

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1797

Introduced by Assembly Member Bill Berryhill

February 10, 2010

An act to add Section 148 to the Water Code, relating to the State Water Resources Development System.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1797, as introduced, Bill Berryhill. State Water Resources Development System: Delta Corridors Plan.

Under existing law, the Department of Water Resources operates the State Water Resources Development System that includes dams, reservoirs, and other infrastructure.

This bill would require the department to undertake an expedited evaluation and feasibility study with regard to the implementation of a specified Delta Corridors Plan as part of the State Water Resources Development System. The department would be required to prepare and submit to the Legislature, on or before January 1, 2012, a report that includes its feasibility findings. If the department determines the implementation of the plan is feasible, the department would be required to include recommendations with regard to specific facilities to be constructed, and to identify potential funding sources, for the purposes of implementing the plan.

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 148 is added to the Water Code, to read:

1 148. (a) The department shall undertake an expedited
2 evaluation and feasibility study with regard to the implementation
3 of a through-Delta conveyance plan referred to as the Delta
4 Corridors Plan, as part of the State Water Resources Development
5 System. For the purposes of this section, the “Delta Corridors Plan”
6 means the plan described in the document entitled “Proposal to
7 Reconnect the San Joaquin River to the Estuary,” dated March 23,
8 2007.

9 (b) On or before January 1, 2012, the department shall prepare
10 and submit to the Legislature a report that includes its findings
11 pursuant to subdivision (a). If the department determines that the
12 implementation of the plan described in subdivision (a) is feasible,
13 the department shall include in the report recommendations with
14 regard to specific facilities to be constructed, and shall identify
15 potential funding sources, for the purposes of implementing the
16 plan.

17 SEC. 2. This act shall be known, and may be cited, as the Clean
18 Water Pathways Act.