

**Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
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<p>AB 472 Frazier (D)</p> <p>Sponsor: California Waterfowl Association</p>	<p>Amended 3/28/17</p> <p>Assembly Appropriations Committee Suspense File</p>	<p>Water Transfers: Requires Department of Water Resources (DWR) to, without penalty, allow nonirrigated vegetation to remain on land that has been idled for a water transfer, unless it determines, as specified, injury to another legal user of water would result from allowing vegetation to remain. Also creates incentive program for landowners to cultivate or retain nonirrigated vegetation for wildlife habitat.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">OPPOSE (4/11/17)</p>	<p>Would create new and significant burden on DWR to establish and implement costly habitat creation incentive program that could result in increased water transfer costs and/or redirected costs. Would also make it more difficult for DWR to ensure that purchasers of water transfer supplies and legal users of water are not impacted by water consuming vegetation on fallowed lands.</p>
<p>AB 574 Quirk (D)</p> <p>Sponsor: WateReuse California and California Coastkeeper Alliance</p>	<p>Amended 4/18/17</p> <p>Assembly Appropriations Committee Suspense File</p>	<p>Potable Reuse: Promotes water recycling by categorizing potable reuse alternatives and by establishing a clear regulatory pathway and timeframe for raw water augmentation.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SUPPORT (3/14/17)</p>	<p>By continuing to advance regulatory criteria for various types of potable reuse, AB 574 may accelerate deployment of recycled water projects throughout California. Metropolitan’s clarifying amendment regarding placement of recycled water into aqueducts feeding raw surface water reservoir was accepted by author.</p>

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<p style="text-align: center;">AB 791 Frazier (D)</p> <p>Sponsor: Author</p>	<p>Amended 3/21/17</p> <p>Assembly Appropriations Committee</p> <p>Date of Hearing: 5/10/17</p>	<p>New Conveyance Facility: Would impose new and unnecessary requirements on “lead agency” (presumably DWR) to provide certain information about costs and benefits of new water delivery system improvements on a water-contractor-by-water-contractor basis <i>before</i> any water contractor could enter any contracts to fund design, construction and mitigation.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">OPPOSE</p> <p>based upon June 2007 Board-adopted Delta Action Plan</p>	<p>Could delay construction of California WaterFix, with no added benefit to the public process or environment.</p>

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<p style="text-align: center;">AB 793 Frazier (D)</p> <p>Sponsor: Author</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Amended 3/27/17</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Two-Year Bill</p>	<p>Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta – Financing: Would declare it state policy that the <u>existing</u> Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta be recognized and defined as an integral component of California's water infrastructure. Would state also that the maintenance and repair of Delta are eligible for same forms of financing as other water collection and treatment infrastructure and specifies that eligible maintenance and repair activities be limited to certain cleanup-and-abatement-related restoration and conservation activities.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">OPPOSE based upon June 2007 Board-adopted Delta Action Plan</p>	<p>Ignores the fact that the Delta, in its <u>current</u> state, has not been developed as a “water collection or treatment facility.” The current configuration of levees was largely completed in the early 20th century to reclaim swamp and overflow land for farming or other uses. Thus, the declaration of intent is contrary to reality and is not a sound basis for infrastructure financing.</p>

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<p style="text-align: center;">AB 1427 Eggman (D)</p> <p>Sponsor: Stockton-East Water District</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Amended 3/21/17</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Assembly Appropriations Committee Suspense File</p>	<p>Water – Underground Storage: Amends Water Code Section 1242 to declare that storing water underground, including diverting surface water for storage, for purposes including, but not limited to, protection of water quality or recovery of groundwater levels, are beneficial uses. Also states that existing forfeiture provisions for non-use of water for a period of longer than five years would not apply.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED</p> <p style="text-align: center;">based upon prior opposition to AB 647 (Eggman) from 2015</p>	<p>Must include safeguards to ensure that permanent underground storage is implemented in reasonable manner. SWRCB must confirm that flows are not already otherwise appropriated or diverted at times when federal Central Valley Project and State Water Project are required to release supplemental project water to meet water quality objectives in Delta watershed. Additional amendments are necessary to ensure alignment with Groundwater Management Sustainability Act of 2014.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">AB 1654 Rubio (D)</p> <p>Sponsor: Regional Water Authority and Irvine Ranch Water District</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Amended 3/28/17</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Assembly Appropriations Committee</p> <p>Date of Hearing: 5/10/17</p>	<p>Drought Contingency Planning: Would require each urban retail water supplier to conduct an annual water shortage contingency analysis and implement certain actions and reporting when a water shortage is determined. Proposes changes to the Urban Water Management Planning Act, which would require urban water suppliers, as part of their five-year water supply planning and reporting, to include a detailed description of their water shortage contingency analysis, related actions and monitoring processes.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SUPPORT AND SEEK AMENDMENTS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(4/11/17)</p>	<p>Would clarify adequacy of water supply reliability investments and shortage contingency actions to respond to future droughts and shortage conditions.</p>

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<p>SB 80 Wieckowski (D)</p> <p>Sponsor: Author</p>	<p>Amended 2/14/17</p> <p>Assembly Desk</p>	<p>California Environmental Quality Act: Provides specified notice requirements regarding posting on websites and sending notices via email pursuant to CEQA. Also makes filing a Notice of Determination mandatory for a project subject to a categorical exemption.</p>	<p>OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED based upon January 2017 Board-adopted State Legislative Priorities</p>	<p>Would require public agencies to prepare, file and post on the internet dozens, if not hundreds, of additional Notices of Exemption every month for every discretionary action that would cause any change in the physical environment, regardless how insignificant.</p>
<p>SB 224 Jackson (D)</p> <p>Sponsor: Environmental Defense Center and the Planning and Conservation League</p>	<p>Amended 4/5/17</p> <p>Senate Appropriations Committee Suspense File</p>	<p>California Environmental Quality Act: Would require Office of Planning and Research to prepare, and Secretary of CA Natural Resources Agency to adopt, CEQA guidelines to make exceptions to general rule that environmental review should focus on each project's impacts on the existing physical environment. Lead agencies undertaking their own projects, and project proponents seeking permits, funding or other discretionary approvals from lead agencies, would be required to analyze every proposed project's impacts relative to an environmental condition that no longer existed at any site where unpermitted, illegal or previous emergency response actions occurred.</p>	<p>OPPOSE based upon January 2017 Board-adopted State Legislative Priorities</p>	<p>SB 224 is at odds with the fundamental precept of CEQA as a forward-looking statute. Lead agencies that undertake their own projects could be required to mitigate for environmental harms committed by others, which is inequitable and fails to deter bad actors.</p>

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<p style="text-align: center;">SB 231 Hertzberg (D)</p> <p>Sponsor: Water Foundation</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Amended 4/19/17</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Assembly Desk</p>	<p>Local Government - Fees and Charges: Provides a definition of "sewer" that predates Proposition 218 and treats fees for stormwater like all other water and sewer fees. Seeks to clarify where stormwater and flood control systems may overlap with water and sewer systems for which Proposition 218 requires a lower approval threshold. SB 231 does not change the CA Constitution's mandate for rigorous oversight of water and sewer fees, including reports, hearings and protest votes.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SUPPORT (4/11/17)</p>	<p>Stormwater is an important source of local water supply and careful management is necessary to reduce pollution. Currently, property-related fees to fund stormwater and flood control programs, not associated with water supply, require a higher approval standard than property-related fees for other water services.</p>