

CalMutuals Legislative Tracker April 2016

Bill Number	Author	Title	Bill Description	Introduced	Status	Amended	Date of Latest Status	Location	Position Taken by CalMutuals Leg. Committee
AB 1794	C. Garcia	Municipal Water Districts: board of directors	The Municipal Water District Law of 1911, provides for the formation of municipal water districts and grants to those districts' specified powers. Current law permits a district to acquire, control, distribute, store, spread, sink, treat, purify, recycle, recapture, and salvage any water for the beneficial use of the district, its inhabitants, or the owners of rights to water in the district. Current law requires the board of directors of a district to consist of 5 members and each director to be a resident of the division from which the director is elected. This bill would make a nonsubstantive change in these provisions.	2/4/2016	In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to APPR. suspense file.	Yes, 4/11/16	4/27/2016	Asm APPR.	Support
AB 2059	E. Garcia	Junk Dealers and Recyclers: nonferrous materials	Current law prohibits a junk dealer or recycler from providing payment for nonferrous material, as defined, unless the payment is made by cash or check, the check is mailed or the cash or check is provided no earlier than 3 days after the date of sale, and the dealer or recycler obtains a photograph or video of the seller and certain other identifying information, as specified, which is to be retained by the dealer or recycler, as part of the written record of purchases, for a specified period of time. This bill would exempt from the payment by cash or check requirement those sellers of junk or recycling materials who carry a surety bond of at least \$100,000, covering the business entity at large, including all locations, which exclusively covers the costs of any loss to the verifiable owner of stolen scrap metal purchased by the junk dealer or recycler and the cost to local law enforcement of investigating the theft.	2/17/2016	From committee: Amend, and do pass as amended. (Ayes 12. Noes 2.)	Yes, 03/14/16	5/5/16	Assembly	Support
SB 1456	Galgiani	Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Law of 1997: public water systems: financing	Current law, for community public water systems and not-for-profit noncommunity public water systems, allows planning and preliminary engineering studies, project design, and construction costs incurred by those public water systems to be funded by loans and other repayable financing. This bill would authorize the above-described costs to be funded by loans or other repayable financing, grants, principal forgiveness, or a combination of grants and loans or other financial assistance, regardless of whether the public water system is a community public water system or a not-for-profit noncommunity public water system, or whether the public water system is owned by a public agency or private not-for-profit water company.	2/19/2016	Set for hearing May 9	Yes, 4/27/16	4/29/16	Sen APPR	Support
AB 2099	M. Stone	Safe Drinking Water Assistance Program	Would require the State Department of Social Services to establish and administer a safe drinking water assistance program to provide cash benefits to low-income households, as defined, with inadequate access to safe drinking water so that they may obtain safe drinking water. The bill would specify that eligible low-income households include, but are not limited to, households in a disadvantaged community, households eligible for interim emergency drinking water benefits from the State Water Resources Control Board, and households whose private wells have gone dry or become contaminated, as specified.	2/17/2016	Re-referred to Com. on APPR	Yes, 4/14/16	4/18/2016	Asm APPR.	Watch
SB 814	Hill	Drought: excessive water use: urban retail water suppliers	Would declare that excessive water use, as defined by each urban retail water supplier, is a waste or unreasonable use of water. This bill would prohibit excessive water use by a residential customer and would make a violation of this prohibition an infraction punishable by a fine of at least \$500 per 100 cubic feet of water used above the excessive water use definition in a billing cycle. By creating a new infraction, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.	1/4/2016	From committee: Be ordered to second reading pursuant to Senate Rule 28.8	Yes, 3/30/16	5/2/16	Senate	Watch

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SB 919	Hertzberg	Water Supply: creation or augmentation of local water supplies	Would require the Public Utilities Commission, before July 1, 2017, in consultation with the Independent System Operator, to adopt and implement policies or tariffs to address the oversupply of renewable energy resources, including, but not limited to, a tariff for use by facilities that create or augment local water supplies, like desalination, brackish water desalting, water recycling, or water reuse facilities, based on certain economic factors. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.	1/27/2016	From committee: Be ordered to second reading pursuant to Senate Rule 28.8	Yes, 4/14/16	5/2/16	Senate	Watch
SB 949	Jackson	Emergency services: critical infrastructure information	would authorize the Governor to require owners and operators of critical infrastructure to submit critical infrastructure information, as those terms are defined, to the Office of Emergency Services, or any other designee, for the purposes of gathering, analyzing, communicating, or disclosing critical infrastructure information, as provided. This bill would provide that critical infrastructure information obtained pursuant to its provisions would be confidential and not subject to disclosure under the California Public Records Act, subpoena, or discovery, or admissible as evidence in any private civil action.	2/4/2016	April 12 set for first hearing canceled at the request of author	No	4/12/2016	Coms. On G.O and JUD.	Watch
SB 995	Pavley	Well Standards	Would, on or before January 1, 2019, require the Department of Water Resources to update well standards for certain types of wells based on existing knowledge. This bill would require the department to establish an advisory panel to identify critical gaps in existing knowledge about the best practices for well construction, alteration, maintenance, and destruction for these wells. This bill would, on or before January 1, 2022, require the advisory panel to make recommendations for improvements in well regulations and the department to submit the recommendations to the State Water Resources Control Board.	2/11/2016	Set For hearing May 9	No	4/29/16	Sen APPR	Watch
SB 1112	Cannella	Utilities: water and sewer systems corporations: transactions	Would require a water or sewer system corporation with less than 2,000 service connections to receive the Public Utilities Commission's approval before entering into specified transactions valued at \$5,000,000. The bill would provide that if a water or sewer system corporation fails to receive the commission's approval, the transaction is voidable by the commission until the commission either retroactively approves or conditionally approves the transaction. The bill would authorize the commission to delegate this approval authority to a specified division director. This bill contains other existing laws.	2/17/2016	Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR	Yes, 4/27/16	4/27/2016	Sen APPR	Watch
SB 1263	Wieckowski	Public Water System: permits	Would, commencing January 1, 2017, prohibit an application for a permit for a new public water system from being deemed complete unless the applicant has submitted a preliminary technical report to the State Water Resources Control Board, as specified, and would allow the state board to impose technical, financial, or managerial requirements on the permit.	2/18/2016	From committee: Be ordered to second reading pursuant to Senate Rule 28.8	No	5/2/16	Senate	Watch