

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 935

Introduced by Assembly Member Salas

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Perea, and Rendon)**

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An act to add Section 10531.7 to the Water Code, relating to integrated regional water management plans.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 935, as introduced, Salas. Integrated Regional Water Management Plans: conveyance projects.

Existing law, the Integrated Regional Water Management Planning Act, authorizes a regional water management group to prepare and adopt an integrated regional water management plan with specified components relating to water supply and water quality. Existing law authorizes the Department of Water Resources to award grants to eligible projects consistent with an adopted integrated regional water management plan.

This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact future legislation that would require the department to provide grants and expenditures, consistent with an integrated regional water management plan, for the planning, design, and construction of local and regional conveyance projects that support regional and interregional connectivity and water management and provide certain benefits.

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 10531.7 is added to the Water Code, to
 2 read:
 3 10531.7. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact future
 4 legislation that would do all of the following:
 5 (a) Require the Department of Water Resources to provide grants
 6 and expenditures, consistent with an adopted integrated regional
 7 water management plan, for the planning, design, and construction
 8 of local and regional conveyance projects that support regional
 9 and interregional connectivity and water management and that
 10 provide one or more of the following benefits:
 11 (1) Improved regional or interregional water supply and water
 12 supply reliability.
 13 (2) Mitigation of conditions of groundwater overdraft, saline
 14 water intrusion, water quality degradation, or subsidence.
 15 (3) Adaptation to the impacts of hydrologic changes.
 16 (4) Improved water security from drought, natural disasters, or
 17 other events that could interrupt imported water supplies.
 18 (5) Provision of safe drinking water for disadvantaged
 19 communities and economically distressed areas.
 20 (b) Require a cost share of not less than 50 percent of the total
 21 project costs from nonstate sources and authorize the department
 22 to waive or reduce the cost share requirement for projects that
 23 directly benefit a disadvantaged community or an economically
 24 distressed area.

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