

CalMutuals Legislative Tracker May 27, 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	This bill would require the board of directors of the Central Basin Municipal Water District to be composed of 8 directors, until the directors elected at the November 6, 2018, election take office, when the board would be composed of 7 directors, as prescribed. This bill would require the Central Basin Municipal Water District to establish a technical advisory committee composed of 5 water purveyors selected every 2 years, as specified, to meet on a quarterly basis for certain purposes. By imposing new duties on the district, this bill would create a state-mandated local program. This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions. This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.	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	This bill would, until January 1, 2020, 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 cost of 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. The bill would define the recoverable cost of loss to the verifiable owner of the scrap metal to be specified damages. The bill would also require the California Research Bureau to provide a report to the Legislature on or before June 1, 2019, on the impact of these provisions on efforts to reduce and eliminate metal theft.	2/17/2016	Read second time. Ordered to third reading.	Yes, 05/4/16	5/19/2016	Assembly Second Reading	Support
SB 1456	Galgiani	Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Law of 1997: public water systems: 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. By expanding the use of moneys in a continuously appropriated fund, this bill would make an appropriation. The bill, for a public water system that is a water corporation regulated by the Public Utilities Commission, would limit the principal forgiveness to capital improvements serving severely disadvantaged communities with fewer than 200 service connections. This bill would apply this finding to a public water system that is not a water corporation regulated by the Public Utilities Commission and that serves a severely disadvantaged community with fewer than 200 service connections.	2/19/2016	Set for hearing May 27.	Yes, 4/27/16	5/24/2016	Sen APPR	Support
AB 2099	M. Stone	Safe Drinking Water Assistance Program	This bill would require the State Department of Social Services to, on or before February 1, 2017, convene a workgroup to develop recommendations for delivering a water benefit to supplement the purchase of drinking water for low-income households with inadequate access to safe drinking water, as specified. The bill would require the workgroup to consist of representatives from specified entities, including the Department of Water Resources, the Office of Emergency Services, and applicable community advocates, and would require the workgroup to develop recommendations that include, among other things, an implementation plan for identification of eligible households and delivery of the benefit to those households. The bill would require the State Department of Social Services to, on or before July 1, 2017, submit a report with the recommendations to the Legislature and the California Health and Human Services Agency. The bill would also make relating findings and declarations.	2/17/2016	In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to APPR. suspense file.	Yes, 4/14/16	5/11/2016	Asm APPR.	Watch
SB 814	Hill	Drought: excessive water use: urban retail water suppliers	This bill would declare that excessive water use during a state of emergency based on drought conditions by a residential customer, as specified, is prohibited. This bill would require each urban retail water supplier to establish a method to identify and restrict excessive water use. This bill would authorize as a method to identify and restrict excessive water use the establishment of a rate structure that includes block tiers, water budgets, penalties for prohibited uses, or rate surcharges over and above base rates for excessive water use by residential customers. This bill would authorize as a method to identify and restrict excessive water use the establishment of an excessive water use ordinance, rule, or tariff condition that includes a definition of excessive water use, as prescribed, and would make a violation of this excessive water use ordinance, rule, or tariff condition an infraction punishable by a fine of at least \$500 per 100 cubic feet of water or per 748 gallons used above the excessive water use threshold established by the urban retail water supplier in a billing cycle. By creating a new infraction, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill would provide that these provisions apply only during a period for which the Governor has issued a proclamation of a state of emergency based on drought conditions. This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.	1/4/2016	Referred to Com. on W., P., & W.	Yes, 3/30/16	5/16/2016	Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife	Watch
SB 919	Hertzberg	Water Supply: creation or augmentation of local water supplies	This bill would require the commission, before January 1, 2018, in consultation with the Independent System Operator, to address the oversupply of renewable energy resources through a tariff or other economic incentive for electricity purchased by customers operating "facilities that create or augment local water supplies," as defined, to reduce the cost of electricity to those facilities. This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.	1/27/2016	Referred to Coms. on U. & C. and W., P., & W.	Yes, 4/14/16	5/16/2016	Assembly Utilities and Commerce	Watch
SB 949	Jackson	Emergency services: critical infrastructure information	This bill 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. This bill would make legislative findings to that effect.	2/4/2016	April 12 set for first hearing canceled at the request of author	No	4/12/2016	Sen G.O	Watch

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SB 995	Pavley	Well Standards	This bill, on or before January 1, 2019, would require the department 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. This bill would require the state board to revise the model ordinance upon the receipt of the recommendations for improvements in well regulations from the department.	2/11/2016	Set for hearing May 27.	No	5/20/2016	Sen APPR	Watch
SB 1112	Cannella	Utilities: water and sewer systems corporations: transactions	This bill would provide that if a water or sewer system corporation with less than 2,000 service connections fails to receive the commission's approval before entering into any of the specified transactions valued at \$5,000,000 or less, 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.	2/17/2016	Read second time. Ordered to third reading.	Yes, 4/27/16	5/17/2016	Senate Second Reading	Watch
SB 1263	Wickowski	Public Water System: permits	This bill 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 board, as specified, and would allow the state board to impose technical, financial, or managerial requirements on the permit. The bill would prohibit a public water system not in existence on January 1, 1998, from being granted a permit unless the public water system demonstrates that the water supplier also possesses adequate water rights to ensure the delivery of pure, wholesome, and potable drinking water, and would specify that the prohibition applies to any change in ownership of the public water system, including the consolidation of a public water system. The bill would allow the state board to deny the permit if the state board determines that the service area of the public water system can be served by one or more currently permitted public water systems.	2/18/2016	Referred to Coms. on E.S. & T.M. and W., P., & W.	No	5/16/2016	Asm Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials	Watch
AB 2890	Committee on Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials	Drinking water and wastewater operator certification programs	This bill would require the board to appoint an advisory committee to assist it in carrying out its responsibilities to examine and certify people to operate water treatment plants and water distribution systems. This bill would require the advisory committee to review all proposed regulations and make recommendations to the board. This bill would eliminate the category of a water treatment operator-in-training. This bill would include willful or negligent acts that cause or allow the violation of certain laws as reasonable grounds for those purposes and would specify the rules for a board hearing prior to suspension or revocation of a valid operator certificate. This bill would provide that a person who submits to the board false or misleading information on an application or examination for a water treatment operator certificate or water distribution operator certificate may be liable civilly in an amount not to exceed \$5,000 for each violation. This bill would make a person who operates or is in responsible charge and allows the employment of a person who operates a water treatment plant or water distribution system that does not hold a valid, unexpired certificate of the appropriate grade guilty of a misdemeanor and would provide that civil liability may be imposed in an amount not to exceed \$100 for each day of violation. By expanding the definition of a crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill would specify that the moneys in the account are available, upon appropriation by the Legislature. This bill would require the board to adopt, by emergency regulations, a schedule of fees to recover costs incurred for the purposes of these certification provisions, as prescribed. This bill would require the board to review and revise the fees, as necessary, each fiscal year. This bill would repeal these provisions and instead would require the board to issue a water treatment operator certificate and water distribution operator certificate by reciprocity to any person holding a valid, unexpired, comparable certification issued by another state, the United States, prescribed territories or tribal governments, or a unit of any of these. This bill would require a person who operates a nonexempt wastewater treatment plant to possess a valid, unexpired wastewater certificate or water treatment operator certificate of the appropriate grade. The bill would require the board to prescribe the procedures and requirements for designation of a chief plant operator and the duties of a chief plant operator. This bill would include willful or negligent acts that cause or allow the violation of the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act as reasonable grounds for these purposes. This bill would add that any person who submits to the board false or misleading information on an application for an examination for a wastewater certificate may be liable civilly in that amount. This bill would make a person who operates a wastewater treatment plant without a wastewater certificate or a water recycling treatment plant without a wastewater certificate or water treatment operator certificate, as prescribed, guilty of a misdemeanor and provides that civil liability may be imposed. This bill would make employing such a person subject to the same penalties. By expanding the definition of a crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill would require a wastewater certificate issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2017, to be renewed triennially. This bill would require the board to establish a fee schedule to provide revenues that do not exceed the amount necessary, but are sufficient, to recover all the costs of the program. This bill would require the board to adopt, by emergency regulations, a schedule of fees to recover costs incurred for the purposes of this program, as prescribed. This bill would require the board to review and revise the fees, as necessary, each fiscal year. This bill would eliminate the requirement that the private agencies be nonprofit. This bill would add a 10th person to the advisory committee, a person employed as an operator at a water recycling treatment plant.	2/29/2016	From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to committee. Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Com. on E.Q.	Yes, 5/25/16	5/25/2016	Senate Environmental Quality	For Discussion