

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2619

Introduced by Assembly Member Beth Gaines

February 21, 2014

An act to amend Section 10931 of the Water Code, relating to groundwater.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2619, as introduced, Beth Gaines. Groundwater monitoring.

Existing law establishes a groundwater monitoring program, in accordance with prescribed procedures, and requires the Department of Water Resources to work cooperatively with each monitoring entity, as defined, to determine the manner in which groundwater elevation information should be reported to the department. Existing law, for the purposes of the groundwater monitoring program, authorizes the department to make recommendations for improving an existing monitoring program and to require additional monitoring wells under certain circumstances.

This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change in these provisions.

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

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 10931 of the Water Code is amended to
- 2 read:
- 3 10931. (a) The department shall work cooperatively with each
- 4 monitoring entity to determine the manner in which groundwater

1 elevation information should be reported to the department pursuant
2 to this part. In determining what information should be reported
3 to the department, the department shall defer to existing monitoring
4 programs if those *monitoring* programs result in information that
5 demonstrates seasonal and long-term trends in groundwater
6 elevations. The department shall collaborate with the State
7 Department of Public Health to ensure that the information reported
8 to the department will not result in the inappropriate disclosure of
9 the physical address or geographical location of drinking water
10 sources, storage facilities, pumping operational data, or treatment
11 facilities.

12 (b) (1) For the purposes of this part, the department may
13 recommend improvements to an existing monitoring program,
14 including recommendations for additional monitoring wells.

15 (2) The department may not require additional monitoring wells
16 unless funds are provided for that purpose.