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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1454**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member ~~Linder~~ Wagner**

February 27, 2015

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An act to amend Section ~~13142~~ 13170.2 of the Water Code, relating to the State Water Resources Control Board.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1454, as amended, ~~Linder~~ Wagner. State policy for water quality ~~control~~: *control: California Ocean Plan.*

Under existing law, the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act, the state policy for water quality control is required to consist of water quality principles and guidelines for long-range resource planning, water quality objectives, and other principles and guidelines deemed essential by the State Water Resources Control Board for water quality control. *The act requires the state board to formulate and adopt a water quality control plan for ocean waters of the state, which is known as the California Ocean Plan, and requires the plan to be reviewed at least every 3 years.*

~~This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to that provision.~~

*This bill would instead require the plan to be reviewed at least every 4 years.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~-yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. Section 13170.2 of the Water Code is amended  
2 to read:

3     13170.2. (a) The state board shall formulate and adopt a water  
4 quality control plan for ocean waters of the state, which shall  
5 be known as the California Ocean Plan.

6     (b) The plan shall be reviewed at least every ~~three~~ four years to  
7 guarantee that the current standards are adequate and are not  
8 allowing degradation to indigenous marine species or posing a  
9 threat to human health.

10    (c) In formulating the plan, the state board shall develop  
11 bioassay protocols to evaluate the effect of municipal and industrial  
12 waste discharges on the marine environment.

13    (d) The state board shall adopt the bioassay protocols and  
14 complementary chemical testing methods and shall require their  
15 use in the monitoring of complex effluent ocean discharges. For  
16 purposes of this section, "complex effluent" means an effluent in  
17 which all chemical constituents are not known or monitored. The  
18 state board shall adopt bioassay protocols and complementary  
19 chemical testing methods for complex effluent ocean monitoring  
20 by January 1, 1990, and shall require their use in monitoring  
21 complex effluent ocean discharges by entities discharging 100  
22 million gallons per day or more by January 1, 1991. The state  
23 board shall also adopt a schedule for requiring the use of these  
24 protocols for complex effluent ocean discharges of under 100  
25 million gallons per day by January 1, 1992.

26     SECTION 1. ~~Section 13142 of the Water Code is amended to~~  
27 ~~read:~~

28     ~~13142. (a) State policy for water quality control shall consist~~  
29 ~~of all or any of the following:~~

30     ~~(1) Water quality principles and guidelines for long-range~~  
31 ~~resource planning, including groundwater and surface water~~  
32 ~~management programs and control and use of recycled water.~~

33     ~~(2) Water quality objectives at key locations for planning and~~  
34 ~~operation of water resource development projects and for water~~  
35 ~~quality control activities.~~

36     ~~(3) Other principles and guidelines deemed essential by the state~~  
37 ~~board for water quality control.~~

- 1     ~~(b) The principles, guidelines, and objectives shall be consistent~~
- 2     ~~with the state goal of providing a decent home and suitable living~~
- 3     ~~environment for every Californian.~~

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