



# 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)
    - 70<sup>th</sup> 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

# Water Policy Legislation

- 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**

# Water Policy Legislation

- 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



# Water Policy Legislation

- 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

# Water Policy Legislation

- 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



# Water Policy Legislation

- 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

# Water Policy Legislation

- 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

# Water Policy Legislation

- 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

# Water Policy Legislation

- 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)

# Water Policy Legislation

- 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

# Water Policy Legislation

- 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

# Water Policy Legislation

- 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



# Water Policy Legislation

- 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

# Water Policy Legislation

- 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

# Water Policy Legislation

- 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

# Water Policy Legislation

- 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)

# Water Policy Legislation

- 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?