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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—1997–98 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1775**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Runner**

February 5, 1998

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An act to amend Section 14 of, and to add Sections 29.6 and 29.7 to, the Castaic Lake Water Agency Law (Chapter 28 of the Statutes of 1962, First Extraordinary Session), relating to the Castaic Lake Water Agency.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1775, as amended, Runner. Water districts: Castaic Lake Water Agency.

(1) The Castaic Lake Water Agency Law creates the Castaic Lake Water Agency and requires the board of directors of the agency, by majority vote, to appoint a secretary, treasurer and auditor.

This bill would authorize the board, by majority vote, to appoint from its members one or more vice presidents and to define the duties of each vice president.

(2) The agency law prescribes matters relating to the adoption of the annual capital budget of the agency, as defined, and provides for the annual adoption of a facility capacity fee as a source of revenue for the annual capital budget.

This bill would authorize the board to adopt a multiyear capital budget for the agency ~~instead of preparing an annual capital budget~~, as prescribed. The bill would authorize the

board to adopt a facility capacity fee as part of its annual capital budget or multiyear capital budget and would require the fee to remain in effect for a period of 9 calendar months from the date of the termination of the applicable budget period, unless the board, by resolution, replaces the fee with a newly adopted facility capacity fee or repeals the fee.

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 14 of the Castaic Lake Water  
2 Agency Law (Chapter 28 of the Statutes of 1962, First  
3 Extraordinary Session) is amended to read:

4 Sec. 14. The board of directors shall at its first  
5 meeting, or as soon thereafter as practicable, appoint by  
6 a majority vote a secretary, treasurer and auditor, and  
7 define their duties and fix their compensation. The board,  
8 by majority vote, may appoint from its members one or  
9 more vice presidents and may define the duties of each  
10 vice president. The board may employ such additional  
11 assistants and employees, and such engineers, attorneys  
12 and professional and other consultants as they may deem  
13 necessary to efficiently maintain and operate said agency.  
14 Each shall serve at the pleasure of the board.

15 SEC. 2. Section 29.6 is added to the Castaic Lake  
16 Water Agency Law (Chapter 28 of the Statutes of 1962,  
17 First Extraordinary Session), to read:

18 Sec. 29.6. (a) ~~(1)~~—Notwithstanding any other  
19 provision of law, the board of directors, ~~instead of~~  
20 ~~preparing the annual capital budget described in Section~~  
21 ~~29.1,~~ may adopt a multiyear capital budget for the agency.  
22 The multiyear capital budget may not encompass more  
23 than three agency fiscal years.

24 ~~(2) For the purposes of adopting a multiyear capital~~  
25 ~~budget, the board of directors may establish water service~~  
26 ~~areas for the period of the multiyear budget and may~~  
27 ~~determine and set different schedules of rates, charges,~~  
28 ~~fees, assessments, and taxes, on a multiyear basis within~~  
29 ~~the water service areas, following the adoption of a~~



1 ~~resolution of intention to form new water service areas,~~  
2 ~~or to continue, amend, or modify water service areas~~  
3 ~~previously established. Except for the length of time, the~~  
4 ~~multiyear capital budget shall meet the requirements~~  
5 ~~pertaining to an annual capital budget.~~

6 (b) (1) Prior to the adoption of a multiyear capital  
7 budget, the board shall hold a single public hearing  
8 noticed to the extent practicable in the manner set forth  
9 in Section 29.3.

10 (2) The board of directors may adopt, by resolution,  
11 reasonable procedures to facilitate the adoption and  
12 funding of a multiyear capital budget. Any procedures  
13 adopted by the board shall facilitate the making of  
14 findings and determinations otherwise required or  
15 authorized for the adoption and funding of an annual  
16 capital budget pursuant to Sections 29.1 to 29.4, inclusive.

17 (3) Any multiyear capital budget may be amended by  
18 the board of directors during the term of the budget.  
19 Schedules of rates, charges, fees, and assessments may not  
20 be increased without a prior public hearing noticed to the  
21 extent practicable in the manner set forth in Section 29.3.

22 SEC. 3. Section 29.7 is added to the Castaic Lake  
23 Water Agency Law (Chapter 28 of the Statutes of 1962,  
24 First Extraordinary Session), to read:

25 Sec. 29.7. Notwithstanding any other provision of law,  
26 the board of directors may adopt a facility capacity fee as  
27 part of its annual capital budget or multiyear capital  
28 budget and the fee shall remain in effect for a period of  
29 nine calendar months from the date of the termination of  
30 the applicable budget period, unless the board, by  
31 resolution, replaces the fee with a newly adopted facility  
32 capacity fee or repeals the fee.

