

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 153

Introduced by Assembly Member Bigelow

January 15, 2015

An act to amend Section 10540 of the Water Code, relating to water.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 153, as introduced, Bigelow. Integrated regional water management planning.

Existing law authorizes a regional water management group to prepare and adopt an integrated regional water management plan with specified components.

This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to that 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 10540 of the Water Code is amended to
2 read:
3 10540. (a) A regional water management group may prepare
4 and adopt an integrated regional water management plan in
5 accordance with this part.
6 (b) A regional water management group may coordinate its
7 planning activities to address or incorporate all or part of any of
8 the following actions of its members into its plan:

- 1 (1) Groundwater management planning pursuant to Part 2.75
- 2 (commencing with Section 10750) or other specific groundwater
- 3 management authority.
- 4 (2) Urban water management planning pursuant to Part 2.6
- 5 (commencing with Section 10610).
- 6 (3) The preparation of a water supply assessment required
- 7 pursuant to Part 2.10 (commencing with Section 10910).
- 8 (4) Agricultural water management planning pursuant to Part
- 9 2.8 (commencing with Section 10800).
- 10 (5) City and county general planning pursuant to Section 65350
- 11 of the Government Code.
- 12 (6) Stormwater resource planning that is undertaken pursuant
- 13 to Part 2.3 (commencing with Section 10560).
- 14 (7) Other water resource management planning, including flood
- 15 protection, watershed management planning, and multipurpose
- 16 program planning.
- 17 (c) At a minimum, all plans shall address all of the following:
- 18 (1) Protection and improvement of water supply reliability,
- 19 including identification of feasible agricultural and urban water
- 20 use efficiency strategies.
- 21 (2) Identification and consideration of the drinking water quality
- 22 of communities within the area of the plan.
- 23 (3) Protection and improvement of water quality within the area
- 24 of the plan, consistent with the relevant basin plan.
- 25 (4) Identification of any significant threats to groundwater
- 26 resources from overdrafting.
- 27 (5) Protection, restoration, and improvement of stewardship of
- 28 aquatic, riparian, and watershed resources within the region.
- 29 (6) Protection of groundwater resources from contamination.
- 30 (7) Identification and consideration of the water-related needs
- 31 of disadvantaged communities—~~in~~ *within* the area within the
- 32 boundaries of the plan.
- 33 (d) This section does not obligate a local agency to fund the
- 34 implementation of any project or program.