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**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 331**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Goldberg**

February 16, 2001

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An act to add Section 13578 to the Water Code, relating to recycled water.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 331, as amended, Goldberg. 2002 Recycled Water Task Force.

Under existing law, the Department of Water Resources is among the principal state agencies with primary authority over water. Existing law regulates the use of recycled water.

This bill would require the department to convene the 2002 Recycled Water Task Force with a specified membership to advise the department in investigating the opportunities for using recycled water in industrial and commercial applications and in identifying impediments and constraints to increasing the industrial and commercial use of recycled water, and would require a report to the Legislature with recommendations on specified topics ~~by not later than~~ January 1, 2003.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.



*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 13578 is added to the Water Code, to  
2 read:

3 13578. (a) In order to achieve the statewide goal for recycled  
4 water use established in Section 13577 and to implement the  
5 Governor’s Advisory Drought Planning Panel Critical Water  
6 Shortage Contingency Plan recommendations, Section F2, as  
7 submitted December 29, 2000, the department shall identify and  
8 report back to the Legislature on opportunities for increasing the  
9 use of recycled water, as defined in paragraph (3) of subdivision  
10 (b) of Section 13575, and identify constraints and impediments,  
11 including the level of state financial assistance available for  
12 project construction, to increasing the use of recycled water.

13 (b) The department shall convene a task force, to be known as  
14 the 2002 Recycled Water Task Force, to advise the department in  
15 implementation of subdivision (a), including making  
16 recommendations to the Legislature regarding the following:

17 (1) How to further the use of recycled water in industrial and  
18 commercial applications, including, but not limited to, those  
19 applications set forth in Section 13552.8. The task force shall  
20 evaluate the current regulatory framework of state and local rules,  
21 regulations, ordinances, and permits to identify the obstacles and  
22 disincentives to industrial and commercial reuse. Issues to be  
23 investigated include, but are not limited to, applicability of visual  
24 inspections instead of pressure tests for cross-connections between  
25 potable and nonpotable water systems, dual piping trenching  
26 restrictions, fire suppression system design, and backflow  
27 protections.

28 (2) Changes in the Uniform Plumbing Code, published by the  
29 International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials,  
30 that are needed to facilitate the use of recycled water in industrial  
31 and commercial settings. The department shall make  
32 recommendations to the California Building Standards  
33 Commission with regard to suggested revisions to the California  
34 Plumbing Code necessary to incorporate the changes identified by  
35 the task force.

36 (3) Changes in state statutes or the current regulatory  
37 framework of state and local rules, regulations, ordinances, and  
38 permits needed to increase the use of recycled water for



1 commercial laundries and toilet and urinal flushing in structures  
2 including, but not limited to, those defined in subdivision (c) of  
3 Section 13553(c). The department shall identify financial  
4 incentives to help offset the cost of retrofitting privately and  
5 publicly owned structures.

6 (4) The need to reconvene the California Potable Reuse  
7 Committee established by the department in 1993 or convene a  
8 successor committee to update the committee's recommendation  
9 that planned indirect potable reuse of recycled water by  
10 augmentation of surface water supplies would not adversely affect  
11 drinking water quality if certain conditions were met.

12 (5) The need to augment state water supplies using water use  
13 efficiency strategies identified in the CALFED Bay-Delta  
14 Program. In its report pursuant to subdivision (a), the department  
15 shall identify ways to coordinate with CALFED to assist local  
16 communities in educating the public to the statewide water supply  
17 benefits of local recycling projects and the level of public health  
18 protection ensured by compliance with the uniform statewide  
19 water recycling criteria developed by the State Department of  
20 Health Services in accordance with Section 13521.

21 (6) Impediments or constraints related to increasing the use of  
22 recycled water in applications for agricultural, environmental, or  
23 irrigation uses, as determined by the department.

24 (c) (1) The task force shall be convened by the department and  
25 be comprised of one representative from each of the following  
26 state agencies:

- 27 (A) The Department of Water Resources.
- 28 (B) The State Department of Health Services.
- 29 (C) The State Water Resources Control Board.
- 30 (D) The Environmental Protection Agency.
- 31 (E) The CALFED Bay-Delta Program.
- 32 (F) The Department of Food and Agriculture.
- 33 (G) The Building Standards Commission.
- 34 (H) The University of California.

35 (2) The task force shall also include public members including  
36 representatives of recognized environmental advocacy groups and  
37 consumer advocacy groups, as determined by the department, and  
38 one representative of local agency health officers, one  
39 representative of urban water wholesalers, one representative  
40 from a groundwater management entity, one representative of



- 1 water districts, one representative from a nonprofit association of  
2 public and private members created to further the use of recycled  
3 water, *one representative of commercial real estate, one*  
4 *representative of land development, one representative of*  
5 *industrial interests*, and at least two representatives from each of  
6 the following as defined in Section 13575:  
7 (A) Recycled water producer.  
8 (B) Recycled water wholesaler.  
9 (C) Retail water supplier.  
10 (d) The department and the task force shall report to the  
11 Legislature ~~by~~ *not later than* January 1, 2003.

