

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 18, 2002

**SENATE BILL**

**No. 1518**

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**Introduced by Senator Torlakson**

February 20, 2002

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An act to amend Section 6512 of the Health and Safety Code and to amend Section 10633 of the Water Code, relating to water.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1518, as amended, Torlakson. Recycled water.

(1) Existing law requires a sanitary district that includes any part of a city, water district, or other local agency that provides water service to any territory in the district to obtain the consent of that city, water district, or other local agency prior to supplying water service to that territory.

This bill would provide that this requirement does not apply to the provision of recycled water by a sanitary district.

(2) Existing law requires every urban water supplier to prepare and periodically update an urban water management plan for submission to the Department of Water Resources. Existing law requires the supplier to describe in the plan the projected use of recycled water within the supplier's service area at the end of 5, 10, 15, and 20 years.

This bill would require the supplier to include in the plan a description of the actual use of recycled water in comparison to previously projected uses, *and a description of the quantity of treated wastewater that meets recycled water standards, is being discharged, and is otherwise available for use in a recycled water project.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. 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) California is experiencing substantial water shortage  
4 statewide.

5 (b) The state's population is growing by approximately  
6 750,000 people a year, and is expected to approach 50 million by  
7 2020.

8 (c) This boom in population will nearly double the demand for  
9 water supply in urban areas by 2020, compounding the shortage  
10 problem.

11 (d) The state needs to take action that will help alleviate these  
12 problems by expanding options for securing water supply.

13 (e) The state has a tremendous capacity to use reclaimed water  
14 for a range of uses.

15 (f) The ~~CALFED Bay-Delta Program~~ Legislature has  
16 established goals for water recycling in the state, namely to reclaim  
17 and reuse one million acre-feet annually by 2010.

18 (g) It is the policy of the State of California to do what it can  
19 to encourage and facilitate the expanded use of recycled water.

20 SEC. 2. Section 6512 of the Health and Safety Code is  
21 amended to read:

22 6512. (a) A district may acquire, plan, construct, reconstruct,  
23 alter, enlarge, lay, renew, replace, maintain, and operate garbage  
24 dumpsites and garbage collection and disposal systems, sewers,  
25 drains, septic tanks, and sewerage collection, outfall, treatment  
26 works and other sanitary disposal systems, and storm water drains  
27 and storm water collection, outfall and disposal systems, and water  
28 recycling and distribution systems, as the board deems necessary  
29 and proper, and in the performance of these functions, either in or  
30 out of the district, it may join through joint powers agreements  
31 pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 5 (commencing with Section  
32 6500) of Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code, or through  
33 other means with any county or municipality or any other district  
34 or governmental agency.

35 (b) Before any garbage dump is established, the location shall  
36 first be approved by the county health officer, and, in addition, if  
37 the location is within two miles of any city, the consent of the  
38 governing body of the city shall first be secured.



1 (c) (1) If the district includes any part of a city, water district,  
 2 or other local agency that provides water service to any territory  
 3 in the district, the district shall not supply water service to the  
 4 territory unless the district first obtains the consent of the city,  
 5 water district, or other local agency. The consent shall not be  
 6 revoked, if the revocation will result in a decrease of the revenues  
 7 available to pay the outstanding bonds of the district.

8 (2) This subdivision does not apply to the provision of recycled  
 9 water by a district.

10 (d) The Department of Water Resources may assist sanitary  
 11 districts in applying for, and in obtaining approval of, federal and  
 12 state funding and permits for cost-effective water recycling  
 13 projects and shall confer and cooperate with the legislative body  
 14 of the district during the application and approval process.

15 SEC. 3. Section 10633 of the Water Code is amended to read:

16 10633. The plan shall provide, to the extent available,  
 17 information on recycled water and its potential for use as a water  
 18 source in the service area of the urban water supplier. ~~To the extent~~  
 19 ~~practicable, the~~ *The preparation of the plan shall be coordinated*  
 20 *with local water, wastewater, groundwater, and planning agencies*  
 21 *that operate within the supplier's service area, and shall include*  
 22 *all of the following:*

23 (a) A description of the wastewater collection and treatment  
 24 systems in the supplier's service area, including a quantification  
 25 of the amount of wastewater collected and treated and the methods  
 26 of wastewater disposal.

27 (b) *A description of the quantity of treated wastewater that*  
 28 *meets recycled water standards, is being discharged, and is*  
 29 *otherwise available for use in a recycled water project.*

30 (c) A description of the recycled water currently being used in  
 31 the supplier's service area, including, but not limited to, the type,  
 32 place, and quantity of use.

33 ~~(e)~~

34 (d) A description and quantification of the potential uses of  
 35 recycled water, including, but not limited to, agricultural  
 36 irrigation, landscape irrigation, wildlife habitat enhancement,  
 37 wetlands, industrial reuse, groundwater recharge, and other  
 38 appropriate uses, and a determination with regard to the technical  
 39 and economic feasibility of serving those uses.

40 ~~(d)~~



1 (e) The projected use of recycled water within the supplier’s  
2 service area at the end of 5, 10, 15, and 20 years, and a description  
3 of the actual use of recycled water in comparison to uses  
4 previously projected pursuant to this subdivision.

5 (e)

6 (f) A description of actions, including financial incentives,  
7 which may be taken to encourage the use of recycled water, and the  
8 projected results of these actions in terms of acre-feet of recycled  
9 water used per year.

10 (f)

11 (g) A plan for optimizing the use of recycled water in the  
12 supplier’s service area, including actions to facilitate the  
13 installation of dual distribution systems ~~and~~, to promote  
14 recirculating uses, *to facilitate the increased use of treated*  
15 *wastewater that meets recycled water standards, and to overcome*  
16 *any obstacles to achieving that increased use.*

