

## Assembly Bill No. 2515

### CHAPTER 573

An act to add Section 2714.5 to the Public Utilities Code, relating to water conservation.

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#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2515, Ruskin. Water conservation: report.

Existing law authorizes the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to regulate public utilities, including water corporations.

This bill would require the PUC to prepare and submit to the Legislature, by June 30, 2008, a report that describes the progress achieved toward implementing the policy objectives of the PUC's Water Action Plan, adopted December 15, 2005, and to include specified matter in the report.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2714.5 is added to the Public Utilities Code, to read:

2714.5. The commission shall, by June 30, 2008, prepare and submit to the Legislature, a report that describes the progress achieved toward implementing the policy objectives of the commission's Water Action Plan, adopted December 15, 2005, which includes all of the following:

(a) The progress achieved toward development and implementation of a ratemaking mechanism and rate design that will encourage water conservation and efficient water use.

(b) The progress achieved toward development and implementation of rates that remove the financial disincentive for water corporations to conserve water that exists in the current rate structure, while preserving continued revenue stability for water corporations as new rate structures are implemented.

(c) The impacts of water conservation and efficiency programs on future water, energy, and wastewater treatment costs to customers of water corporations.

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