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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1331

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

February 22, 2013

An act relating to water resources.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1331, as amended, Committee on Water, Parks and Wildlife. Water resources: ~~Bay-Delta sustainability assessments of public funding.~~

(1) Existing law establishes the Department of Water Resources in the Natural Resources Agency, and, among other things, empowers the department to conduct investigations of all or any portion of any stream, stream system, lake, or other body of water.

This bill would require the Department of Water Resources to provide an analysis to the Legislature by July 1, 2014, that assesses currently available public funding and estimates the additional level of public investment needed to ensure California meets priority needs related to infrastructure, integrated water management, water supply reliability, water recycling, flood management, and watershed and aquatic ecosystem conservation and protection.

(2) Existing law establishes various state water policies, including the policy that every human being has the right to safe, clean, affordable,

and accessible water adequate for human consumption, cooking, and sanitary purposes.

The bill would require the State Water Resources Control Board and the Division of Drinking Water and Environmental Management of the State Department of Public Health to provide an analysis to the Legislature by July 1, 2014, that assess currently available public funding and estimates the additional level of public investment needed to ensure that all Californians have access to safe drinking water and prioritize the projects necessary to achieve this goal.

Existing

(3) Existing law establishes various policies of the state relative to the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

This bill would express findings and declarations including, among other things, that the November 2014 ballot currently includes a bond measure for \$11.14 billion to fund projects related to water, and that it is in the public interest to pass a general obligation bond that includes, but is not limited to, grants and loans to state and local agencies to help fund needed improvements to Delta sustainability, healthy watersheds, and aquatic ecosystems meet prescribed critical funding needs. The bill would additionally require the Delta Stewardship Council, on or before to provide an analysis to the Legislature by July 1, 2014, to initiate and complete a comprehensive study on the financial needs for state funding for implementation of that assesses currently available public funding and estimates the additional level of public investment needed to implement the Delta Plan.

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) *The freshwater resources of California are limited and if*
- 10 *the state is to remain economically competitive and*

1 *environmentally rich, public investment is needed to modernize*
2 *water infrastructure, integrated water management, advance water*
3 *resource protection, and improve flood management.*

4 *(c) Many Californians lack access to clean, safe, and affordable*
5 *drinking water. In some communities, economic conditions prevent*
6 *the community from generating sufficient funding to correct water*
7 *system deficiencies or source water quality.*

8 ~~(b)~~

9 *(d) The watersheds and aquatic ecosystems of California are*
10 *unique and irreplaceable environmental and economic resources,*
11 *including the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, the largest estuary*
12 *on the West Coast. Investments in the state’s watersheds can*
13 *provide regional and statewide benefits for cities, farms, industries,*
14 *and wildlife, including protecting water quality and sustainability,*
15 *improving flood control, and providing habitat and recreation.*

16 ~~(e)~~

17 *(e) It is in the public interest to pass a general obligation bond*
18 *that includes, but is not limited to, grants and loans to state and*
19 *local agencies to help fund needed improvements to Delta*
20 *sustainability, healthy watersheds, and meet critical funding needs*
21 *related to improving water infrastructure, integrating water*
22 *management, protecting water resources, addressing flood*
23 *management, advancing water reuse, ensuring safe drinking water,*
24 *and restoring and protecting watersheds and aquatic ecosystems,*
25 *including the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. In*

26 *(f) In order to balance evaluate and prioritize the appropriate*
27 *amount of state funding necessary to accomplish these*
28 *improvements meet essential water-related public priorities, the*
29 *Legislature requires additional information.*

30 ~~SEC. 2. After adoption of the Delta Plan, as required by Section~~
31 ~~85300 of the Water Code, the~~ *(a) The Natural Resources Agency*
32 *shall provide an analysis to the Legislature by July 1, 2014, that*
33 *assesses currently available public funding and estimates the*
34 *additional level of public investment needed to ensure California*
35 *meets priority needs related to infrastructure, integrated water*
36 *management, water supply reliability, water recycling, flood*
37 *management, and watershed and aquatic ecosystem conservation*
38 *and protection.*

39 *(b) The State Water Resources Control Board and the Division*
40 *of Drinking Water and Environmental Management of the State*

1 *Department of Public Health shall provide an analysis to the*
2 *Legislature by July 1, 2014, that assesses currently available public*
3 *funding and estimates the additional level of public investment*
4 *needed to ensure that all Californians have access to safe drinking*
5 *water and prioritize the projects necessary to achieve this goal.*
6 *(c) The Delta Stewardship Council shall ~~initiate and complete~~*
7 *a comprehensive study of the financial needs for state funding for*
8 *implementation of the Delta Plan. The council shall report to the*
9 *Legislature on the Delta's financing needs by July 1, 2014 provide*
10 *an analysis to the Legislature by July 1, 2014, that assesses*
11 *currently available public funding and estimates the additional*
12 *level of public investment needed to implement the Delta Plan.*
13 *(d) The requirements for submitting reports under this section*
14 *are inoperative on July 1, 2018, pursuant to Section 10231.5 of*
15 *the Government Code, and the reports shall be submitted in*
16 *compliance with Section 9795 of the Government Code.*