

Introduced by Senator Anderson

February 8, 2016

An act to amend Section 411 of the Food and Agricultural Code, relating to food and agriculture.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 964, as introduced, Anderson. Food and agriculture: production forecasts.

Existing law establishes the Department of Food and Agriculture and vests with the department various duties and obligations related to regulation of the agricultural industry of the state. Existing law requires the department to supply the Department of Water Resources with a specified forecast that estimates the amount of production of food, fiber, livestock, and other farm products, as specified.

This bill would make nonsubstantive changes in the provisions relating to that forecast.

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 411 of the Food and Agricultural Code
- 2 is amended to read:
- 3 411. (a) The Department of Food and Agriculture shall supply
- 4 the Department of Water Resources with a forecast that estimates
- 5 the amount of production of food, fiber, livestock, and other farm
- 6 products.

1 (b) As part of the forecast, the Department of Food and
2 Agriculture’s assumptions shall be based upon 20-year estimates
3 that include, but are not limited to, the following data:

4 (1) Land use conversion rates and the amount of land *that is*
5 available for agricultural production.

6 (2) The growing need for food, fiber, ~~livestock~~ *livestock*, and
7 other farm products as the state’s and the nation’s populations
8 grow.

9 (3) Implementation of irrigation technology and other on-farm
10 water conservation measures.

11 (4) Advances in crop yields and production techniques.

12 (5) Alternate uses of crops.

13 (c) ~~The department~~ *Department of Food and Agriculture* shall
14 include an additional table in the forecast that estimates the
15 agricultural water needs based upon food security considerations
16 that include, at a minimum, *all of* the following:

17 (1) Population growth estimates.

18 (2) Production of farm products sufficient to feed the state’s
19 population, as well as continue to provide at least 25 percent of
20 the nation’s table food.

21 (3) Production necessary to meet the growth in export markets.

22 (d) To the extent feasible, the Department of Food and
23 Agriculture may cooperate with the Department of Finance, the
24 University of California, and other institutions and organizations
25 in obtaining information for the forecasts.

26 (e) The Department of Food and Agriculture shall furnish the
27 forecast to the Department of Water Resources for estimating
28 related water usage, as well as to the Chairs of the Assembly
29 Committee on Agriculture, the Assembly Committee on Water,
30 Parks, and Wildlife, and the Senate Committee on Agriculture and
31 Water Resources. The Department of Water Resources shall include
32 this information in Bulletin 160.