

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1703**

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**Introduced by Committee on Environmental Safety and Toxic  
Materials (Laird (Chair), Chu, Levine, Lieber, and Lowenthal)**

February 25, 2003

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An act to add Section 232 to the Water Code, relating to water.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1703, as introduced, Committee on Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials. Department of Water Resources: water trades: reporting.

Existing law authorizes the Department of Water Resources, either independently or in cooperation with any person or any county, state, federal, or other agency, to collect records of diversion and use of water.

This bill would require the department, no later than January 1, 2006, to require any entity that trades water to report their water trading activities to the department. The bill would require the department to provide an online format for collecting certain information for each trading transaction.

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 232 is added to the Water Code, to read:  
2 232. No later than January 1, 2006, the department shall  
3 require any entity that trades water to report their water trading  
4 activities to the department. The department shall provide an

- 1 online format for collecting all of the following information for
- 2 each trading transaction:
- 3 (a) The participants.
- 4 (b) The quantity of water involved.
- 5 (c) Any water quality requirements.
- 6 (d) The terms of delivery, including, but not limited to, time,
- 7 delivery points, and transport methods.
- 8 (e) Cost, including the disclosure of direct and indirect costs.
- 9 (f) Additional parties that facilitated the trade, including, but
- 10 not limited to, any agent, broker, financing party, or consultant.
- 11 (g) The purpose.
- 12 (h) A certification by the entity as to the accuracy of the
- 13 information provided pursuant to this section.

