

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1713

Introduced by Assembly Member Eggman
(Principal coauthors: Assembly Members Baker, Bonilla, Cooley,
Cooper, Frazier, McCarty, and Olsen)
(Principal coauthor: Senator Wolk)

January 26, 2016

An act to add Chapter 1.5 (commencing with Section 115) to Division 1 of the Water Code, relating to the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1713, as introduced, Eggman. Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta: peripheral canal.

Existing law requires various state agencies to administer programs relating to water supply, water quality, and flood management in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

The bill would prohibit the construction of a peripheral canal, as defined, unless expressly authorized by an initiative voted on by the voters of California on or after January 1, 2017, and would require the Legislative Analyst's Office to complete a prescribed economic feasibility analysis prior to a vote authorizing the construction of a peripheral canal.

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. Chapter 1.5 (commencing with Section 115) is
- 2 added to Division 1 of the Water Code, to read:

CHAPTER 1.5. PERIPHERAL CANAL

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3 115. As used in this chapter, the following terms have the
4 following meanings:
5 (a) “Delta” means the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, as defined
6 in Section 12220.
7 (b) “Peripheral canal” means a facility or structure that conveys
8 water directly from a diversion point in the Sacramento River to
9 pumping facilities of the State Water Project or the federal Central
10 Valley Project south of the Delta.
11 116. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, a peripheral canal
12 shall not be constructed unless expressly authorized by an initiative
13 voted on by the voters of California on or after January 1, 2017.
14 (b) If an initiative described in subdivision (a) is placed on the
15 ballot, prior to the election, the Legislative Analyst’s Office shall
16 complete an economic feasibility analysis that includes both of
17 the following:
18 (1) The total cost of the project.
19 (2) Expected impacts of the project on taxpayers, water
20 ratepayers, and the General Fund.
21 117. Notwithstanding any other law, the construction and
22 operation of a peripheral canal shall not diminish or otherwise
23 negatively affect the water supply, water rights, or water quality
24 for water users within the Delta watershed.