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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2011–12 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1221**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Alejo**  
*(Principal coauthor: Assembly Member Chesbro)*

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An act to amend Sections 13400 and 13442 of the Water Code, relating to water, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1221, as amended, Alejo. State Water Quality Control Fund: State Water Pollution Cleanup and Abatement Account.

Existing law, the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act, authorizes the imposition and collection of civil and criminal penalties for specified violations of that act. The act requires certain moneys, including General Fund revenues of penalties, collected pursuant to these provisions to be deposited in the State Water Pollution Cleanup and Abatement Account in the State Water Quality Control Fund. The act continuously appropriates the money in the account to the State Water Resources Control Board for specified cleanup programs.

The act authorizes the state board, upon application by a public agency with authority to clean up or abate the effects of waste on waters of the state, to order moneys in the account to be paid to the agency to assist in cleaning up or abating the effects of the waste.

This bill would additionally authorize the state board to pay these moneys to tribes, as defined, and not-for-profit organizations serving disadvantaged communities, as defined, that have authority to clean up

or abate the effects of waste. By authorizing new expenditures from a continuously appropriated account, this bill would make an appropriation.

Vote: 2/3. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 13400 of the Water Code is amended to  
2 read:

3 13400. As used in this chapter, unless otherwise apparent from  
4 the context:

5 (a) “Facilities” means any of the following:

6 (1) Facilities for the collection, treatment, or export of waste  
7 when necessary to prevent water pollution.

8 (2) Facilities to recycle wastewater and to convey recycled  
9 water.

10 (3) Facilities or devices to conserve water.

11 (4) Any combination of the facilities described in paragraph  
12 (1), (2), or (3).

13 (b) “Fund” means the State Water Quality Control Fund.

14 (c) “Not-for-profit organization” means an organization operated  
15 on a not-for-profit basis, including, but not limited to, an  
16 association, cooperative, or private corporation. ~~“Not-for-profit”~~  
17 ~~organization~~ *“Not-for-profit organization”* includes only an  
18 organization that is either controlled by a local public body or  
19 bodies or has a ~~broadly-based~~ *broadly based* ownership by, or  
20 membership of, people of the local community.

21 (d) “Public agency” means any city, county, city and county,  
22 district, or other political subdivision of the state.

23 (e) ~~“Tribe-tribe”~~ means a California Tribe that is listed on the  
24 Native American Heritage Commission tribal list *and is a*  
25 *disadvantaged community, as defined in Section 79505.5.*

26 SEC. 2. Section 13442 of the Water Code is amended to read:

27 13442. (a) Upon application by a public agency, a tribe, or a  
28 not-for-profit organization serving a disadvantaged community,  
29 as defined in Section 79505.5, with authority to clean up a waste  
30 or abate the effects of a waste, the state board may order moneys  
31 to be paid from the account to the agency, tribe, or organization

1 to assist it in cleaning up the waste or abating its effects on waters  
2 of the state.

3 (b) The agency, a tribe, or a not-for-profit organization serving  
4 a disadvantaged community, as defined in Section 79505.5, shall  
5 not become liable to the state board for repayment of moneys paid  
6 under this section, but this shall not be a defense to an action  
7 brought pursuant to subdivision (c) of Section 13304 for the  
8 recovery of moneys paid under this section.

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