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SENATE BILL

No. 1062

Introduced by Senator Poochigian

February 26, 1999

An act to ~~add Section 10004.5 to~~ *amend Section 10004 of, and to add Section 10004.5 to*, the Water Code, relating to water.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1062, as amended, Poochigian. The California Water Plan.

Existing law requires the Department of Water Resources to update, every 5 years, the California Water Plan, which is the plan for the control, protection, conservation, development, and utilization of the water resources of the state.

This bill *would require the department to establish a prescribed advisory committee to assist the department in the updating of the plan. The bill would require the department, in connection with the updating of the plan, to include in the plan a discussion of various strategies, including those strategies relating to the development of new water storage facilities, water conservation and recycling, desalination, conjunctive use, and water transfers, that may be pursued to meet the future water needs of the state, as prescribed. The bill would make related legislative findings and declarations.*

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. The Legislature finds and declares all of
2 the following:

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

6 (b) The Department of Finance projects that
7 California's population will increase to over 47 million
8 persons by 2020, increasing the need for the development
9 of additional safe and reliable water supplies that are
10 critical to the health, safety, and welfare of all
11 Californians, including the state's future generations.

12 (c) Water-related infrastructure investment needs are
13 growing rapidly as a result of a growing population and
14 economy, environmental and public health
15 requirements, and aging water delivery systems.

16 (d) The Department of Water Resources projects that
17 Californians will experience chronic water shortages, as
18 early as 2000, unless actions are taken to increase the
19 amount of developed water available for use in California.

20 (e) Water conservation, water recycling, voluntary
21 water transfers, conjunctive use, and desalination
22 programs and projects will continue to be an integral part
23 of California's water management strategy.

24 (f) The review, planning, and development of new
25 water storage facilities and the renewed operation or
26 enlargement of existing water storage facilities should be
27 pursued to ensure that a reliable, high quality supply of
28 water is available to meet the current and future needs
29 of all beneficial uses of water, including urban,
30 agricultural, and environmental uses.

31 SEC. 2. *Section 10004 of the Water Code is amended*
32 *to read:*

33 10004. (a) The plan for the orderly and coordinated
34 control, protection, conservation, development, and
35 utilization of the water resources of the state which is set
36 forth and described in Bulletin No. 1 of the State Water
37 Resources Board entitled "Water Resources of
38 California," Bulletin No. 2 of the State Water Resources



1 Board entitled, “Water Utilization and Requirements of
2 California,” and Bulletin No. 3 of the department
3 entitled, “The California Water Plan,” with any necessary
4 amendments, supplements, and additions to the plan,
5 shall be known as “The California Water Plan.”

6 (b) (1) The department shall update The California
7 Water Plan every five years. The department shall report
8 the amendments, supplements, and additions included in
9 the updates of The California Water Plan, together with
10 a summary of the department’s conclusions and
11 recommendations, to the Legislature in the session in
12 which the updated plan is issued.

13 (2) *The department shall establish an advisory*
14 *committee, comprised of representatives of agricultural*
15 *and urban water suppliers, local government, business,*
16 *production agriculture, and environmental interests, and*
17 *other interested parties, to assist the department in the*
18 *updating of The California Water Plan. The department*
19 *shall consult with the advisory committee in carrying out*
20 *this section.*

21 (3) The department shall release a preliminary draft
22 of The California Water Plan, as updated, upon request,
23 to interested persons and entities throughout the state for
24 their review and comments. The department shall
25 provide these persons and entities an opportunity to
26 present written or oral comments on the preliminary
27 draft. The department shall consider these comments in
28 the preparation of the final publication of The California
29 Water Plan, as updated.

30 *SEC. 3.* Section 10004.5 is added to the Water Code, to
31 read:

32 10004.5. As part of the requirement of the
33 department to update The California Water Plan
34 pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 10004, the
35 department shall include in the plan a discussion of
36 various strategies, including, but not limited to, those
37 relating to the development of new water storage
38 facilities, water conservation, water recycling,
39 desalination, conjunctive use, and water transfers that
40 may be pursued in order to meet the future water needs



1 of the state. The department shall include in the plan a
2 discussion of the potential advantages and disadvantages
3 of each strategy and an identification of all federal and
4 state permits, approvals, or entitlements that are
5 anticipated to be required in order to implement the
6 various components of the strategy.

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