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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2007–08 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2222**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Caballero**

February 20, 2008

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An act to add Section 10782 to the Water Code, relating to groundwater.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2222, as amended, Caballero. Groundwater quality: monitoring.

The Groundwater Quality Monitoring Act of 2001 requires the State Water Resources Control Board to integrate existing monitoring programs and design new program elements, as necessary, to establish a comprehensive monitoring program capable of assessing each groundwater basin in the state through direct and other statistically reliable sampling approaches. The act also requires the creation of an interagency task force and an advisory committee.

This bill would require the public advisory committee and interagency task force, *on or before* June 1, 2009, to identify and recommend to the Legislature funding options to extend the comprehensive monitoring program until January 1, 2016 *and make recommendations to enhance public accessibility of information on groundwater conditions*. The bill would require the state board, on or before January 1, ~~2010~~ 2011, in consultation with ~~the advisory committee and interagency task force, to evaluate information obtained through the comprehensive monitoring program and~~ *specified agencies*, to submit to the Legislature a prescribed report. The bill would require ~~the advisory committee and interagency~~

~~task force to identify additional resources to complete that report board to provide an opportunity for public comment prior to finalizing the report and submitting it to the Legislature.~~

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 10782 is added to the Water Code, to  
 2 read:  
 3 10782. (a) On or before June 1, 2009, the advisory committee  
 4 and interagency task force shall ~~identify~~ *do both of the following:*  
 5 (1) *Identify* and recommend to the Legislature funding options  
 6 to extend, until January 1, 2016, the comprehensive monitoring  
 7 program established in accordance with Section 10781.  
 8 (2) *Make recommendations to enhance the public accessibility*  
 9 *of information on groundwater conditions.*  
 10 (b) On or before January 1, ~~2010~~ 2011, the state board, in  
 11 consultation ~~with the advisory committee and interagency task~~  
 12 ~~force,~~ shall evaluate information obtained through the  
 13 comprehensive monitoring program established in accordance with  
 14 Section 10781, and with the State Department of Public Health,  
 15 the Department of Water Resources, the Department of Pesticide  
 16 Regulation, the Office of Environmental Health Hazard  
 17 Assessment, and any other agencies as appropriate, shall submit  
 18 to the Legislature a report that does all of the following:  
 19 (1) Identifies communities that rely on contaminated  
 20 groundwater ~~for as a primary source of drinking water, identifying~~  
 21 ~~the groundwater source, and identifies~~ the principal contaminants  
 22 affecting that groundwater; and contamination levels.  
 23 (2) ~~Makes recommendations for policies, programs, and~~  
 24 ~~estimates of the funding needed to protect, restore, improve, and~~  
 25 ~~meet public health standards applicable to groundwater basins~~  
 26 ~~providing drinking water to the communities identified pursuant~~  
 27 ~~to paragraph (1).~~  
 28 (3) ~~Makes recommendations to enhance the public accessibility~~  
 29 ~~of information on groundwater conditions.~~  
 30 (c) ~~The advisory committee and interagency task force shall~~  
 31 ~~identify additional resources to complete the report required in~~  
 32 ~~subdivision (b). Preparation of this report shall not preclude or~~

1 ~~delay any other program enacted by the Legislature or undertaken~~  
2 ~~by the state to improve groundwater quality or protect groundwater~~  
3 ~~supplies.~~

4 *(2) Identifies potential solutions and funding sources to cleanup*  
5 *or treat groundwater or to provide alternative water supplies to*  
6 *ensure provision of safe drinking water to communities identified*  
7 *in paragraph (1).*

8 *(c) The state board shall provide an opportunity for public*  
9 *comment on the report required pursuant to subdivision (b), prior*  
10 *to finalizing the report and submitting it to the Legislature.*