

These are pending bills which have not yet passed/failed. The status of the bill is below the summary. There are also links to look over the proposed legislation. This is a working document we expect to change as new bills are introduced or as old bills pass/fail. Please contact WQA if there is a bill missing from this list and we will make sure it is added.

Recent Bill Highlights:

- **California A.B. 434** (POU/POE) signed by the Governor on September 9th, 2015 & now working on rule adoption through the State Water Resources Control Board

State Level

California

The Governor's deadline has passed for signing and vetoing the bill that with to him and the Legislature is on recess.

A.B. 1 – Drought Conditions

With the continuation of the drought in California, this bill will, in a state of emergency (for a drought), not allow a city or county, or a city and county to fine for not watering the lawn or for having a brown lawn.

Status: Referred to the Standing Committee on Local Government (01/16/2015)

Passed the Assembly (4/23/2015)

Introduced in the Senate and sent to Standing Committee on Rules for assignment (4/23/2015)

Referred to Standing Committee on Governmental Organization (05/07/2015)

Ordered for special consent calendar (06/17/2015)

Passed the Senate (6/22/2015)

Assembly agreed with the Senate amendment (6/25/2015)

Approved by the governor (7/13/2015)

http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/15-16/bill/asm/ab_0001-0050/ab_1_bill_20141201_introduced.html

A.B. 88 – Energy/Water Efficiency

This bill would exempt from these taxes the gross receipts from the sale of, and the storage, use, or other consumption in this state of, an energy or water efficient home appliance purchased by a public utility provided at no cost to a low-income participant in a federal, state, or ratepayer-funded energy efficiency program for use by the low-income participant in the energy efficiency program.

Status: referred to the Standing Committee on Revenue and Taxation (01/26/2015)

Hearing was canceled by author (03/23/2015)

Re-referred to Standing Committee on Revenue & Taxation with amendments (04/06/2015)

Passed the Assembly (06/01/2015)

Referred to the Standing Committee on Rules in the Senate (06/01/2015)

Hearing postponed by committee (06/17/2015)

Re-referred to the standing committee on appropriations (7/15/2015)

Passed Senate (09/01/2015)

Sent to Governor (09/14/2015)

Vetoed by Governor (10/10/2015)

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201520160AB88

A.B. 434 – Non-Centralized Treatment

Existing law required the State Department of Public Health to adopt emergency regulations governing the permitted use of point-of-entry and point-of-use treatment by public water systems in lieu of centralized treatment. The emergency regulations ended in January 1, 2014. This bill will reinstate these emergency regulations permanently unless amended or repealed by the State Water Resources Control Board. The bill will also allow the Board to award grants for point-of-use and point-of-entry treatment in lieu of centralized treatment by a public water system (specifically for severely disadvantaged communities)

Status: was introduced to assembly (02/19/2015)

Referred to the Standing Committee on Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials (03/02/2015)





Amended and re-referred to Committee (03/23/2015)
Urgency clause adopted and passed the Assembly (04/30/2015)
Introduced in the Senate and sent to Standing Committee on Rules for assignment (04/30/2015)
Referred to the Standing Committee on Environmental Quality (05/14/2015)
Re-referred to the standing committee on appropriations (6/25/2015)
Passed Senate (08/31/2015)
Sent to Governor (09/10/2015)
Signed by the Governor (10/09/2015)

http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/15-16/bill/asm/ab_0401-0450/ab_434_bill_20150219_introduced.htm

A.B. 435 – State Agency Webcasting

This bill will require the CA EPA and the Resources Agency and their boards and commissions to webcast all of their public meetings. This will deliver more transparency at meetings where few people have the opportunity to physically attend. So far, the bills has passed unanimously in every vote. WQA is supporting this bill and monitoring its progress.

Status: Passed the Assembly (06/02/2015)
Referred to the Standing Committee on Environmental Quality (06/25/2015)
Held under submission in Senate committee (08/27/2015)

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201520160AB435

A.B. 496 – School Drinking Water Access

This bill will continue to require all California school districts to provide access to free, fresh drinking water during meal times in food services areas. Because of the high rate in unsafe drinking water in school water systems, it also authorizes the State Department of Education to receive funds to allocate to school districts to comply with the requirement for access to drinking water.

Status: referred to the Standing Committee on Education (03/05/2015)
Read for a second time and amended (05/04/2015)
Passed Assembly (06/03/2015)
Referred to the Standing Committee on Rules in the Senate (06/03/2015)
Referred to Coms. on ED. and E.Q. (06/17/2015)
Re-referred to the standing Committee on Appropriations (07/16/2015)
Passed Senate (09/2/2015)
Sent to Governor (09/16/2015)
Approved by the Governor (10/09/2015)

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201520160AB496

A.B. 543 – Amendments to Prop 65

This bill amends sections 25249.6 and 25249.11 in the Health and Safety Code. These sections relate to Proposition 65 and will allow businesses to conduct an exposure assessment to evaluate if the same chemical in or from the relevant source where exposure could happen is below the level requiring a warning.

Status: was introduced to assembly (02/23/2015)
Referred to the Standing Committee on Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials (03/05/2015)
Committee voted to send the bill to the Committee on Rules for assignment (4/29/2015)
Held in the Assembly Environmental Safety & Toxic Materials Committee (04/28/2015)

http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/15-16/bill/asm/ab_0501-0550/ab_543_bill_20150223_introduced.htm

A.B. 615

This bill will allow the Office of Sustainable Water Solutions to establish and administer at least one “Center for Excellence” for the purpose of providing technical assistance on drinking water and wastewater treatment services to disadvantaged communities. It allows for the collaboration with California State University, University of California, nonprofit organizations and other organizations to help with the center.

Status: Re-referred to Standing Committee on Appropriations (04/28/2015)



Set first hearing in Committee (05/06/2015)
Passed Assembly (06/04/2015)
Referred to the Standing Committee on Rules in the Senate (06/04/2015)
Referred to the Standing Committee on Environmental Quality (06/18/2015)

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201520160AB615

A.B. 954

The State Water Resources Control Board will need to develop a pilot program (Water and Wastewater Loan program) to provide low-interest loans and grants to local agencies for low-interest loans and grants to eligible applicants for drinking water and wastewater treatment.

Status: Bills was amended and re-referred to the Standing Committee on Appropriations (05/06/2015)
Passed Assembly (06/04/2015)
Referred to the Standing Committee on Rules in the Senate (06/04/2015)
Referred to the Standing Committee on Environmental Quality (06/18/2015)
Re-referred to the Standing Committee on Appropriations (7/16/2015)
Held in the Senate Appropriations Committee (08/27/2015)

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201520160AB615

A.B. 955 – Emergency Drought Relief Plan

The Office of Emergency Services has the authority under the existing California Disaster Assistance Act to establish a model process to assist communities in recovering from an emergency proclaimed by the Governor. This process may consider, the role of the office to facilitate the use of temporary services, including, but not limited to, the provision of potable water. Additional authority would be given to the office to establish a model process to address the effects of a drought by providing temporary water supplies to drinking and sanitation to property owners.

Status: introduced to Assembly (02/26/2015)
Referred to the Standing Committee on Governmental Organization (03/26/2015)
Passed Committee and re-referred to Standing Committee on Appropriations (4/28/2015)
In Committee was held under submission (05/28/2015)

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201520160AB955

A.B. 1531 – Non-Centralized Treatment Permits

This bill would authorize the State Water Resources Control Board to adopt, as emergency regulations, any regulation necessary to ensure consistency with the requirements for state primacy enforcement responsibility under the federal act. The bill would require these emergency regulations not be subject to review by the Office of Administrative Law and remain in effect until revised by the state board. The Health and Safety Code Section 116380 is amended to allow the state board to include, in the regulations adopted, requirements for the use of point-of-entry and point-of-use treatment by public water systems with less than 200 service connections in lieu of centralized treatment if centralized treatment is not economically feasible. The Health and Safety Code Section 116552 is amended to not allow the state board to issue a new permit or amend an existing permit to a public water systems to allow use of point-of-entry or point-of-use treatment unless the board determines, after a public hearing, there is no substantial community opposition in installing the treatment devices.

Status: Introduced to Assembly (03/23/2015)
Maybe heard in Committee April 23 (03/24/2015)
Passed Committee and re-referred to the Standing Committee on Appropriations (4/28/2015)
Passed Assembly (05/14/2015)
Referred to the Standing Committee on Environmental Quality (05/28/2015)
Re-referred to the Standing Committee on Appropriations (7/16/2015)
Passed Senate (09/20/2015)
Approved by the Governor (10/09/2015)

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201520160AB1531

S.B. 127 – Relating to the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014

This act will add section 21168.6.7 to the Public Resources Code. It develops the procedure to attack, review, set aside, void, or annul the certification of a final environmental impact study for a water project which is funded in whole or in part, by the Water Quality, Supply and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014. An environmental impact report is required for a proposed project that might have a significant effect on the environment or the report should adopt a negative declaration if it finds the project will not have a significant effect.

Status: referred to the Coms. On E.Q. and JUD. (02/05/2015)

Hearing for March 18 has been postponed by committee (03/04/2015)

Hearing set for April 15 (03/17/2015)

Hearing canceled by the author (4/1/2015)

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201520160SB127

S.B. 334

This bill will no longer allow school districts to adopt resolutions stating they are unable to provide access to free, fresh drinking water during meal times. School Districts will need to provide free, fresh, clean drinking water during meal times and access to drinking water throughout the schooldays, including recreational time. If a school's water source does not meet the EPA drinking standards then its water source must be closed and an alternative drinking water source provided. The State Department of Education and the State Department of Public Health will have to collaborate on guidelines and best practices. The Department of Public Health will be expected to test drinking water sources at all school sites for lead.

Status: Referred to the Standing Committee on Appropriations (04/30/2015)

Passed Senate (06/04/2015)

Introduced in the Assembly – held at the desk (06/04/2015)

Referred to the Standing Committee on Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials (07/08/2015)

Re-referred to the Standing Committee on Appropriations (7/16/2015)

Passed Assembly (09/08/2015)

Sent to Governor (09/11/2015)

Vetoed by the Governor (10/09/2015)

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201520160SB334

S.B. 385 – Chromium 6

This bill will allow the State Water Resources Control Board to grant time-limited variances to public water systems as they come into compliance with the new rule governing chromium-6.

Status: was introduced to senate (02/24/2015)

Referred to Coms. On E.Q. and Jud. (03/12/2015)

Hearing is set for April 15 (03/17/2015)

Passed Committee and re-referred to Standing Committee on Judiciary (4/16/2015)

Hearing set for May 5th (4/24/2015)

Passed the Senate (05/28/2015)

Re-referred to Standing Committee on Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials (06/18/2015)

Ordered to be on the consent calendar (07/16/2015)

Passed Assembly (08/20/2015)

Approved by Governor (09/04/2015)

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201520160SB385

S.B. 552

By January 1, 2017, the state Water Resources Control Board will have to develop a plan, including enforcement mechanisms, to ensure disadvantaged communities have water systems in compliance with state and federal drinking water standards. The bill will require the plan to identify strategies to help bring disadvantaged communities into compliance with the safe drinking water standards.

Status: referred to the Standing Committee on Environmental Quality (03/12/2015)



Hearing set for April 15 (03/07/2015)
Re-referred to Standing Committee on Appropriations (4/30/2015)
Passed Senate (06/01/2015)
Introduced in the Assembly – held at the desk (06/02/2015)
Referred to Standing Committee on Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials (06/18/2015)
Re-referred to the Standing Committee on Rules (07/09/2015)

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201520160SB552

SB 633

This stipulates makers of California goods can use “Made in U.S.A.” if at least 95% of the parts are manufactured domestically. The new law replaces a 1961 state law.

Status: Introduced in the Senate (02/27/2015)
Passed Senate (05/22/2015)
Passed Assembly (07/16/2015)
Amendments Passed Senate (08/17/2015)
Signed by the Governor (09/01/2015)

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201520160SB633