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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2594

Introduced by Assembly Member Gordon
(Coauthor: Senator Pavley)

February 19, 2016

An act to add Section 10561.7 to the Water Code, relating to stormwater.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2594, as amended, Gordon. 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~~, *stormwater from urban areas*, in accordance with a stormwater resource plan, before the water reaches a natural channel to use the captured water under certain circumstances.

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 10561.7 is added to the Water Code, to
2 read:

3 10561.7. (a) A public entity that captures ~~stormwater,~~
4 *stormwater from urban areas*, in accordance with a stormwater
5 resource plan, before the water reaches a natural channel shall be
6 entitled to use the captured water to the extent that the water
7 augments ~~existing water supplies supporting existing water rights.~~
8 *supplies*.

9 (b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to do any of the
10 following:

- 11 (1) Alter or impair any existing rights.
- 12 (2) Change existing water ~~rights:~~ *rights law*.
- 13 (3) Interfere with, amend, or supersede any existing water rights
14 adjudication or other legally mandated water management plan.
- 15 (4) Create a groundwater pumping right where a pumping right
16 does not already exist.