

AMENDED IN SENATE MARCH 25, 2011

SENATE BILL

No. 701

Introduced by Senator Calderon

February 18, 2011

An act to amend Section 71261 of the Water Code, relating to the Central Basin Municipal Water District.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 701, as amended, Calderon. Central Basin Municipal Water District: ~~report.~~ *directors: report.*

(1) Existing law, the Municipal Water District Law of 1911, authorizes the formation of a municipal water district to acquire and sell water.

This bill would require the Central Basin Municipal Water District, on or before July 1, 2012, to submit a report to the Legislature on the status of the Central Groundwater Basin and seawater barrier operations, and would prescribe the information to be included in the report. The bill would require the municipal water district to provide an annual update of that report, and would require the Department of Water Resources and the Water Replenishment District of Southern California to cooperate with the municipal water district in providing information necessary for the completion of the report. The bill would repeal this reporting requirement on July 1, 2016, in accordance with a specified provision of law.

This bill would require the Board of Directors of the Central Basin Municipal Water District to consist of 7 directors.

By imposing new duties on the Central Basin Municipal Water District, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

(2) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: yes.

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 Central Basin Municipal Water District is a wholesale
4 water supplier in southeast Los Angeles County and overlies
5 approximately 75 percent of the Central Groundwater Basin.

6 (b) The Central Basin Municipal Water District was formed
7 under the Municipal Water District Law of 1911 (Division 20
8 (commencing with Section 71000) of the Water Code), and is a
9 groundwater rights holder in the Central Groundwater Basin.

10 (c) The Central Basin Municipal Water District is vested with
11 broad authority, including the authority to acquire, distribute, store,
12 spread, sink, treat, purify, recycle, recapture, and salvage water,
13 including sewage and stormwater, for the beneficial use of the
14 district, its inhabitants, and the holders of water rights in the
15 district.

16 (d) Therefore, the Central Basin Municipal Water District has
17 primary oversight responsibility with respect to protecting the
18 public's interest in the Central Groundwater Basin.

19 SEC. 2. (a) On or before July 1, 2012, the Central Basin
20 Municipal Water District shall submit a report to the Legislature
21 on the Central Groundwater Basin and associated seawater barrier
22 operations. The report shall include all of the following:

23 (1) A review of all actions by the Department of Water
24 Resources and the Water Replenishment District of Southern
25 California relating to the Central Groundwater Basin and associated
26 seawater barrier operations to determine the current status of the
27 Central Groundwater Basin and the seawater barrier operations.

1 (2) Short-term and long-term recommendations to improve the
2 overall health and transparency of the Central Groundwater Basin.

3 (b) The Central Basin Municipal Water District shall provide
4 an annual update of the report to the Legislature by July 1 of each
5 year.

6 (c) The Department of Water Resources and the Water
7 Replenishment District of Southern California shall cooperate with
8 the Central Basin Municipal Water District to provide all
9 information, reports, and any other data regularly generated by
10 those agencies, that is necessary for the completion of reports
11 pursuant to this section.

12 (d) (1) A report to be submitted pursuant to subdivision (a)
13 shall be submitted in compliance with Section 9795 of the
14 Government Code.

15 (2) Pursuant to Section 10231.5 of the Government Code, this
16 section is repealed on July 1, 2016.

17 *SEC. 3. Section 71261 of the Water Code is amended to read:*

18 71261. Notwithstanding any other provision of this division,
19 the Board of Directors of the Three Valleys Municipal Water
20 District *and the Central Basin Municipal Water District* shall
21 consist of seven directors. Each director shall be a resident of the
22 division from which he or she is elected.

23 ~~SEC. 3.~~

24 *SEC. 4.* If the Commission on State Mandates determines that
25 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to
26 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made
27 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division
28 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.