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Water Bond Bills:

AB 1331 - Clean and Safe Drinking Water Act of 2014-(Rendon)

Summary: This bill would repeal the \$11.14 billion water bond set to go before the voters in November, and would replace it with the Clean and Safe Drinking Water Act of 2014, which, if adopted by the voters, would authorize bonds in the amount of \$8 billion.

AB 1445 - California Infrastructure Act of 2014-(Logue)

Summary: This bill would repeal the \$11.14 billion water bond set to go before the voters in November, and would replace it with the California Water Infrastructure Act of 2014, which, if adopted by the voters, would authorize bonds in the amount of \$5.8 billion.

AB 2043 - Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2014-(Bigelow)

Summary: This bill would enact the Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2014, which, if adopted by the voters, would authorize bonds in the amount of \$7,935,000,000.

AB 2554 - Clean, Safe, and Reliable Drinking Water Act of 2014-(Rendon)

Summary: This bill would repeal the \$11.14 billion water bond set to go before the voters in November, and would replace it with the Clean and Safe Drinking Water Act of 2014, which, if adopted by the voters, would authorize bonds in the amount of \$8.5 billion.

AB 2686 - Clean, Safe, and Reliable Water Supply Act of 2014-(Perea)

Summary: This bill would make changes to the water bond currently set to go before the voters in November, to reduce the current amount to be authorized from \$11.14 billion to an unspecified amount.

SB 848 - Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality, and Water Supply Act of 2014-(Wolk)

Summary: This bill would repeal the \$11.14 billion water bond set to go before the voters in November, and would replace it with the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality, and Water Supply Act of 2014, which, if adopted by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$6.825 billion to finance a safe drinking water, water quality, and water supply program.

SB 927 - Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2014-(Cannella)

Summary: This bill would amend provisions of the \$11.14 billion water bond set to go before the voters in November, and would instead authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$9.217 billion. It would reduce funding for drought relief and water supply reliability; it would remove funding for ecosystem and watershed protection and restoration projects, and would increase the amount of funds available for emergency actions to ensure safe drinking water supplies.

SB 1370 - Reliable Water Supply Bond Act of 2014-(Galgiani)

Summary: This bill would make changes to the water bond currently set to go before the voters in November, to reduce the current amount to be authorized from \$11.14 billion to bond to \$6.6 billion.

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IRWM Bills:

AB 1249 - Integrated regional water management plans: nitrate contamination-(Salas)

Summary: This bill would require integrated regional water management plans, if an area within the jurisdiction of the plan has been identified as a nitrate high-risk area, to include an explanation of how or if the plan addresses nitrate contamination. This bill would also require DWR to give funding preference for projects that address nitrate impacts in their plan.

AB 1731 - Integrated regional water management plans: funding: disadvantaged communities-(Perea)

Summary: This bill would require in each integrated regional water management region that not less than 10% of any funding for planning and for projects that address critical water supply or water quality needs for disadvantaged communities.

AB 1874 – Integrated regional water management plans: funding-(Gonzalez)

Summary: This bill would require DWR to develop a streamlined application process for certain regional water management groups. The bill would require, in order to receive integrated regional water management funds through this streamlined application process, the specified regional water management group to file with the department a streamlined application form that includes information relating to projects to be funded by integrated regional water management grant funds.

SB 1049 - Integrated regional water management plans-(Pavley)

Summary: This bill would specifically include projects or programs that reduce energy used to acquire, transport, treat, or distribute water, as a regional project or program. It would also require a regional water management group to include all water suppliers that are within the watershed area, the area over a groundwater basin or subbasin, or the area within a county's boundaries.

Water Related Bills:

AB 148 - Salton Sea Restoration-(Perez)

Summary: This bill would make technical changes to existing law that was recently enacted by AB 71 (V. M Pérez, Chapter 402, Statutes of 2013) relating to the Salton Sea.

AB 1636 - Water conservation-(Brown)

Summary: This bill would prohibit a city or county, during a drought emergency declared by the Governor, from enforcing a law or ordinance requiring a resident to water his or her lawn.

AB 1671 - Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta: water conveyance system-(Frazier)

Summary: This bill would prohibit DWR from constructing water facilities as part of a specified water conveyance system (twin tunnels) unless specifically authorized by the Legislature.

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AB 1739 - Groundwater basin management: sustainability-(Dickinson)

Summary: The Groundwater Quality Monitoring Act of 2001 requires the State Water Resources Control Board, in establishing the comprehensive monitoring program, to prioritize groundwater basins that supply drinking water. This bill would require the Board, in consultation with DWR, to develop thresholds for the sustainable management of the priority groundwater basins.

AB 1983 - Water meters: multiunit structures-(Gray)

Summary: This bill would authorize the owner or operator of a building containing residential units to install equipment or a methodology to approximate the quantity of water that is provided to the tenants and used in the common areas of that building. The bill would also authorize the owner or operator of a building to charge tenants separately for water and wastewater service based on usage as determined through the use of that equipment or allocation methodology if certain requirements are met.

AB 2067 - Urban water management plans-(Weber)

Summary: This bill would require an urban retail water supplier and an urban wholesale water supplier to provide narratives describing the supplier's water demand management measures, as provided. It would also require, for urban retail water suppliers, the narrative to address the nature and extent of each water demand management measure implemented over the past 5 years and describe the water demand management measures that the supplier plans to implement to achieve its water use targets.

AB 2463 - Delta Plan: BDCP-(Dickenson)

Summary: This bill would require the Delta Stewardship Council to have at least 5 public hearings concerning the incorporation of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan into the Delta Plan if the Department of Fish and Wildlife approves the Bay Delta Conservation Plan as a natural community conservation plan.

AB 2636 - Cal Conserve Water Use-(Gatto)

Summary: This bill would establish the CalConserve Water Use Efficiency Revolving Fund and provide that the moneys in the fund are available to DWR, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for the purpose of water use efficiency projects. This bill would require moneys in the fund to be used for purposes that include, but are not limited to, at-or-below market interest rate loans and would permit the department to enter into agreements with local governments or investor-owned utilities that provide water or recycled water service to provide loans.

AB 2725 - Urban waterway restoration-(Brown)

Summary: This bill would require DWR to release assumptions and estimates relating to water use for urban waterway restoration.

SB 920 - Planning and zoning: flood protection-(Galgiani)

Summary: This bill would, under the Planning and Zoning Law, revise the definition of adequate progress to include the critical features of the flood protection system being planned and designed or under construction and the completion of a levee safety plan for those flood protection systems that are a part of the State Plan of Flood Control.

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SB 985 - Stormwater resource planning-(Pavley)

Summary: This bill would require a stormwater resource plan to identify opportunities to use current publicly owned lands to capture and reuse stormwater. Current law, the Stormwater Resource Planning Act, authorizes a city, county, or special district, to develop a stormwater resource plan that meets certain standards.

SB 1036 - Urban water management plans-(Pavley)

Summary: This bill would authorize an urban water supplier to include within an urban water management plan certain energy-related information, including estimates of the amount of energy used to extract or divert water supplies.

SB 1120 - Local water supply programs or projects: funding-(Galqiani)

Summary: This bill would require DWR to conduct a statewide inventory of local regional water supply projects and post specified results of the inventory on the department's Internet Web site by July 1, 2015.

SB 1168 - Groundwater management plans-(Pavley)

Summary: This bill would require a local agency to determine sustainable yield for a groundwater basin in coordination with other applicable local agencies whose service areas overlie the groundwater basin.

SB 1420 - Water management-urban water management plans-(Wolk)

Summary: This bill would require an urban water management plan to quantify and report on distribution system water loss. The bill would authorize water use projections to display and account for the water savings estimated to result from adopted codes, standards, ordinance, and transportation and land use plans. It would also require the plan, or amendments to the plan, be submitted electronically to the department and include any standardized forms, tables, or displays specified by the department.

SB 1447 - Bay Delta Conservation Plan: judicial review-(Fuller)

Summary: Current law imposes requirements on DWR in connection with the preparation of a Bay Delta Conservation Plan. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation establishing judicial review procedures for the Bay Delta Conservation Plan.

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CEQA Related Bills:

SB 1398 - Environmental Quality-Salinas River-(Cannelli)

Summary: This bill would, for maintenance activities along the Salinas River, prohibit the court in such an action from staying or enjoining those maintenance activities unless those activities present an imminent threat to public health and safety or would materially, permanently, and adversely affect unforeseen important Native American artifacts, or unforeseen important historical, archaeological, or ecological values.

SB 1451 - Environmental Quality-mitigation measures-(Huff)

Summary: This bill would require the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency, on or before January 1, 2016, and on or before January 1 of each year thereafter, to submit to the Legislature a report on the types and effectiveness of a representative sample of mitigation measures adopted by state and local agencies.

AB 2353 - Environmental quality: environmental impact reports-(Waldron)

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 a surface water storage facility that meets specified requirements.

Miscellaneous

AB 2516 – Sea Level Rise Planning-(Gordon)

Summary: This bill would require, on or before January 1, 2016, the Natural Resources Agency, in collaboration with the Ocean Protection Council, to create, update monthly, and post on its Internet Web site a Planning for Sea Level Rise Database describing steps being taken throughout the state to prepare for, and adapt to, sea level rise. The bill would require various public and private entities to provide, by July 1, 2015, and on a monthly basis thereafter, information to the Natural Resources Agency to be included in the database, including descriptions of projects that address or prepare for sea level rise that are within the entity's jurisdiction.