

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 903

Introduced by Assembly Member Bill Berryhill

February 17, 2011

An act to amend Section 12200 of the Water Code, relating to the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 903, as introduced, Bill Berryhill. Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

Under existing law, legislative findings and declarations state, among other things, that the water problems of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta are unique within the state and that a general law cannot be made applicable to the Delta.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to those legislative findings and declarations.

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 12200 of the Water Code is amended to
2 read:
3 12200. (a) The Legislature hereby finds ~~that the~~ *all of the*
4 *following:*
5 (1) *The* water problems of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta
6 are unique within the ~~State;~~ *the state.*
7 (2) *The* Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers join at the
8 Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta to discharge their fresh water flows
9 into Suisun, San Pablo, and San Francisco Bays, and ~~thence from~~

1 *there* into the Pacific Ocean;~~the.~~ *The* merging of fresh water with
2 saline bay waters and drainage waters, and the withdrawal of fresh
3 water for beneficial uses, creates an acute problem of salinity
4 intrusion into the vast network of channels and sloughs of the
5 Delta;~~the.~~

6 (3) *The* State Water Resources Development System has as one
7 of its objectives the transfer of waters from water-surplus areas in
8 the Sacramento Valley and the north coastal area to water-deficient
9 areas to the south and west of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta
10 via the Delta;~~water.~~ *Water* surplus to the needs of the areas in
11 which it originates is gathered in the Delta and thereby provides
12 a common source of fresh water supply for water-deficient areas.

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14 (b) *It* is, therefore, hereby declared that a general law cannot be
15 made applicable to~~said~~ *the* Delta and that the enactment of this
16 law is necessary for the protection, conservation, development,
17 control, and use of the waters in the Delta for the public good.