

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 934

Introduced by Assembly Member Gilmore

February 26, 2009

An act to add Section 140 to the Water Code, relating to water.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 934, as introduced, Gilmore. San Joaquin Valley: water supply. Existing law grants the Department of Water Resources various responsibilities relating to the water resources of the state.

This bill would require the department to study the economic impacts of water supply reduction in specified counties in the San Joaquin Valley, and to report its findings to the Legislature on or before January 1, 2011.

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. The Legislature finds and declares all of the
2 following:
3 (a) The San Joaquin Valley supplies 45 percent of the nation's
4 fruits and vegetables and includes the three largest agricultural
5 counties in the nation based on gross receipts.
6 (b) The San Joaquin Valley contains 12 groundwater basins,
7 six of which are critically overdrafted.
8 (c) The San Joaquin Valley is one of the fastest growing areas
9 of the state, with a population that is expected to double by the
10 year 2025.

1 (d) The economic vitality of the San Joaquin Valley depends
2 upon a reliable water supply.

3 SEC. 2. Section 140 is added to the Water Code, to read:

4 140. The department shall study the economic impacts of water
5 supply reduction in the San Joaquin Valley, including the Counties
6 of Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, San Joaquin, Stanislaus,
7 and Tulare, and report its findings to the Legislature on or before
8 January 1, 2011.