

**RWA - 2016 Introduced Bills  
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**[AB 1585](#) (Alejo D) Monterey County Water Resources Agency: water conveyance.**

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**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.

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

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**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.

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

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**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.

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

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**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.

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

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**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.

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

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**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.

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

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**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.

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

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**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.

**[SB 814](#) (Hill D) Drought: excessive water use: urban retail water suppliers.**

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**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.

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