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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2594**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Gordon**

February 19, 2016

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An act to amend Section 82013 of the Government Code, relating to the Political Reform Act of 1974, add Section 10561.7 to the Water Code, relating to stormwater.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2594, as amended, Gordon. ~~Political Reform Act of 1974: committees.~~ *Stormwater resources: use of captured water.*

*Existing law, the Stormwater Resource Planning Act, authorizes one or more public agencies to develop a stormwater resource plan that meets specified standards to address the capture of stormwater, as defined, and dry weather runoff, as defined.*

*This bill would authorize a public entity that captures stormwater, in accordance with a stormwater resource plan, before the water reaches a natural channel to use the captured water.*

~~Existing law, the Political Reform Act of 1974, provides for the comprehensive regulation of campaign financing, including requiring the reporting of campaign contributions and expenditures and imposing other reporting and recordkeeping requirements on campaign committees. The act defines "committee" to include a person or combination of persons who receives contributions, makes independent expenditures, or makes contributions to or at the behest of candidates or committees, as specified.~~

~~This bill would revise the definition of "committee" to include specific names for each type of committee.~~

The Political Reform Act of 1974, an initiative measure, provides that the Legislature may amend the act to further the act’s purposes upon a  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote of each house and compliance with specified procedural requirements:

This bill would declare that it furthers the purposes of the act.

Vote:  $\frac{2}{3}$ -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 10561.7 is added to the Water Code, to  
2 read:

3 10561.7. Notwithstanding any other law, a public entity that  
4 captures stormwater, in accordance with a stormwater resource  
5 plan, before the water reaches a natural channel shall be entitled  
6 to use the captured water.

7 SECTION 1. ~~Section 82013 of the Government Code is~~  
8 ~~amended to read:~~

9 82013. “Committee” means any person or combination of  
10 persons who directly or indirectly does any of the following:

11 (a) ~~Receives contributions totaling two thousand dollars (\$2,000)~~  
12 ~~or more in a calendar year (“Recipient Committee”).~~

13 (b) ~~Makes independent expenditures totaling one thousand~~  
14 ~~dollars (\$1,000) or more in a calendar year (“Independent~~  
15 ~~Expenditure Committee”); or~~

16 (c) ~~Makes contributions totaling ten thousand dollars (\$10,000)~~  
17 ~~or more in a calendar year to or at the behest of candidates or~~  
18 ~~committees (“Major Donor Committee”).~~

19 A person or combination of persons that becomes a committee  
20 shall retain its status as a committee until such time as that status  
21 is terminated pursuant to Section 84214.

22 SEC. 2. The Legislature finds and declares that this bill furthers  
23 the purposes of the Political Reform Act of 1974 within the  
24 meaning of subdivision (a) of Section 81012 of the Government  
25 Code.