

LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE TWENTYNINE PALMS WATER DISTRICT 72401 HATCH ROAD, TWENTYNINE PALMS, CA 92277

October 9, 2019 / 2:00 P.M.

AGENDA

Director Coghill

Director Giannini

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Roll Call
- 3. Public Comment

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- 4. <u>Discussion/Review of State Legislation</u> (Refer to list of Bills)
 - A. General Bills
 - B. Special Bills of Interest

5. Legislative Strategic Planning for 2020

Ray Kolisz, General Manager

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Opposed Bills Signed by Governor

SB 307 (Roth D) Water conveyance: use of facility with unused capacity.

Current Text: Chaptered: 7/31/2019 pdf html

Last Amended: 4/30/2019

Status: 7/31/2019-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State.

Chapter 169, Statutes of 2019. **Location:** 7/31/2019-S. CHAPTERED

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Summary:

Current law prohibits the state or a regional or local public agency from denying a bona fide transferor of water from using a water conveyance facility that has unused capacity for the period of time for which that capacity is available, if fair compensation is paid for that use and other requirements are met. This bill would, notwithstanding that provision, prohibit a transferor of water from using a water conveyance facility that has unused capacity to transfer water from a groundwater basin underlying desert lands, as defined, that is in the vicinity of specified federal lands or state lands to outside of the groundwater basin unless the State Lands Commission, in consultation with the Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Department of Water Resources, finds that the transfer of the water will not adversely affect the natural or cultural resources of those federal or state lands, as provided.

Additional Bills Signed by Governor

SB 200 (Monning D) Drinking water.

Current Text: Chaptered: 7/24/2019 pdf html

Last Amended: 7/3/2019

Status: 7/24/2019-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State.

Chapter 120, Statutes of 2019. **Location:** 7/24/2019-S. CHAPTERED

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Summary:

Would establish the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund in the State Treasury to help water systems provide an adequate and affordable supply of safe drinking water in both the near and the long terms. The bill would authorize the State Water Resources Control Board to provide for the deposit into the fund of certain moneys and would continuously appropriate the moneys in the fund to the state board for grants, loans, contracts, or services to assist eligible recipients

Position: Watch

AB 508 (Chu D) Drinking water: consolidation and extension of service: domestic

wells.

Current Text: Chaptered: 9/27/2019 pdf html

Last Amended: 8/12/2019

Status: 9/27/2019-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State -

Chapter 352, Statutes of 2019. **Location:** 9/27/2019-A. CHAPTERED

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Summary:

The California Safe Drinking Water Act requires the state board, before ordering consolidation or extension of service, to, among other things, obtain written consent from any domestic well owner for consolidation or extension of service. The act makes any domestic well owner within the consolidation or extended service area that does not provide written consent ineligible, until consent is provided, for water-related grant funding, as specified. The act also requires the state board, before ordering consolidation or extension of service, to make a finding that consolidation of the receiving water system and subsumed water system or extension of service to the subsumed water system is appropriate and technically and economically feasible. The act defines "subsumed water system" for these purposes as the public water system, state small water system, or affected residences consolidated into or receiving service from the receiving water system. This bill would modify the provision that authorizes consolidation or extension of service if a disadvantaged community is reliant on a domestic well described above to instead authorize consolidation or extension of service if a disadvantaged community, in whole or in part, is substantially reliant on domestic wells that consistently fail to provide an adequate supply of safe drinking water.

Position: Watch Support/Oppose: N/A

AB 756 (Garcia, Cristina D) Public water systems: perfluoroalkyl substances and polyfluoroalkyl substances.

Current Text: Chaptered: 7/31/2019 pdf html

Last Amended: 6/24/2019

Status: 7/31/2019-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State -

Chapter 162, Statutes of 2019. **Location:** 7/31/2019-A. CHAPTERED

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Summary:

Would authorize the State Water Resources Control Board to order a public water system to monitor for perfluoroalkyl substances and polyfluoroalkyl substances. The bill would require a community water system or a nontransient noncommunity water system, upon a detection of these substances, to report that detection, as specified. The bill would require a community water system or a nontransient noncommunity water system where a detected level of these substances exceeds the response level to take a water source where the detected levels exceed the response level out of use or provide a prescribed public notification.

Position: Watch

SB 134 (Hertzberg D) Water conservation: water losses: enforcement.

Current Text: Chaptered: 8/30/2019 pdf html

Last Amended: 5/8/2019

Status: 8/30/2019-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State.

Chapter 203, Statutes of 2019. **Location:** 8/30/2019-S. CHAPTERED

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Summary:

Current law requires the State Water Resources Control Board, no earlier than January 1, 2019, and no later than July 1, 2020, to adopt rules requiring urban retail water suppliers to meet performance standards for the volume of water losses. This bill would prohibit the board from issuing an information order, written notice, or conservation order to an urban retail water supplier that does not meet its urban water use objective if the board determines the urban retail water supplier is not meeting its urban water use objective solely because the volume of water loss exceeds the urban retail water supplier's standard for water loss and the board is taking enforcement action against the urban retail water supplier for not meeting the performance standards for the volume of water losses.

Tracked Bills Vetoed by Governor

SB 1 (Atkins D) California Environmental, Public Health, and Workers Defense Act of.

Current Text: Vetoed: 9/27/2019 pdf html

Last Amended: 9/10/2019

Status: 9/27/2019-Vetoed by the Governor. In Senate. Consideration of

Governor's veto pending.

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Summary:

Current state law regulates the discharge of air pollutants into the atmosphere. The Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act regulates the discharge of pollutants into the waters of the state. The California Safe Drinking Water Act establishes standards for drinking water and regulates drinking water systems. The California Endangered Species Act requires the Fish and Game Commission to establish a list of endangered species and a list of threatened species, and generally prohibits the taking of those species. This bill would, until January 20, 2025, require specified agencies to take prescribed actions regarding certain federal requirements and standards pertaining to air, water, and protected species, as specified. By imposing new duties on local agencies, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

Position: Watch Support/Oppose: n/a

Supported Bills on Suspense

SB 669 (Caballero D) Water quality: Safe Drinking Water Fund.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/22/2019 pdf html

Status: 5/16/2019-May 16 hearing: Held in committee and under submission.

Location: 5/13/2019-S. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

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Summary:

Would establish the Safe Drinking Water Fund in the State Treasury and would provide that moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the State Water Resources Control Board. The bill would require the state board to administer the fund to assist community water systems in disadvantaged communities that are chronically noncompliant relative to the federal and state drinking water standards and do not have the financial capacity to pay for operation and maintenance costs to comply with those standards, as specified.

Position: Support w/amendments

Two-year Bills of Interest

AB 129 (Bloom D) Microfiber pollution.

Current Text: Amended: 3/25/2019 pdf html

Last Amended: 3/25/2019

Status: 4/26/2019-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was

E.S. & T.M. on 3/25/2019)(May be acted upon Jan 2020)

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Summary:

Would require the State Water Resources Control Board to take specified actions relating to microfiber pollution on or before July 1, 2020, and would require the state board to identify best practices for clothing manufacturers to reduce the amount of microfibers released into the environment. The bill would require, on or before January 1, 2020, a public entity that uses a laundry system, and a private entity that contracts with a state agency for laundry services, to install a filtration system to capture microfibers that are shed during washing.

Position: Watch Support/Oppose: n/a

AB 1204 (Rubio, Blanca D) Public water systems: primary drinking water standards: implementation date.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/21/2019 pdf html

Status: 4/26/2019-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was

E.S. & T.M. on 3/11/2019)(May be acted upon Jan 2020)

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Summary:

Would require the adoption or amendment of a primary drinking water standard for a contaminant in drinking water not regulated by a federal primary drinking water standard or that is more stringent than a federal primary drinking water standard to take effect 3 years after the date on which the state board adopts or amends the primary drinking water standard. The bill would authorize the state board to delay the effective date of the primary drinking water standard adoption or amendment by no more than 2 additional years as necessary for capital improvements to comply with a maximum contaminant level or treatment technique.

Position: Watch Support/Oppose: N/A

AB 134 (Bloom D) Safe Drinking Water Restoration.

Current Text: Amended: 5/20/2019 pdf html

Last Amended: 5/20/2019

Status: 7/10/2019-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(10). (Last location was

E.Q. on 6/12/2019)(May be acted upon Jan 2020)

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Summary:

Would require the State Water Resources Control Board to report to the Legislature by July 1, 2025, on its progress in restoring safe drinking water to all California communities and to create an internet website that provides data transparency for all of the board's activities described in this measure. The bill would require the board to develop metrics to measure the efficacy of the fund in ensuring safe and affordable drinking water for all Californians.

Position: Watch Support/Oppose: N/A

AB 402 (Quirk D) State Water Resources Control Board: local primacy delegation: funding stabilization program.

Current Text: Amended: 6/18/2019 pdf html

Last Amended: 6/18/2019

Status: 8/30/2019-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(12). (Last location was

APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 8/12/2019) (May be acted upon Jan 2020)

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Summary:

The California Safe Drinking Water Act requires the State Water Resources Control Board to administer provisions relating to the regulation of drinking water to protect public health, including, but not limited to, conducting research, studies, and demonstration programs relating to the provision of a dependable, safe supply of drinking water, enforcing the federal Safe Drinking Water Act, adopting implementing regulations, and conducting studies and investigations to assess the

quality of water in private domestic water supplies. This bill would authorize the state board to delegate partial responsibility for the act's administration and enforcement by means of a local primacy delegation agreement. The bill would authorize the state board, for counties that have not been delegated primary responsibility as of January 1, 2020, to offer an opportunity for the county to apply for partial or primary responsibility if the state board determines that it needs assistance in performing administrative and enforcement activities, as specified.

Position: Watch

Support/Oppose: N/A