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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 295**

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**Introduced by ~~Assembly Member Salas~~ *Committee on Water, Parks and Wildlife* (Assembly Members *Rendon (Chair), Blumenfield, Bocanegra, Fong, Frazier, Gatto, Gomez, Gray, and Yamada*)**

February 11, 2013

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An act relating to water.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 295, as amended, ~~Salas~~ *Committee on Water, Parks and Wildlife*.  
Water: water supply: infrastructure.

Existing law requires the Department of Water Resources to update every 5 years the plan for the orderly and coordinated control, protection, conservation, development, and use of the water resources of the state, known as the California Water Plan.

This bill would establish findings and declarations stating that the November 2014 ballot currently includes a bond measure for \$11.14 billion to fund projects related to water, that many Californians lack access to clean, safe, and affordable drinking water, and that it is in the general public interest to pass a general obligation bond to help fund projects that address the critical and immediate needs of disadvantaged, rural, or small communities and projects that leverage state and federal drinking water quality and wastewater treatment funds. The bill would also require the State Water Resources Control Board and the Drinking Water and Environmental Management Division of the State Department

of Public Health to initiate and complete a comprehensive study relating to the need for state funding for water projects and, on or before July 1, 2014, to provide a report to the Legislature summarizing those findings.

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. The Legislature finds and declares all of the  
2 following:

3 (a) ~~The November 2014 ballot currently includes a~~ A bond  
4 measure for \$11.14 billion to fund projects related to water supply  
5 reliability, water quality, Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta  
6 sustainability, watershed conservation and protection, and water  
7 recycling *is currently set for the November 4, 2014, statewide*  
8 *general election.*

9 (b) Many Californians lack access to clean, safe, and affordable  
10 drinking water. In some communities, economic conditions prevent  
11 the community from generating sufficient funding to correct water  
12 system deficiencies or source water quality.

13 (c) It is in the general public interest to pass a general obligation  
14 bond that includes, but is not limited to, grants and loans to state  
15 and local agencies to help fund projects that address the critical  
16 and immediate needs of disadvantaged, rural, or small communities  
17 and projects that leverage state and federal drinking water quality  
18 and wastewater treatment funds. In order to determine the amount  
19 of state funding necessary to accomplish these improvements, the  
20 Legislature requires additional information.

21 SEC. 2. The State Water Resources Control Board and the  
22 Drinking Water and Environmental Management Division of the  
23 State Department of Public Health shall initiate and complete a  
24 comprehensive study relating to the need for state funding for  
25 projects necessary to ensure that all Californians have access to  
26 safe drinking water and, on or before July 1, 2014, shall submit a  
27 report to the Legislature that identifies and prioritizes these  
28 projects.

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