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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2011–12 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 20

Introduced by Assembly Member Huffman
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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 20—Relative to Water Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 20, as amended, Huffman. Water Awareness Month.

This measure would designate ~~May 2011~~ 2012 as Water Awareness Month, and would urge ~~Californians~~ *the citizens of California, homeowners, businesses, farms, ranches, and governmental and nongovernmental entities* to learn effective ways to conserve and reuse water.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, In recognition of the vital role that water plays in
2 the lives of the people, animals, ecosystems, and economy of the
3 State of California, the month of May has been designated Water
4 Awareness Month in the State of California; and
5 WHEREAS, The California Constitution states that the
6 conservation of the waters of the state is to be exercised in the
7 interest of the people and the public welfare, and with population
8 growth and climate changes, the need is greater than ever to use
9 water wisely and practice water conservation; and
10 WHEREAS, ~~Originated Water Awareness Month originated~~
11 during California's drought years of 1987 to 1992, ~~Water~~

1 ~~Awareness Month was established with the goal to help educate~~
2 ~~of educating~~ consumers about using water resources efficiently;
3 ~~but; however,~~ water awareness is needed in all types of water years;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, The month of May was selected because it is
6 typically the time when warm weather approaches and, with it,
7 increased water use; and

8 WHEREAS, Water conservation is the most cost-effective and
9 environmentally sound way to reduce the state's demand for water,
10 and using less water also puts less pressure on our water treatment
11 facilities and uses less energy for moving and heating water; and

12 WHEREAS, According to the California Energy Commission,
13 as recognized in the California Water Plan Update, end use of
14 water is the most energy intensive portion of the water use cycle
15 in California, and measures to increase the ~~use efficiency and reuse~~
16 *efficient use and reuse of water* will reduce electricity demand
17 from the water sector and, in turn, may reduce greenhouse gas
18 emissions; and

19 WHEREAS, Efficient water use *and reuse* can also help
20 California's communities cope with reduced water supply
21 reliability that may be induced by climate change, thus *increasing*
22 *local water supply reliability and* reducing economic and
23 environmental impacts of water scarcity; and

24 WHEREAS, ~~Senate Bill No. 7 of the 2009-10 Seventh~~
25 ~~Extraordinary Session~~ *California has* created a statewide
26 framework for future planning and actions to reduce the state's
27 water use, requiring urban water agencies to reduce per capita
28 water usage *20 percent from 2009 levels* by the year 2020, *and*
29 *has set ambitious goals to increase the use of recycled water over*
30 *2002 levels by at least 1 million acre-feet per year by 2020 and*
31 *by at least 2 million acre-feet per year by 2030*; now, therefore,
32 be it

33 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
34 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature hereby designates May
35 ~~2011~~ 2012 as Water Awareness Month, and urges the citizens of
36 California, homeowners, businesses, farms, ranches, and
37 governmental and nongovernmental entities to learn the many
38 effective ways to conserve *and reuse* water.

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