frazier D) Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Reform Act of 2009.</p> <p>RWA Interest:</p> <p>Current law, the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Reform Act of 2009, establishes the Delta Stewardship Council and requires the council to develop, adopt, and commence implementation of a comprehensive management plan for the Delta, known as the Delta Plan. This bill would add a definition of the California Water Fix to the act.</p>		<p>Introduced: 2/19/16</p> <p>Spot bill. Remove from Hot List</p>
<p>AB 2601 (Eggman D) Building standards: residential property: graywater.</p> <p>RWA Interest: This bill is included because of the potential impact to and/or concern of local agencies dealing with grey water systems. The bill amends the building standards to mandate grey water infrastructure be included in all new residential units.</p> <p>Would require the Department of Housing and Community Development, on or after January 1, 2017, to adopt and submit to the California Building Standards Commission for approval amendments to the building standards that require all new single-family and duplex residential dwelling units include specified components to allow the separate discharge of graywater for direct irrigation and that all new single-family residential dwelling units include a segregated building drain for lavatories, showers, and bathtubs to allow for future installation of a distributed graywater system.</p>	<p>Watch</p>	<p>Introduced: 2/19/16</p>
<p>AB 2617 (Mayes R) Water efficiency measures.</p> <p>RWA Interest:</p> <p>AB 2617 would direct the California Energy Commission to produce a report identifying the most cost-effective water efficiency incentives, as well as any unintended environmental effects stemming from them. The report would serve as a guide to local agencies as they evaluate incentive options.</p>		<p>Introduced: 2/19/16</p> <p>Spot bill. Remove from Hot List</p>

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<p><i>AB 2722 (Burke D) Transformative Climate Communities Program.</i></p> <p>RWA Interest:</p> <p>Would create the Transformative Climate Communities Program, to be administered by the Strategic Growth Council. The bill would appropriate \$250,000,000 from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund to the council to administer the program. The bill would require the council, in coordination with the California Environmental Protection Agency Assistant Secretary for Environmental Justice and Tribal Affairs, to award competitive grants to specified eligible entities for transformative climate community plans in disadvantaged communities.</p>	Watch	<p>Introduced: 2/19/16</p> <p>Remove from Hot List move to Low Priority/Watch List</p>
<p><i>ACA 8 (Bloom D) Local government financing: water facilities and infrastructure: voter approval.</i></p> <p>RWA Interest: This measure attempts to add a tool to the toolbox water agencies can use for funding needed infrastructure projects. Specifically, it would exempt bonds sold for purposes of funding water related infrastructure projects from the 1% property tax limit and it would lower the voter approval threshold for such bonds from 2/3 of voters to 55% of voters.</p> <p>Would create an additional exception to the 1% limit for a rate imposed by a city, county, city and county, or special district to service bonded indebtedness incurred to fund the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of wastewater treatment facilities and related infrastructure, potable water producing facilities and related infrastructure, nonpotable water producing facilities and related infrastructure, and stormwater treatment facilities and related infrastructure, that is approved by 55% of the voters of the city, county, city and county, or special district, as applicable, if the proposition meets specified requirements, and would authorize a city, county, city and county, or special district to levy a 55% vote ad valorem tax.</p>	Watch	<p>Introduced: 2/19/16</p> <p>This bill still needs to be carefully reviewed but indications are that it is favorable and worth a support position.</p> <p>Soyla to get more information from Bloom's office. Dave to further review.</p>

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<p><i>SB 814 (Hill D) Drought: excessive water use: urban retail water suppliers.</i></p> <p>RWA Interest: SB 814 will require both public and private urban retail water suppliers that directly provide potable municipal water to more than 3,000 users – to levy fines against excessive water users and define.</p> <p>The bill prohibits excessive water use and requires water suppliers to assess a penalty of at least \$500 on residential water customers for every hundred cubic feet used above an “excessive use definition”.</p> <p>Would require water providers to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish an ordinance or rule to create a definition of excessive use based on local conditions and declare that excessive use is a waste or unreasonable use of water. • Assess fines on residential customer’s water bills. • Have a process for non-payment. • Have an appeal process for assessed fines. 	OPPOSE	<p>Introduced: 1/4/16</p> <p>Referred to Coms. on NR&W and JUD on 1/28</p> <p>Amendment Pending</p> <p>CMUA and ACWA both working on amendments.</p> <p>Soyla will schedule meeting with Hill or staff to find out willingness to amend.</p>
<p><i>SB 919 (Hertzberg D) Water supply: creation or augmentation of local water supplies.</i></p> <p>RWA Interest: SB 919 is attempting to encourage more recycled water and desalination by cost-effectively tapping into oversupplies of renewable energy. ACWA concludes that the existing language discourages inter-regional transfers and is anti-robust water market. ACWA’s position at this point is a “Favor if Amended”</p> <p>SB 919 requires the Public Utilities Commission to develop a special time of use rate for entities that augment local water supply through recycling, brackish desalting, or desalination. The bill also requires the Commission to adopt other policies that address the issue of oversupply.</p>	Watch	<p>Introduced: 1/27/16</p> <p>Referred to Coms. on E., U., & C. and N.R. & W. on 2/4/16</p>
<p><i>SB 1233 McGuire D) Joint powers authorities: Water Bill Savings Act.</i></p> <p>RWA Interest: Pending review</p> <p>SB 1233 will provide local governments and disadvantaged communities the necessary tools to fund water savings projects for customers who voluntarily participate, thus helping the state achieve its continued goals of reducing water us.</p>	Watch	<p>Introduced: 2/18/16</p> <p>May be acted upon on or after 3/20/16</p>

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<p><i>SB 1262 (Pavley D) Water supply planning.</i></p> <p>RWA Interest: This bill, along with a few others, including SB 1263, SB 1317, and SB 1318 all take strides towards more State Board control and seem to also further define the water system consolidation requirements put into law last year through the Trailer Bill process, specifically SB 88.</p> <p>SB 1262 , in conjunction with SB 1263 builds on the administration’s Affordable Safe Drinking Water Initiative to update the “show me the water” bills from 2012 (SB 610 and SB 221) as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrates GSA’s and consideration of groundwater sustainability plans into water supply and land use planning. • Prohibits use of groundwater to supply new development if the groundwater basin has been deemed out of compliance with SGMA (i.e., is “probationary”) • Prohibits the use of hauled water • Creates a process to discourage creation of new water systems when it is geographically and economically feasible to connect to an existing system 	WATCH	<p>Introduced: 2/18/16</p> <p>May be acted upon on or after 3/20/16</p>
<p><i>SB 1263 (Wieckowski D) Public water system: permits.</i></p> <p>RWA Interest: This bill, along with a few others, including SB 1262, SB 317, and SB 318 all take strides towards more State Board control and seem to also further define the water system consolidation requirements put into law last year through the Trailer Bill process, specifically SB 88.</p> <p>Also, there is no definition of “new public water system” in the bill.</p> <p>SB 1263 would commencing January 1, 2017, prohibit an application for a permit for a new public water system from being deemed complete unless the applicant has submitted a preliminary technical report to the State Board and would allow the State Board to impose technical, financial, or managerial requirements on the permit.</p>	WATCH	<p>Introduced: 2/18/16</p> <p>May be acted upon on or after 3/20/16</p>

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<p><i>SB 1264 (Cannella R) Monterey County Water Resources Agency: Salinas River System.</i></p> <p>RWA Interest: This one is simply an earmark question. It probably doesn't have much of a chance of getting signed into law. Does RWA take stances on earmark matters? To be determined after further direction from the Executive Committee.</p> <p>Would appropriate \$1,000,000 from the General Fund to the Monterey County Water Resources Agency, for use in the Salinas River, to assist in the removal of excess vegetation and trash, increase efficiency of instream flow using sediment and vegetation management strategies, and support the development and implementation of long-term management policies.</p>	Watch	<p>Introduced: 2/18/16</p> <p>May be acted upon on or after 3/20/16</p>
<p><i>SB 1294 (Pavley D) The California Community Climate, Drought, and Jobs Resiliency Act.</i></p> <p>RWA Interest: At face value, RWA agencies could benefit from this bill as it specifically states that in awarding grants, the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery shall give priority to projects that would aid urban canopies at the greatest risk from drought. The bill does not indicate where the funding would come from so, RWA should keep an eye on this for potential PGC language.</p> <p>Would require the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery to award grants to local conservation corps certified by the California Conservation Corps for projects that improve the climate and drought resiliency of urban canopies, community landscaping, and urban greening efforts through the use of various water conservation methods, including the application of compost and mulch.</p>	Watch	<p>Introduced: 2/19/16</p> <p>May be acted upon on or after 3/23/16</p>
<p><i>SB 1317 (Wolk D) Conditional use permit: groundwater extraction facility.</i></p> <p>RWA Interest: This bill will require local agencies to issue permits for groundwater wells unless they adopt an ordinance regulating the installation of groundwater wells before July 1, 2017.</p> <p>Would, by July 1, 2017, require a city or county overlying a basin designated as a high- or medium-priority basin to establish a process for the issuance of conditional use permits for the development of a groundwater extraction facility in order to prevent a new groundwater extraction facility from contributing to or creating an undesirable result, as prescribed.</p>	OPPOSE	<p>Introduced: 2/19/16</p> <p>May be acted upon on or after 3/23/16</p> <p>Soyla will schedule meetings with Wolk's staff.</p> <p>LSP would like to find way to recommend a support position. Consider amendments limiting this bill to private wells and, possibly to critically overdraft gw basins only</p>

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<p><i>SB 1318 (Wolk D) Local government: drinking water infrastructure or services: wastewater infrastructure or services.</i></p> <p>RWA Interest: This bill is another step towards mandatory consolidations.</p> <p>Senate Bill 1318 ensures that disadvantaged communities secure access to safe and affordable drinking water and wastewater services. Specifically, this bill requires cities and special districts to make water and wastewater services available to existing communities within or adjacent to their spheres of influence prior to annexing more land or extending services for new development.</p>	OPPOSE	<p>Introduced: 2/19/16</p> <p>May be acted upon on or after 3/23/16</p>
<p><i>SB 1340 (Wolk D) Water Conservation in Landscaping Act</i></p> <p>RWA Interest: SB 1340 incorporates a requirement for the permitting of stand-alone irrigation installations for commercial and large residential landscapes into the Water Conservation and Landscaping Act. This is definitely an added workload on local agencies but it does address a potential problem area. RWA may want to consider a “Support” position.</p> <p>SB 1340 would add to the model water efficient landscape ordinance a permit requirement for the installation, expansion, or replacement of specified automatic irrigation systems for a landscape project on or after July 1, 2017. The bill would allow the governing body of a local agency to adopt an ordinance prescribing fees for filing an application for the permit.</p>	Watch	<p>Introduced: 2/19/16</p> <p>May be acted upon on or after 3/23/16</p>

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<p><i>SB 1440 (Cannella R) Environmental quality: Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014.</i></p> <p>RWA Interest: A bill seeking to limit CEQA related delays for impeding storage projects funded through Prop 1.</p> <p>For certain water storage projects funded, in whole or in part, by Proposition 1, the bill would authorize the lead agency to concurrently prepare the record of proceedings for the project and limits the time. The bill would require the Judicial Council, on or before July 1, 2017, to adopt a rule of court to establish procedures applicable to actions or proceedings seeking judicial review of a lead agency's action in certifying the environmental impact report and in granting approval for those projects that require the actions or proceedings, including any appeals therefrom, be resolved, to the extent feasible, within 370 days of the certification of the record of proceedings. The bill would prohibit a court from staying or enjoining those projects unless it makes specified findings.</p>	<p>Watch</p>	<p>Introduced: 2/19/16</p> <p>May be acted upon on or after 3/23/16</p>

Version 1.a of Hot List Summary – includes changes from the March 2, 2016 LSP review and additional review and analysis by DB through March 8, 2016.