

**Budget**

- AB 91** (Committee on Budget) **Budget Act of 2014.**  
**Status:** 3/27/2015-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter No. 1  
**Summary:** The Budget Act of 2014 made appropriations for the support of state government for the 2014-15 fiscal year. This bill would amend the Budget Act of 2014 by amending, adding, and repealing items of appropriation. This bill contains other related provisions.
- AB 92** (Committee on Budget) **Water.**  
**Status:** 3/27/2015-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter No. 2  
**Summary:** Current law requires any new diversion of water from any stream having populations of salmon and steelhead that is determined by the Department of Fish and Wildlife to be deleterious to salmon and steelhead to be screened by the owner of the diversion. This bill would require the department, within 30 days of providing written notice to the owner that the department has determined that the diversion is deleterious to salmon and steelhead, to submit to the owner its proposals as to measures necessary to protect the salmon and steelhead.
- AB 103** (Weber D) **Budget Act of 2015.**  
**Status:** 1/26/2015-Referred to Com. on BUDGET.  
**Summary:** This bill would make appropriations for the support of state government for the 2015-16 fiscal year. This bill contains other related provisions.
- AB 585** (Melendez R) **Outdoor Water Efficiency Act of 2015: personal income tax credits: outdoor water efficiency.**  
**Status:** 3/17/2015-Re-referred to Com. on REV. & TAX.  
**Summary:** The Personal Income Tax Law allows various credits against the taxes imposed by that law. This bill, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2015, and before January 1, 2021, or an earlier specified date, would allow a credit equal to 25% of the amount paid or incurred by a qualified taxpayer for water-efficiency improvements made to outdoor landscapes on qualified real property in this state, not to exceed \$2,500 per taxable year, as specified. This bill contains other related provisions.
- AB 603** (Salas D) **Income taxes: turf removal tax credit.**  
**Status:** 3/9/2015-Referred to Com. on REV. & TAX.  
**Summary:** Would, under Personal Income Tax Law and the Corporation Tax Law, for taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2015, allow a credit to a taxpayer participating in a lawn replacement program, as defined, in an amount equal to \$2 per square foot of conventional lawn removed from the taxpayer's property. The bill would make findings and declarations in this regard. This bill contains other related provisions.
- SB 69** (Leno D) **Budget Act of 2015.**  
**Status:** 1/12/2015-Read first time.  
**Summary:** This bill would make appropriations for the support of state government for the 2015-16 fiscal year. This bill contains other related provisions.

**Drought**

- AB 1** (Brown D) **Drought: local governments: fines.**  
**Status:** 1/16/2015-Referred to Com. on L. GOV.  
**Summary:** Would prohibit a city, county, or city and county from imposing a fine under any local maintenance ordinance or other relevant ordinance for a failure to water a lawn or having a brown lawn during a period for which the Governor has issued a proclamation of a state of emergency based on drought conditions.
- AB 307** (Mathis R) **Graywater: groundwater recharge.**  
**Status:** 2/13/2015-From printer. May be heard in committee March 15.  
**Summary:** Would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to explicitly permit the usage of residential, commercial, and industrial graywater for the recharge of a groundwater basin or aquifer.
- AB 1139** (Campos D) **Personal income taxes: credit: turf removal.**  
**Status:** 3/26/2015-Referred to Com. on REV. & TAX. From committee chair, with author's amendments:

Amend, and re-refer to Com. on REV. & TAX. Read second time and amended.

**Summary:** The Personal Income Tax Law allows various credits against the taxes imposed by that law. This bill would, for taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2015, allow a credit to a taxpayer participating in a lawn replacement program, as defined, in an amount equal to \$2 per square foot of conventional lawn removed from the taxpayer's property, up to \$50,000 per taxable year, as provided. The bill would make findings and declarations in this regard.

**AB 1376 (Perea D) State Water Resources Control Board: appropriation: drought-related drinking water projects.**

**Status:** 3/26/2015-Referred to Com. on W., P., & W. From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on W., P., & W. Read second time and amended.

**Summary:** Would appropriate \$15,000,000 from the General Fund to the State Water Resources Control Board, for expenditure until June 30, 2016, for grants of up to \$500,000 per project for public water systems to address drought-related drinking water emergencies or threatened emergencies in the state. The bill would require the state board to make every effort to use other funds available to address drinking water emergencies, including federal funds made available for the drought, prior to using the funds appropriated pursuant to these provisions.

**SB 7 (Wolk D) Housing: water meters: multiunit structures.**

**Status:** 3/17/2015-Set for hearing April 14.

**Summary:** Would express the intent of the Legislature to encourage the conservation of water in multifamily residential rental buildings through means either within the landlord's or the tenant's control, and to ensure that the practices involving the submetering of dwelling units for water service are just and reasonable, and include appropriate safeguards for both tenants and landlords. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**SB 553 (Wolk D) Water conservation.**

**Status:** 3/12/2015-Referred to Com. on G.O.

**Summary:** Would require the Department of General Services to identify each public property in the department's state property inventory where it is feasible for water consumption to be reduced and water efficiencies to be achieved through implementation of the relevant recommendations made in the model water efficient landscape ordinance and would require the department to implement the relevant recommendations where feasible, except as specified. This bill contains other existing laws.

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## Groundwater

**AB 78 (Mathis R) Groundwater basins.**

**Status:** 1/6/2015-From printer. May be heard in committee February 5.

**Summary:** Current law requires the Department of Water Resources to categorize each basin or subbasin as high-, medium-, low-, or very low priority and to establish ground water the initial priority for each basin no later than January 31, 2015. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to this provision.

**AB 452 (Bigelow R) Water Rights Fund: Groundwater Regulation Subaccount.**

**Status:** 3/5/2015-Referred to Com. on W., P., & W.

**Summary:** Would establish the Groundwater Regulation Subaccount in the Water Rights Fund and would provide that moneys in the subaccount are available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the State Water Resources Control Board for the purpose of board enforcement of the provisions of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**AB 453 (Bigelow R) Groundwater management.**

**Status:** 3/5/2015-Referred to Com. on W., P., & W.

**Summary:** Would authorize, until a groundwater sustainability plan is adopted, a local agency to amend an existing groundwater management plan in furtherance of, and consistent with, the groundwater management plan's objectives.

**AB 454 (Bigelow R) Sustainable groundwater management.**

**Status:** 3/5/2015-Referred to Com. on W., P., & W.

**Summary:** Would require a high- or medium-priority basin that is not subject to critical conditions of overdraft to be managed under a groundwater sustainability plan or coordinated groundwater sustainability plan by January 31, 2023. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**AB 455 (Bigelow R) Groundwater sustainability plans: environmental impact reports.**

**Status:** 3/5/2015-Referred to Coms. on W., P., & W. and NAT. RES.

**Summary:** Would require the Judicial Council, on or before July 1, 2016, to adopt a rule of court to establish procedures applicable to actions or proceedings brought to attack, review, set aside, void, or annul the certification of an EIR for projects covered by a groundwater sustainability plan that require the actions or proceedings be resolved within 270 days of certification of the record of proceeding. The bill would also prohibit the court from staying or enjoining the construction or operation of the project unless the court makes a certain finding. This bill contains other existing laws.

**AB 647 (Eggman D) Beneficial use: diversion of water underground.**

**Status:** 3/9/2015-Referred to Com. on W., P., & W.

**Summary:** Would declare that the diversion of water underground constitutes a beneficial use of water for which an appropriation may be made if the diverted water is stored and thereafter applied to beneficial use or if beneficial use of the water, including, but not limited to, protection of water quality or recovery of groundwater levels, is made while the water is underground. This bill would provide that the period for the reversion of a water right does not apply to water being beneficially used in the aquifer or being held in storage for later beneficial use.

**AB 936 (Salas D) Groundwater monitoring.**

**Status:** 3/16/2015-Referred to Com. on W., P., & W.

**Summary:** If there is insufficient interest in establishing a management plan or ground watering association, and the county decides not to perform groundwater monitoring and reporting functions, the Department of Water Resources is required to perform the groundwater monitoring functions. In that event, specified entities with authority to assume groundwater monitoring functions with regard to a basin or subbasin for which the department has assumed those functions are not eligible for a water grant or loan awarded or administered by the state. This bill would create an exception from this eligibility restriction if the entity submits to the department for approval documentation demonstrating the water grant or loan project includes those actions needed to comply with groundwater monitoring functions.

**AB 937 (Salas D) Groundwater storage: beneficial use.**

**Status:** 3/26/2015-Referred to Com. on W., P., & W. From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on W., P., & W. Read second time and amended.

**Summary:** Would declare that the recharging of a groundwater basin by a local groundwater management agency or a local groundwater sustainability agency for the purposes of repelling saline intrusion or recovering basin groundwater levels and the flowing of waters on lands or other similar means necessary for the accomplishment of groundwater recharge for these purposes, constitutes a beneficial use of water if the recharge is consistent with the local agency's groundwater management plan or groundwater sustainability plan.

**AB 938 (Salas D) Groundwater: basin reprioritization: establishment of groundwater sustainability agency.**

**Status:** 3/16/2015-Referred to Com. on W., P., & W.

**Summary:** The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act requires a local agency, any time the Department of Water Resources changes basin priorities and elevates a basin to a medium- or high-priority basin after January 31, 2015, to either establish a groundwater sustainability agency within 2 years of reprioritization and adopt a groundwater sustainability plan within 5 years of reprioritization, or to submit an alternative to the department that the local agency believes satisfies the objectives of these provisions within 2 years of reprioritization. This bill would impose the requirement to establish a groundwater sustainability agency or submit an alternative after reprioritization on a local agency or combination of local agencies overlying a groundwater basin.

**AB 939 (Salas D) Groundwater sustainability agency: financial authority.**

**Status:** 3/16/2015-Referred to Com. on W., P., & W.

**Summary:** The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act authorizes a groundwater sustainability agency to impose fees to fund the costs of a groundwater sustainability program and requires a groundwater sustainability agency to hold at least one public meeting prior to imposing or increasing a fee. The act requires, at least 10 days prior to the meeting, a groundwater sustainability agency to make available to the public data upon which the proposed fee is based. This bill would require a groundwater sustainability agency to make the data upon which the proposed fee is based available 20 days prior to the public meeting to impose or increase a fee.

**AB 957 (Mathis R) Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014.**

**Status:** 3/26/2015-Referred to Com. on W., P., & W. From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on W., P., & W. Read second time and amended.

**Summary:** The Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 requires specified water recycling and advanced treatment technology projects to be selected on a competitive basis, considering specified criteria, including, among other criteria, water supply reliability improvement and public health benefits from improved drinking water quality or supply. This bill would include in the water supply reliability improvement criterion whether the project is proposed by a community that is heavily dependent on groundwater from a basin in overdraft, and would include in the public health

benefits criterion whether the project is proposed by a community that has extended, or is in the process of extending, its water service delivery to entities reliant on either contaminated groundwater or groundwater wells that have run dry.

**AB 1242 (Gray D) Water quality: impacts on groundwater basins: mitigation measures.**

**Status:** 3/23/2015-Referred to Coms. on W., P., & W. and NAT. RES.

**Summary:** Would require the State Water Resources Control Board to take into consideration any applicable groundwater sustainability plan or alternative in formulating state policy for water quality control and adopting or approving a water quality control plan that affects a groundwater basin. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**AB 1390 (Alejo D) Groundwater: adjudication.**

**Status:** 3/26/2015-Referred to Coms. on W., P., & W. and JUD. From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on W., P., & W. Read second time and amended.

**Summary:** Would establish special procedures for adjudication actions, which are defined as actions filed in superior court to determine the rights to extract groundwater within a basin or store water from a basin, as specified. The bill would authorize the court to determine all rights to groundwater in a basin whether based on appropriation, overlying right, or other basis of right. The bill would require these special procedures to govern all adjudication actions except in specified cases not involving allocation of a basin's groundwater supply.

**SB 13 (Pavley D) Groundwater.**

**Status:** 4/2/2015-Set for hearing April 13.

**Summary:** Would specify that the State Water Resources Control Board is authorized to designate a high- or medium-priority basin as a probationary basin. This bill would provide a local agency or groundwater sustainability agency 90 or 180 days, as prescribed, to remedy certain deficiencies that caused the board to designate the basin as a probationary basin. This bill would authorize the board to develop an interim plan for certain probationary basins one year after the designation of the basin as a probationary basin. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**SB 226 (Pavley D) Sustainable Groundwater Management Act: groundwater rights.**

**Status:** 3/26/2015-Set for hearing April 14.

**Summary:** Would provide, under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, that a groundwater sustainability plan or coordinated groundwater sustainability plans establishes a timely method for determining rights to groundwater in furtherance of the objectives of the act. This bill would require the process to be available to any court of competent jurisdiction. This bill would require the boundaries of a basin to be as identified in Bulletin 118, unless other basin boundaries are established, as specified.

**SB 228 (Cannella R) Groundwater storage: beneficial use.**

**Status:** 3/18/2015-Set for hearing April 14.

**Summary:** Would declare that the recharging of a groundwater basin by a local groundwater management agency or a local groundwater sustainability agency for the purposes of repelling saline intrusion and recovering basin groundwater levels constitutes a beneficial use of water if the recharge is consistent with the local agency's groundwater management plan or groundwater sustainability plan.

**SB 487 (Nielsen R) Sustainable Groundwater Management Act: California Environmental Quality Act: exemptions.**

**Status:** 3/17/2015-Set for hearing April 15.

**Summary:** Would exempt from the requirements of CEQA the formation of a groundwater sustainability agency, the amendment of a groundwater sustainability plan or coordinated groundwater sustainability plan, and the implementation of those plans, except to the extent that the implementation requires the construction or installation of a new facility. Because a lead agency would be required to determine the applicability of this exemption, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**SB 568 (Fuller R) Groundwater management.**

**Status:** 3/12/2015-Referred to Com. on RLS.

**Summary:** Would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation relating to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

**SB 615 (Berryhill R) Groundwater basin adjudication.**

**Status:** 3/12/2015-Referred to Com. on RLS.

**Summary:** Current law specifies the jurisdiction of the courts. Under current law, courts may adjudicate rights to produce groundwater and exercise other powers relating to the supervision of a groundwater basin. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to streamline the process for the adjudication of groundwater rights.



**AB 954 (Mathis R) Water and Wastewater Loan and Grant Pilot Program.**

**Status:** 3/26/2015-Referred to Com. on W., P., & W. From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on W., P., & W. Read second time and amended.

**Summary:** Would require the State Water Resources Control Board to establish a pilot program to provide low-interest loans and grants to eligible applicants for specified purposes relating to drinking water and wastewater treatment. This bill would prohibit the board from issuing these loans or grants on or after January 1, 2026. 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 pilot program.

**AB 1362 (Gordon D) Local government: assessments, fees, and charges: stormwater definition.**

**Status:** 3/23/2015-Referred to Com. on L. GOV.

**Summary:** Would define "stormwater" for purposes of the Proposition 218 Omnibus Implementation Act to mean any system of public improvements or service intended to provide for the quality, conservation, control, or conveyance of waters that land on or drain across the natural or man-made landscape. This bill contains other related provisions.

**SB 127 (Vidak R) Environmental quality: Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014.**

**Status:** 4/1/2015-April 15 set for first hearing canceled at the request of author.

**Summary:** CEQA establishes a procedure by which a person may seek judicial review of the decision of the lead agency made pursuant to CEQA and a procedure for the preparation and certification of the record of proceedings upon the filing of an action or proceeding challenging a lead agency's action on the grounds of noncompliance with CEQA. This bill would require the public agency, in certifying the environmental impact report and in granting approvals for projects funded, in whole or in part, by Proposition 1, including the concurrent preparation of the record of proceedings and the certification of the record of proceeding within 5 days of the filing of a specified notice, to comply with specified procedures.

**Total Measures: 34**

**Total Tracking Forms: 34**

