

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1739

**Introduced by Assembly Member Dickinson
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Rendon)**

February 14, 2014

An act to add Section 10750.3 to the Water Code, relating to groundwater.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1739, as introduced, Dickinson. Groundwater basin management: sustainability.

Existing law, the Groundwater Quality Monitoring Act of 2001, requires the State Water Resources Control Board to integrate existing monitoring programs and design new program elements, as necessary, to establish a comprehensive monitoring program capable of assessing each groundwater basin in the state through direct and other statistically reliable sampling approaches. The act requires the state board, in establishing the comprehensive monitoring program, to prioritize groundwater basins that supply drinking water.

This bill would require the State Water Resources Control Board, in consultation with the Department of Water Resources, to develop thresholds for the sustainable management of the priority groundwater basins.

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. Section 10750.3 is added to the Water Code, to
2 read:
3 10750.3. The state board, in consultation with the department,
4 shall develop thresholds for the sustainable management of the
5 priority groundwater basins listed pursuant to the Groundwater
6 Quality Monitoring Act of 2001 (Part 2.76 (commencing with
7 Section 10780)), as that list may be amended.

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