

Assembly Bill No. 1845

CHAPTER 330

An act to amend Section 10610.2 of, and to add Article 2.5 (commencing with Section 10635) to Chapter 3 of Part 2.6 of Division 6 of, the Water Code, relating to water.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1845, Cortese. Urban water supplies: water service reliability assessment.

Existing law requires specified urban water suppliers to prepare and submit urban water management plans to the Department of Water Resources.

This bill would require every urban water supplier to include, as part of its urban water management plan, a prescribed water supply and demand assessment of the reliability of its water service to its customers during normal, dry, and critically dry water runoff years. The bill would require the urban water supplier to include specified information in the assessment. The bill would make related legislative findings and declarations.

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

SECTION 1. Section 10610.2 of the Water Code is amended to read:

10610.2. The Legislature finds and declares as follows:

(a) The waters of the state are a limited and renewable resource subject to ever increasing demands.

(b) The conservation and efficient use of urban water supplies are of statewide concern; however, the planning for that use and the implementation of those plans can best be accomplished at the local level.

(c) A long-term, reliable supply of water is essential to protect the productivity of California's businesses and economic climate.

(d) As part of its long-range planning activities, every urban water supplier should make every effort to ensure the appropriate level of reliability in its water service sufficient to meet the needs of its various categories of customers during normal, dry, and critically dry water runoff years.

(e) This part is intended to provide assistance to water agencies in carrying out their long-term resource planning responsibilities to

ensure adequate water supplies to meet the needs of both existing customers and future demands for water.

SEC. 2. Article 2.5 (commencing with Section 10635) is added to Chapter 3 of Part 2.6 of Division 6 of the Water Code, to read:

Article 2.5. Water Service Reliability

10635. (a) Every urban water supplier shall include, as part of its urban water management plan, an assessment of the reliability of its water service to its customers during normal, dry, and critically dry water runoff years. This water supply and demand assessment shall compare the total water supply sources available to the water supplier with the total projected water use over the next 20 years, in five-year increments, for a normal water runoff year, a single dry water runoff year, and multiple dry runoff years. The water service reliability assessment shall be based upon the information compiled pursuant to Section 10631, including available data from the state, regional, or local agency population projections within the service area of the urban water supplier.

(b) The urban water supplier shall provide that portion of its urban water management plan prepared pursuant to this article to any city or county within which it provides water supplies within 60 days of the adoption of its urban water management plan.

(c) Nothing in this article is intended to create a right or entitlement to water service or any specific level of water service.

(d) Nothing in this article is intended to change existing law concerning an urban water supplier's obligation to provide water service to its existing customers or to any future, potential customers.

