

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 78

Introduced by Assembly Member Mathis

January 5, 2015

An act to amend Section 10722.4 of the Water Code, relating to groundwater.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 78, as introduced, Mathis. Groundwater basins.

Existing law requires the Department of Water Resources to categorize each basin or subbasin as high-, medium-, low-, or very low priority and to establish ground water the initial priority for each basin no later than January 31, 2015.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to this provision.

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 10722.4 of the Water Code is amended
2 to read:
3 10722.4. (a) Pursuant to Section 10933, for ~~the~~ purposes of
4 this ~~part~~ *part*, the department shall categorize each basin as one
5 of the following priorities:
6 (1) High priority.
7 (2) Medium priority.
8 (3) Low priority.
9 (4) Very low priority.

1 (b) The initial priority for each basin shall be established by the
2 department pursuant to Section 10933 no later than January 31,
3 2015.

4 (c) ~~Any time~~ *When* the department updates Bulletin 118
5 boundaries pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 12924, the
6 department shall reassess the prioritization pursuant to Section
7 10933.

8 (d) ~~Any time~~ *When* the department changes the basin priorities
9 pursuant to Section 10933, if a basin is elevated to a medium- or
10 high-priority basin after January 31, 2015, a local agency shall
11 have two years from the date of reprioritization to either establish
12 a groundwater sustainability agency pursuant to Chapter 4
13 (commencing with Section 10723) and five years from the date of
14 reprioritization to adopt a groundwater sustainability plan pursuant
15 to Chapter 6 (commencing with Section 10727) or two years to
16 satisfy the requirements of Section 10733.6.