State Legislative Update

Southern California Water Dialogue
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2016 Legislative Year

Second year of two-year session

February 19 bill introduction deadline
- Approximately 2,100 new bills during 2016 alone
  - 700+ in Senate
  - 1400 +/- in Assembly

New Assembly Speaker Takes Office
- Anthony Rendon (D-Southgate)
  - 70th Speaker of State Assembly
  - Announced committee changes within first week
    Changes to Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee, among others
2016 Schedule

Key Deadlines

- June 30: Last day for legislative measure to qualify for November General Election
- July 1: Last day for policy committees to meet in second house; summer recess begins if budget signed
- August 1: Legislature returns from recess
- August 12: Lay day for fiscal committees to meet in second house
2016 Schedule (continued)

Key Deadlines (continued)

- August 15-31: Floor session only
- August 31: End of session
- September 30: Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills
- November 8: General Election
- November 30: Adjournment Sine Die
- December 5: Start of 2017/18 Regular Session
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CA Water Fix

AB 1713 (Eggman, D-Stockton): Required statewide voter approval for new Delta conveyance - HELD IN COMMITTEE

AB 2583 (Frazier, D-Antioch): Designed to delay construction of new Delta conveyance and imposed significant new financial and regulatory burdens to project operations – FAILED PASSAGE
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Metropolitan-Sponsored Legislation:

AB 2488 (Dababneh, D-Encino): Would allow Metropolitan to perform maintenance and repairs on Foothill Feeder pipeline

Authorizes Dept. of Fish and Wildlife to issue incidental take permit for potential take of unarmored threespine stickleback, a CA fully protected species (FPS), provided certain conditions are met
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Metropolitan-Sponsored Proposal (continued)

- Passed Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee, with amendments, on 9-0 vote
- Recent CA Supreme Court decision held that relocation of UTS back into stream to mitigate or avoid impacts constitutes incidental take
- Legislative precedence for take authorization established prior to court decision
- Two other FPS bills pending
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Water Use Efficiency

SB 814 (Hill, D-San Mateo): Excessive Use
SB 1233 (McGuire, D-Sonoma): Water Bill Savings Act
SB 1340 (Wolk, D-Davis): Model Water Landscape Ordinances
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Water Use Efficiency (continued)

- **AB 1928** (Campos, D-San Jose): Landscape Equipment Efficiency
- **AB 2515** (Weber, D-San Diego): Model Water Landscape Ordinances
- **AB 2617** (Mayes, D-Yucca Valley): Water Efficiency Measure Assessment
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Water Recycling and Graywater

- SB 163 (Hertzberg, D-Los Angeles): Wastewater Discharges
- AB 1463 (Gatto, D-Los Angeles): Onsite Treated Water
- AB 1738 (McCarty-D Sacramento): Dark Graywater
- AB 2022 (Gordon, D-San Mateo): Bottled Recycled Water
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Desalination
- Four Assembly bills introduced but no longer advancing

Coastal Commission
- Five Assembly bills introduced but no longer advancing
- Active bills include:
  - AB 2002 (Stone, D-Santa Cruz): Communications
  - AB 2616 (Burke, D-Inglewood): Commission Composition
  - SB 1190 (Jackson, D-Santa Barbara): Ex Parte Communications
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- **Climate Change**
  - SB 32 (Pavley, Agoura Hills)

- **Water Energy Nexus**
  - SB 471 (Pavley, D-Agoura Hills)
  - SB 1425 (Pavley, D-Agoura Hills)

- **Stormwater**
  - AB 2594 (Gordon, D- Menlo Park)
  - SB 1328 (Lara, D-Bell Gardens)
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Water Markets/Transfers

- AB 1755 (Dodd, D-Napa): Data Management
- AB 2304 (Levine, D-San Rafael): Water Market Exchange
- AB 2909 (Levine, D-San Rafael): Water Transfers
- ACWA initiative
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Land Use
- AB 2087 (Levine, D-San Rafael): Regional Conservation Frameworks
- SB 1386 (Wolk, D-Davis): Working and Natural Lands

Infrastructure Financing
- SB 20 (Pavley, D-Agoura Hills): Infrastructure Funding
- AB 2444 (E. Garcia, D-Coachella): Water Quality, Coastal Protection and Outdoor Access Bond
Infrastructure Financing

AB 2480 (Bloom, D-Santa Monica): Watershed Investment

ACA 8 (Bloom, D-Santa Monica): Voter Approval Threshold

ACWA/CSAC/LCC Article X proposed constitutional amendment

SB 1298 (Hertzberg, D-Los Angeles): Proposition 218 Implementation
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Water Supply Planning and Delivery of Service

- SB 1262 (Pavley, D-Agoura Hills): Water Supply Planning
- SB 1263 (Wieckowski, D-Fremont): Public Water System Permits
- SB 552 (Wolk, D-Davis): Service to Disadvantaged Unincorporated Communities
- SB 1317 (Wolk, D-Davis): Groundwater Extraction Permits
- SB 1318 (Wolk, Davis): Water/Wastewater Infrastructure
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FY 16/17 State Budget

- SB 826 passed by Legislature on June 15
- Proposes $170.9b in total expenditures
- Governor has until end of month to sign, veto or make line item vetoes
- Does not include expenditures for 40% discretionary Cap-and-Trade revenue

- Final expenditure plan for GGRF subject to future negotiations
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FY 16/17 State Budget (continued)

Emergency Drought Response
- $21.4m to SWRCB for continued enforcement and emergency drinking water grants
- $15m to DWR for drought operations
- $17.7m to DFW for wildlife impacts
  - $4.2m to accelerate actions for Delta smelt

Preparation for Future Droughts
- $4.5m to DWR and SWRCB for review and update of local water shortage contingency plans
- $3.5m to DWR to support use and development of data sets
- $3m to DWR to manage and prepare for dry periods
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FY 16/17 State Budget (continued)

- **Safe Drinking Water**
  - $9.5m from Prop. 98 to SWRCB for grants to improve drinking water at schools in disadvantaged communities

- **Aliso Canyon and Regulation of Gas Storage**
  - $13.8m to implement Governor’s Emergency Proclamation, enhance public safety statewide and strengthen oversight

- Vote on “resources” and “energy” trailer bills pending (SB 839 and 840)
Regionalization of Western Grid

- Combining loads and resources over large diverse geographic region
- Expands footprint of CAISO market operation to outside California
- Aggressive timeline
- Late August legislative push?

Legislation required to change CAISO governance

Thorough analysis of consequences?
Questions?