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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 149

Introduced by Assembly Member Chávez

January 15, 2015

An act to amend ~~Section~~ *Sections 10621 and 10644* of, ~~and to amend, repeal, and add Section 10621 of,~~ the Water Code, relating to water management.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 149, as amended, Chávez. Urban water management plans.

Existing law, the Urban Water Management Planning Act, requires every public and private urban water supplier that directly or indirectly provides water for municipal purposes to prepare and adopt an urban water management plan and to update its plan once every 5 years on or before December 31 in years ending in 5 and zero, except as specified. The act requires an urban water supplier to submit to the Department of Water Resources a copy of its plan *no later than 30 days after adoption* and requires the department to prepare and submit to the Legislature, on or before December 31, in the years ending in 6 and 1, a report summarizing the status of plans adopted pursuant to the act. *The act requires each urban water supplier to update and submit its 2015 plan to the department by July 1, 2016.*

~~This bill, commencing January 1, 2017, would instead require an urban water supplier to update its plan at least once every 5 years on or before December 31 in years ending in 6 and one. The bill would instead require the bill would require each urban water supplier to update and submit its 2020 plan to the department by July 1, 2021, and would require the department to submit its 2015 report to the~~

Legislature, on or before December 31, in years ending in 7 and two by July 1, 2016, and its 2020 report by July 1, 2022.

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 10621 of the Water Code is amended to
2 read:

3 10621. (a) Each urban water supplier shall update its plan at
4 least once every five years on or before December 31, in years
5 ending in five and zero, except as provided in ~~subdivision (d)~~.
6 ~~subdivisions (d) and (e)~~.

7 (b) Every urban water supplier required to prepare a plan
8 pursuant to this part shall, at least 60 days before the public hearing
9 on the plan required by Section 10642, notify any city or county
10 within which the supplier provides water supplies that the urban
11 water supplier will be reviewing the plan and considering
12 amendments or changes to the plan. The urban water supplier may
13 consult with, and obtain comments from, any city or county that
14 receives notice pursuant to this subdivision.

15 (c) The amendments to, or changes in, the plan shall be adopted
16 and filed in the manner set forth in Article 3 (commencing with
17 Section 10640).

18 (d) Each urban water supplier shall update and submit its 2015
19 plan to the department by July 1, 2016.

20 ~~(e) This section shall remain in effect only until December 31,~~
21 ~~2016 and as of that date is repealed.~~

22 ~~(e) Each urban water supplier shall update and submit its 2020~~
23 ~~plan to the department by July 1, 2021.~~

24 ~~SEC. 2. Section 10621 is added to the Water Code, to read:~~

25 ~~10621. (a) Each urban water supplier shall update its plan at~~
26 ~~least once every five years on or before December 31, in years~~
27 ~~ending in six and one.~~

28 ~~(b) Every urban water supplier required to prepare a plan~~
29 ~~pursuant to this part shall, at least 60 days before the public hearing~~
30 ~~on the plan required by Section 10642, notify any city or county~~
31 ~~within which the supplier provides water supplies that the urban~~
32 ~~water supplier will be reviewing the plan and considering~~
33 ~~amendments or changes to the plan. The urban water supplier may~~

1 consult with, and obtain comments from, any city or county that
2 receives notice pursuant to this subdivision.

3 ~~(e) The amendments to, or changes in, the plan shall be adopted~~
4 ~~and filed in the manner set forth in Article 3 (commencing with~~
5 ~~Section 10640).~~

6 ~~(d) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2017.~~

7 ~~SEC. 3.~~

8 *SEC. 2.* Section 10644 of the Water Code is amended to read:

9 10644. (a) (1) An urban water supplier shall submit to the
10 department, the California State Library, and any city or county
11 within which the supplier provides water supplies a copy of its
12 plan no later than 30 days after adoption. Copies of amendments
13 or changes to the plans shall be submitted to the department, the
14 California State Library, and any city or county within which the
15 supplier provides water supplies within 30 days after adoption.

16 (2) The plan, or amendments to the plan, submitted to the
17 department pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be submitted
18 electronically and shall include any standardized forms, tables, or
19 displays specified by the department.

20 (b) (1) (A) Notwithstanding Section 10231.5 of the
21 Government Code, *and except as provided in subparagraph (B)*,
22 the department shall prepare and submit to the Legislature, on or
23 before December 31, in the years ending in ~~seven six~~ and ~~two one~~,
24 a report summarizing the status of the plans adopted pursuant to
25 this part. The report prepared by the department shall identify the
26 exemplary elements of the individual plans. The department shall
27 provide a copy of the report to each urban water supplier that has
28 submitted its plan to the department. The department shall also
29 prepare reports and provide data for any legislative hearings
30 designed to consider the effectiveness of plans submitted pursuant
31 to this part.

32 *(B) The department shall submit its 2015 report to the*
33 *Legislature by July 1, 2016, and its 2021 report to the Legislature*
34 *by July 1, 2022.*

35 (2) A report to be submitted pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be
36 submitted in compliance with Section 9795 of the Government
37 Code.

38 (c) (1) For the purpose of identifying the exemplary elements
39 of the individual plans, the department shall identify in the report
40 water demand management measures adopted and implemented

1 by specific urban water suppliers, and identified pursuant to Section
2 10631, that achieve water savings significantly above the levels
3 established by the department to meet the requirements of Section
4 10631.5.

5 (2) The department shall distribute to the panel convened
6 pursuant to Section 10631.7 the results achieved by the
7 implementation of those water demand management measures
8 described in paragraph (1).

9 (3) The department shall make available to the public the
10 standard the department will use to identify exemplary water
11 demand management measures.