Regional Water Authority – Legislative Hot List – 2016 (July 15 Version)

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.

RWA – Hot Bil	ll Legislation ([New E	Bills)						Position	Status
<u>AB 1585 (Alejo</u> L				s Agency	: Lake Nad	cimiento a	nd Lake San	Antonio		Introduced: 1/6/16
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RWA Interest: For consideration, does RWA want to take positions on earmark funding issues? The funding source, the General Fund, is appropriate. Amended on 5/31 to reduce allocation to \$10 million, identify the source as the General Fund, and specify that the funding go to the DWR to grant 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. ACWA Watch								Medium - Watch		
ACWA Watch										

RWA – Hot Bill Legislation (New Bills)	Position	Status
AB 1588 (Mathis R) Water and Wastewater Loan and Grant Program. Current Status: 6/30/16 From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 7. Noes 0.) (June 29). Re-referred to Com. on APPR. Current Location: 6/30/16 S-APPR. Desk Policy Fiscal Floor Conc. Enrolled Vetoed Chaptered AB 1st House 2nd House Conc. Enrolled Vetoed Chaptered 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". 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 \$10 M (per 5/31 amendments) from the General Fund, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the State Board for the program. ACWA Favor	Medium- Watch	Introduced: 1/6/16 Amended on 5/31 and 6/15
AB 1716 (McCarty D) Lower American River Conservancy Program Current Status: 6/28/16 Action From N.R. & W.: Do pass as amended. To APPR. Current Location: 6/28/16 S-APPR. Desk Policy Fiscal Floor Conf. Enrolled Chaptered AWA Interest: The LAR Conservancy Program would require the Wildlife Conservation Board within the Department of Fish and Wildlife to receive and expend moneys for the benefit of the Lower American River. This bill, as amended, would establish an advisory committee that would include local representation plus representatives from relevant state agencies, including, but not limited to, the Natural Resources Agency, the Department of Finance, the Department of Parks and Recreation, and the State Lands Commission. Previous version established a stand alone conservancy under the Natural Resources Agency with a board consisting of state and local officials. ACWA is not following this bill	Medium- Support	Introduced: 1/27/16 Amended on 6/9 and 6/22

RWA – Hot Bill Legislation (New Bills)					Position	Status
AB 1755 (Dodd D)The Open and Transparent Water Data Act.Current Status: 6/29/16 From committee: Do pass and re-refer to		Introduced: 2/2/16				
referred to Com. on APPR. Current Location : 6/29/16 S-APPR.						
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RWA Interest: As the title implies, this bill is attempting to upgra transparency of water data, including pending and previous water through ACWA on this and AB 2304 (Levine). This bill would enact the Open and Transparent Water Data Act. T benefit corporation that would create and manage (1) a statewide ability of the state to meet the growing demand for water supply r would integrate existing water data information from multiple dat clearinghouse for water transfer information that would include, a transfers and transfers pending responsible agency approval and a market issues.	transfe he act w water in eliability tabases a among o	r information ould requir nformation y and health and (2) an o ther things,	on. Recomme re the DWR t accounting s by ecosystem online water a database c	end that RWA work to establish a public ystem to improve the is, that, among things, transfer information of historic water	High - WATCH	5/11
ACWA has moved to Support						

AB 2040 (Melendez R) Outdoor Water Efficiency Act of 2016: personal income tax credits: outdoor water efficiency. Current Status: 5/27/16 Joint Rule 62(a), file notice suspended. (Page 4943.) In committee: Held under submission. Current Location: 5/25/16 A-APPR. SUSPENSE FILE Desk Policy Fiscal Floor Conc. Enrolled Vetoed Chaptered 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. This bill, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2016, and before January 1, 2021, would allow a credit equ 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.	Watch	Introduced: 2/17/16 Amended or 4/6 and 5/16 Fiscal bill – held under submission
ACWA has not taken a position. <u>AB 2099 (Stone, Mark D)</u> Safe drinking water assistance program. Current Status: 6/16/16 Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR. Current Location: 6/16/16 S-APPR. Desk Policy Fiscal Floor Desk Policy Fiscal Floor Conf. Enrolled Vetoed Chaptered		Introduced: 2/17/16 Amended 5/27 and
1st House2nd HouseConc.EntoiledVetoeuChapteredRWA 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, as amended, would require the State Department of Social Service to, on or before February 1, 2017, convene a workgroup to develop recommendations for delivering a water benefit t supplement the purchase of drinking water for low-income households with inadequate access to safe drinking water 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.	9 Medium- 9 Watch	6/16

RWA – Hot Bill Legislation	(New Bills)						Position	Status
AB 2480 (Bloom D) Source wo Current Status: 6/29/16 From referred to Com. on APPR. Current Location: 6/29/16 S-A		Introduced: 2/19/16 Potential PGC						
Current Location: 6/29/16 S-APPR. Desk Policy Fiscal Floor Conf. 1st House 2nd House Conc. Enrolled Vetoed Chaptered							candidate	
RWA Interest: Originally introduced as a "spot bill" AB 2480 declares it state policy that source watersheds are recognized and defined as integral components of California's water system and that their maintenance and repair are eligible for financing on an equivalent basis with other water collection and treatment infrastructure. As recently amended, this bill would require that, to the extent feasible, the maintenance and repair of source watersheds and associated projects would receive financing consideration on the same basis with other water collection and treatment infrastructure.							Medium- Watch	Amended on 5/31 and 6/16
The stipulation that source wate infrastructure may mean that th eye on this bill. ACWA Oppose								

RWA – Hot Bill Legislation (New Bills)	Position	Status
AB 2909 (Levine D) Water: transfer or exchange: expedited review. Current Status: 6/30/16 From committee: Amend, and do pass as amended and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 8. Noes 0.) (June 28). Current Location: 6/30/16 S-APPR. Desk Policy Fiscal Floor Conf. Desk Policy Fiscal Floor Conf. Ist House 2nd House Conc. Enrolled Vetoed Chaptered RWA Interest: AB 2909 would appear to make these types of transfers more expedient and a good step towards a more reasonable approach RWA member agencies involved with water transfers. Though not a comprehensive water transfer of exchange of water or water rights if the transfer is for a reoccurring water transfer, as defined, or an environmentally beneficial transfer, as defined. The bill would require the Department of Water Resources to develop a 30-day review process for reoccurring water transfers between contractors for State Water Project water and for reoccurring water transfers that utilize facilities of the State Water Project. The bill would repeal its provisions as of January 1, 2022. ACWA Support if Amended	High- Support if Amended	Gut and amend on 6/21 to become a water transfer bill.
ACA 8 (Bloom D) Local government financing: water facilities and infrastructure: voter approval. Current Status: 6/23/16 Referred to Coms. on L. GOV. and APPR. Current Location: 6/23/16 A-L. GOV. Desk Policy Fiscal Floor Conf. Ist House 2nd House Conc. Enrolled Vetoed Chaptered 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. ACWA Support	Medium - Support	Introduced: 2/19/16 No activity since introduction Moved from Watch to Support

RWA – Hot Bill Legislatior	ı (New Bills)					Position	Status
<u>SB 814 (Hill</u> D) Drought: exce Current Status: 6/30/16 Read Current Location: 6/30/16 A Desk Policy Fiscal Floor		Introduced: 1/4/16 Amended on 6/6 and					
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provide potable municipal wate provisions" in place to implement CCF for excessive water use and SB 814 was further amended there is a stipulation for com shortages. RWA may want to	nded, will require both public and er to more than 3,000 users – to ent during drought conditions. T d provides that local agencies trig on 6/6/16. The requirement munities that are not fully met consider removing opposition tion and may ask member age	define "exco The bill no l gger "water to have a p tered and t n to the bill	essive wate onger requ shortage" eenalty of s here is mo and going	er use" and ha ires a minimu plans based o \$500 per ccf l pre emphasis g neutral. He	ve "excessive use im fine of \$500 per in local conditions. has been removed, on local water	High - OPPOSE	
Current Status: 6/28/16 From	<i>supply: creation or augmentati</i> n committee: Do pass and re-r loes 0.) (June 28). Re-referred	efer to Con	n. on APPI	-	mendation: To		Introduced: 1/27/16
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RWA Interest: SB 919 is attem into oversupplies of renewable transfers and is anti-robust wa SB 919 requires the Public Utili water supply through recycling other policies that address the	Medium- Watch						
ACWA Favor if Amended							

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RWA – Hot Bill Legislation (New B	ills)				Position	Status
SB 1233 McGuire D) Joint powers auth Current Status: 6/29/16 ASM. L. GOV. Vo Current Location: 6/20/16 A-L. GOV. Desk Policy Fiscal Floor Desk 1st House 2nd House RWA Interest: This bill would authorize acquire, install, or repair a water efficience customer to repay the JPA through an effi disadvantaged communities the necessar participate, thus helping the state achieve ACWA Watch	ote - Do pass as amende Policy Fiscal Floor use PJPAs to provide funding cy improvement on the o iciency charge on their w y tools to fund water sa	d. Conf. Conc. g for a cus customer vater bill vings pro	's property. The bill SB 1233 will provide jects for customers v	would require the e local governments and	Medium- Watch	Introduced: 2/18/16 Amended or 5/23 and 6/20
SB 1262 (Pavley D) Water supply plan Current Status : 6/30/16 From committer referred to Com. on APPR. Current Location : 6/30/16 A-APPR. Desk Policy Fiscal Floor Desk 1 at Usuan	Medium	Amended or 5/11 and 6 /15				
1st House2nd HouseRWA Interest: This bill, as amended, pro bill no longer preempts SGMA in adopting lower the priority to a "Medium" priorityACWA Favor	hibits the use of hauled g restrictions on probati				(High) - WATCH	6/15

RWA – Hot Bill Legislation ((New Bills)					Position	Status
<u>SB 1263 (Wieckowski</u> D) Publi Current Status: 6/29/16 Read s Current Location: 6/29/16 A-A	econd time and amended. Re-rel	ferred to (Com. on AP	PR.			Introduced: 2/18/16
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RWA Interest: This bill, as amended, now focuses on prohibiting the creation of new water systems that will not be sustainable. ACWA, along with other statewide organizations, including the California Building Industry Association have negotiated changes to the original bill and have dropped their opposition. Recommended that RWA lower priority to a "Medium" priority bill.						Medium (High)- WATCH	
ubmit a preliminary technical re	uld require an application for a properties of the provident of the provid	ie State Bo					
<u>B 1340 (Wolk</u> D) Water Conse							Introduced:
Current Status: 6/30/16 From c referred to Com. on APPR. Current Location: 6/30/16 A-A	committee: Do pass and re-refer PPR.	to Com. or	n APPR. (A	yes 5. Noes 3.) (June 29). Re-		2/19/16
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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 that is addressed in the Independent Technical Report produced in response to AB 1420 (Laird). RWA may want to consider a "Support" position.						High- Support	
SB 1340 would add to the model expansion, or replacement of spe The bill would allow the governin application for the permit.	cified automatic irrigation syste	ms for a la	ndscape p	roject on or a	fter July 1, 2017.		
ACWA Oppose							

RWA – Hot Bill Legislation (New Bills)	Position	Status
SB 1398 (Leyva D) Public water systems: lead pipes. Current Status: 6/30/16 Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR. Current Location: 6/30/16 A-APPR. Desk Policy Fiscal Floor Conf. Ist House 2nd House Conc. Enrolled Vetoed Chaptered RWA Interest: Would require a public water system to compile an inventory of lead pipes in use by July 1, 2018, and, after completing the inventory, to provide a timeline for replacement of lead pipes in the system to the board. This bill would require the board to establish best practices to ensure that chemicals introduced into public water systems do not create corrosion or contamination within the system. ACWA Oppose Unless Amended	High- Oppose Unless Amended	Gut and Amended on 3/28 Amended on 5/31, 6/20, and 6/30
SB 552 (Wolk D) Public water systems: disadvantaged communities: consolidation or extension of service: administrative and managerial services. 2-YR Bill – added to Hot List RWA Interest: As amended, SB 552 would allow the State Board to step into the role of administrator and manager of water agencies that fail to meet water quality standards and could require those same agencies to be consolidated with well run, compliant water agencies. There are a couple of major concerns with this bill. One is the lack of specificity in the bill relating to funding of the required administrative services and whether the state appointed administrator would be subject to Proposition 218. Further, this bill would specify that if the State ordered a consolidation, customers of the subsumed water system may not be charged an additional fee beyond the costs of the consolidation of the troubled agency. ACWA Oppose	Oppose	Introduced: July 2015 <u>2-YR Bill</u> Amended 5/17 and 6/16

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