

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 16, 2001

SENATE BILL

No. 672

Introduced by Senator Machado

February 23, 2001

An act to add Section 10013 to the Water Code, relating to water.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 672, as amended, Machado. California Water Plan.

Existing law requires the Department of Water Resources to update every 5 years the plan for the orderly and coordinated control, protection, conservation, development, and use of the water resources of the state, known as the California Water Plan.

This bill would require the department to ~~amend~~ *include in the California Water Plan for the purposes of a plan for* facilitating the development of water projects within each hydrologic region of the state to improve water supplies to meet municipal, agricultural, and environmental water needs *and to minimize the need to import water from other hydrologic regions, as prescribed.*

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. The Legislature finds and declares all of the
- 2 following:
- 3 (a) The Department of Water Resources, through its contracts
- 4 for delivery of water from the State Water Project, has established
- 5 water entitlement objectives for approximately 4,200,000 acre
- 6 feet.

1 (b) Municipal, agricultural, and environmental water needs
2 have increased beyond levels anticipated in the California Water
3 Plan:

4 ~~(e) The peace, and the State Water Project has not developed~~
5 ~~water projects that will yield the quantity of water established as~~
6 ~~water entitlement objectives.~~

7 (c) *The health, safety, and well-being of the people of*
8 *California will best be served by meeting the municipal,*
9 *agricultural, and environmental water needs of each hydrologic*
10 *region without diminishing the resources of other regions that are*
11 *necessary to meet the present and future municipal, agricultural,*
12 *and environmental needs of those regions.*

13 (d) *The health, safety, and well-being of the people of the State*
14 *of California will best be served by employing current and*
15 *developing water treatment and conservation technologies and by*
16 *implementing the principles set forth in the Cobey-Porter Saline*
17 *Water Conservation Law (Chapter 9 (commencing with Section*
18 *12945) of Part 6 of Division 6 of the Water Code) to the maximum*
19 *extent practicable.*

20 SEC. 2. Section 10013 is added to the Water Code, to read:

21 10013. (a) The department, as a part of the preparation of the
22 department's Bulletin 160-2003, shall ~~prepare an amendment to~~
23 ~~the California Water Plan for the purposes of~~ *include in the*
24 *California Water Plan a plan for facilitating the development of*
25 *water projects within each hydrologic region of the state, as*
26 *described in the department's Bulletin 160-98, to improve water*
27 *supplies to meet municipal, agricultural, and environmental water*
28 *needs and to minimize the need to import water from other*
29 *hydrologic regions.*

30 (b) For the purposes of carrying out subdivision (a), the
31 department shall include a discussion of the use of technologies,
32 *to the maximum extent possible*, to desalt brackish groundwater
33 and ocean water, water reclamation for use within the community
34 generating the water to be reclaimed, the construction of improved
35 potable water treatment facilities so that water from sources
36 determined to be unsuitable can be utilized, and the construction
37 of dual water systems and brine lines particularly in connection
38 with new developments and when replacing water piping in
39 already developed or redeveloped areas.



1 (c) For the purposes of carrying out subdivision (a), the
2 department is encouraged to consult the Governor's office to
3 coordinate with other states and Mexico when addressing those
4 hydrologic regions that share a common regional water supply
5 with those other entities.

6 (d) The department shall also include estimated costs and make
7 recommendations for funding of projects described in the
8 amendment.

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