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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 606

Introduced by Assembly Member Levine

(Coauthor: Senator Wolk)

February 24, 2015

An act to add Section 14107 to, and to add Article 6.5 (commencing with Section 14714) to Chapter 2 of Part 5.5 of Division 3 of Title 2 of, 11011.29 to the Government Code, relating to state property.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 606, as amended, Levine. Water conservation.

Existing law requires the Department of General Services to provide planning, acquisition, construction, and maintenance of state buildings and property, and maintain a statewide property inventory of all real property held by the state. Existing law requires the department, in consultation with the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission, and with the concurrence of the Department of Finance, to identify each public building in the department's state property inventory where it is feasible for that building to reduce energy consumption and achieve energy efficiencies, as specified, and make retrofits, as specified.

Existing law provides that the Department of Transportation has full possession and control of all state highways and associated property. Existing law authorizes the Department of Transportation to perform

work required to alleviate or repair damage to property during declared emergencies, as specified.

~~This bill would, when the Department of General Services replaces landscaping or irrigation on property or when new property is added to the department's statewide property inventory, require the department to reduce water consumption and increase water efficiencies for that property, where feasible, through replacement of landscaping, irrigation timers, or spray sprinkler heads, implementation of recycled water irrigation, or any combination thereof. The bill also would impose similar water conservation requirements on the Department of Transportation. a state agency builds upon state-owned real property, purchases real property, or replaces landscaping or irrigation, require the state agency to reduce water consumption and increase water efficiencies for that property where feasible, as defined, through specified water efficiency measures. The bill would exempt from its requirements state-owned real property that is leased for agricultural purposes.~~

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 11011.29 is added to the Government
- 2 Code, to read:
- 3 11011.29. (a) When a state agency builds upon state-owned
- 4 real property, purchases real property, or replaces landscaping
- 5 or irrigation, the state agency shall reduce water consumption
- 6 and increase water efficiencies for that property, where feasible,
- 7 through any or all of the following measures:
- 8 (1) Replacement of landscaping with drought-tolerant plants
- 9 with an emphasis on native plant species.
- 10 (2) Replacement of irrigation timers to permit efficient watering
- 11 schedules.
- 12 (3) Replacement of existing irrigation with drip irrigation,
- 13 bubblers, or low precipitation spray nozzles, or a combination of
- 14 these irrigation methods.
- 15 (4) Implementation of recycled water irrigation or rainwater
- 16 capture irrigation or both.
- 17 (5) Installation of irrigation submeters.

1 (b) This section shall not apply to state-owned real property
2 that is leased to a private party for agricultural purposes.

3 (c) For purposes of this section, “feasible” means that the water
4 efficiency measures may be accomplished in a cost-effective
5 manner within a reasonable period of time, taking into account
6 life-cycle cost analyses and technological factors, as determined
7 by the state agency.

8 SECTION 1. Section 14107 is added to the Government Code,
9 to read:

10 14107. (a) ~~When the department replaces landscaping or~~
11 ~~irrigation on property or acquires new property, the department~~
12 ~~shall reduce water consumption and increase water efficiencies~~
13 ~~for that property, where feasible, through any or all of the~~
14 ~~following:~~

15 (1) ~~Replacement of landscaping with drought-tolerant plants~~
16 ~~with an emphasis on native plant species.~~

17 (2) ~~Replacement of irrigation timers to permit efficient watering~~
18 ~~schedules.~~

19 (3) ~~Replacement of spray sprinkler heads with bubblers, drip~~
20 ~~irrigation, and soaker hoses.~~

21 (4) ~~Implementation of recycled water irrigation.~~

22 (b) For purposes of this section, “feasible” means capable of
23 being accomplished in a successful manner within a reasonable
24 period of time, taking into account life-cycle cost analyses, and
25 environmental, social, historical, and technological factors.

26 SEC. 2. Article 6.5 (commencing with Section 14714) is added
27 to Chapter 2 of Part 5.5 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government
28 Code, to read:

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30 Article 6.5. State Property Water Use

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32 14714. (a) ~~When the department replaces landscaping or~~
33 ~~irrigation on property or when new property is added to the~~
34 ~~department’s statewide property inventory, the department shall~~
35 ~~reduce water consumption and increase water efficiencies for that~~
36 ~~property, where feasible, through any or all of the following:~~

37 (1) ~~Replacement of landscaping with drought-tolerant plants~~
38 ~~with an emphasis on native plant species.~~

39 (2) ~~Replacement of irrigation timers to permit efficient watering~~
40 ~~schedules.~~

- 1 ~~(3) Replacement of spray sprinkler heads with bubblers, drip~~
- 2 ~~irrigation, and soaker hoses.~~
- 3 ~~(4) Implementation of recycled water irrigation.~~
- 4 ~~(b) Work on public property of the California State University~~
- 5 ~~shall be subject to the consent of the California State University.~~
- 6 ~~(c) For purposes of this section, “feasible” means capable of~~
- 7 ~~being accomplished in a successful manner within a reasonable~~
- 8 ~~period of time, taking into account life-cycle cost analyses, and~~
- 9 ~~environmental, social, historical, and technological factors.~~