

Introduced by Senator Margett

February 23, 2007

An act to amend Section 10004 of the Water Code, relating to water resources.

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SB 847, as introduced, Margett. Water Resources: The California Water Plan.

Under existing law, the Department of Water Resources operates the State Water Project and exercises specified water planning functions. Existing law requires the department to update The California Water Plan, which is a plan for the conservation, development, and use of the water resources of the state, every 5 years. Existing law requires the department to update The California Water Plan on or before December 31, 2003, and every 5 years thereafter. Existing law requires the department to provide written notice to interested persons of meetings of a prescribed advisory committee that assists the department in updating The California Water Plan.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to this provision of the law.

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. Section 10004 of the Water Code is amended to
- 2 read:
- 3 10004. (a) The plan for the orderly and coordinated control,
- 4 protection, conservation, development, and utilization of the water

1 resources of the state which is set forth and described in Bulletin
2 No. 1 of the State Water Resources Board entitled “Water
3 Resources of California,” Bulletin No. 2 of the State Water
4 Resources Board entitled, “Water Utilization and Requirements
5 of California,” and Bulletin No. 3 of the department entitled, “The
6 California Water Plan,” with any necessary amendments,
7 supplements, and additions to the plan, shall be known as “The
8 California Water Plan.”

9 (b) (1) The department shall update The California Water Plan
10 on or before December 31, 2003, and every five years thereafter.
11 The department shall report the amendments, supplements, and
12 additions included in the updates of The California Water Plan,
13 together with a summary of the department’s conclusions and
14 recommendations, to the Legislature ~~in~~ *during* the session in which
15 the updated plan is issued.

16 (2) The department shall establish an advisory committee,
17 comprised of representatives of agricultural and urban water
18 suppliers, local government, business, production agriculture, and
19 environmental interests, and other interested parties, to assist the
20 department in the updating of The California Water Plan. The
21 department shall consult with the advisory committee in carrying
22 out this section. ~~The department shall~~ *and* provide written notice
23 of meetings of the advisory committee to any interested person or
24 entity that request the notice. The meetings shall be open to the
25 public.

26 (3) The department shall release a preliminary draft of The
27 California Water Plan, as updated, upon request, to interested
28 persons and entities throughout the state for their review and
29 comments. The department shall provide these persons and entities
30 an opportunity to present written or oral comments on the
31 preliminary draft. The department shall consider these comments
32 in the preparation of the final publication of The California Water
33 Plan, as updated.