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SENATE BILL

No. 1586

Introduced by Senator Costa

February 18, 2000

An act to add Sections 10952, 10953, and 10954 to, ~~and to add Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 12229) to Part 4.5 of Division 6 of,~~ the Water Code, relating to water, ~~and making an appropriation therefor.~~

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1586, as amended, Costa. Water resources.

~~(1) Under~~

Under existing law, the Department of Water Resources operates the State Water Project and exercises various water resource functions.

This bill would require the CALFED Operations Group, or its successor, acting through the department, to prepare, and submit to the Legislature, a plan that describes the joint operations of the State Water Project and the Central Valley Project for each water year. The bill would require the department to prepare and submit the plan if the CALFED Operations Group is disbanded and no successor to that group is designated. The bill would prescribe the components of the plan and provide for the amendment of the plan. The bill would make related legislative findings and declarations.

~~(2) The Costa-Machado Water Act of 2000 transfers \$180,000,000 from the Water Supply, Reliability, and Infrastructure Account in the Safe Drinking Water, Clean Water, Watershed Protection, and Flood Protection Bond Fund to the Interim Water Supply and Water Quality Infrastructure and Management Subaccount for grants or loans, which are approved by the Governor, to local agencies in specified delta export service areas for projects or programs that meet prescribed requirements. Under existing law, certain state and federal agencies participate in the CALFED Bay Delta Program for the purposes of improving water supply reliability and water quality in the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary.~~

~~The bill would appropriate \$141,000,000 from that subaccount for grants to prescribed entities in prescribed amounts for specified programs or projects that meet those requirements. The bill would appropriate \$125,000,000 from the General Fund to CALFED for projects that implement the CALFED Record of Decision, as prescribed. The bill would appropriate \$20,000,000 from the General Fund to CALFED to pay for the costs of implementing CALFED's Integrated Storage Investigations during the 2000-01 fiscal year. The bill would transfer \$10,000,000 from the General Fund to the Contingency Actions Account, which the bill would create in the General Fund, and appropriate that amount from the account to pay the costs of water management activities undertaken by the state.~~

~~Vote: $\frac{2}{3}$ majority. Appropriation: yes 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 hereby finds and
- 2 declares all of the following:
- 3 (a) The Legislature supports the CALFED objectives
- 4 to develop a long-term comprehensive solution for the
- 5 improvement of all beneficial uses of San Francisco
- 6 Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta water.
- 7 (b) Due to the comprehensive nature of the CALFED
- 8 objectives, no significant delta water supply or water



1 quality improvements are anticipated for the delta export
2 service areas until completion of the CALFED Stage I
3 actions expected seven to 10 years after finalization of the
4 programmatic environmental documents. However,
5 during that time the state and federal governments are
6 expected to continue the joint operations of the State
7 Water Project and the Central Valley Project.

8 (c) The joint operations of the State Water Project and
9 the Central Valley Project are the subject of the
10 Coordinated Operations Agreement which sets out how
11 the two projects will be operated to meet the water
12 supply demands of their respective beneficiaries.
13 Currently, the Department of Water Resources and the
14 United States Bureau of Reclamation jointly develop an
15 operations plan for each water year beginning on
16 October 1 to facilitate the coordinated operation of the
17 two projects.

18 (d) To protect the health and safety of the citizens of
19 California and the environment prior to the completion
20 of planned water supply and water quality improvements
21 as proposed by CALFED, to provide adequate water
22 supplies for a growing California economy during those
23 years, and to ensure California is prepared for water
24 shortages, whether caused by drought or regulatory
25 restrictions, there is an urgent and compelling need for
26 improved publication of water supply decisions that
27 affect the state's ability to meet the needs of the state's
28 environmental, urban, and agricultural water users.

29 SEC. 2. Section 10952 is added to the Water Code, to
30 read:

31 10952. On or before November 1 of each year the
32 CALFED Operations Group, or its successor, acting
33 through the department, shall prepare, and submit to the
34 Legislature, a plan that describes the joint operation of
35 the State Water Project and Central Valley Project for
36 each water year. The department shall prepare and
37 submit the plan if the CALFED Operations Group is
38 disbanded and no successor to that group is designated.

39 SEC. 3. Section 10953 is added to the Water Code, to
40 read:



1 10953. The purpose of the plan described in Section
2 10952 is to provide environmental, urban, and
3 agricultural water users with a comprehensive operations
4 plan that describes how the State Water Project and the
5 Central Valley Project will be operated in each month of
6 the water year. The plan may be amended from
7 time-to-time during the water year as necessary to
8 accommodate changing hydrologic conditions, water
9 demands, water quality conditions, or necessary to meet
10 environmental standards or requirements. If the plan is
11 amended at anytime, the amended plan shall be
12 submitted to the Legislature not later than one month
13 from the date on which the plan is amended.

14 SEC. 4. Section 10954 is added to the Water Code, to
15 read:

16 10954. (a) The plan shall include, at a minimum, all
17 of the following:

18 (1) Estimates of planned monthly pumping rates
19 expressed in acre-feet for the Harvey O. Banks Pumping
20 Plant and the Tracy Pumping Plant.

21 (2) Estimates of monthly reservoir releases expressed
22 in acre-feet from Trinity Dam, Shasta Dam, Oroville
23 Dam, Folsom Dam, New Melones Dam, Friant Dam, and
24 monthly releases or inflow to Sisk Dam. Because Sisk Dam
25 is jointly owned by the State of California and the federal
26 government, estimates of monthly releases shall
27 distinguish between releases of Central Valley Project
28 water and releases of State Water Project water.

29 (3) Estimates of end-of-month storage expressed in
30 acre-feet and as a percent of total capacity for Trinity
31 Reservoir, Shasta Lake, Lake Oroville, Folsom Lake, New
32 Melones Lake, Millerton Lake, and San Luis Reservoir.
33 Because San Luis Reservoir is jointly owned by the State
34 of California and the federal government, estimates of
35 end-of-month storage shall distinguish between the
36 amount of water stored by the State Water Project and
37 the amount of water stored by the Central Valley Project
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39 (4) Estimates of monthly deliveries to State Water
40 Project and Central Valley Project contractors.



1 (5) Estimates of monthly releases, deliveries, or
2 decreases in pumping capacity or reservoir releases
3 anticipated to meet environmental standards or
4 requirements, water quality standards, or other
5 environmental uses, including deliveries to wildlife
6 refuges.

7 (6) Estimates of the water supply allocations for State
8 Water Project and Central Valley Project contractors and
9 state and federal wildlife refuges. Water supply allocation
10 shall be expressed in terms of a percent of contract
11 entitlements or the applicable equivalent for wildlife
12 refuges.

13 (7) Estimates of the timing and duration of Delta Cross
14 Channel Gate closures.

15 (b) For the purposes of preparing the plan, estimates
16 shall be based on the department’s existing modeling and
17 reflect the department’s practice of modeling both the 50
18 percent hydrology and the 90 percent hydrology.

19 ~~SEC. 3. Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 12229)~~
20 ~~is added to Part 4.5 of Division 6 of the Water Code, to~~
21 ~~read:~~

22
23 ~~CHAPTER 4. CONTINGENCY ACTIONS ACCOUNT~~

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25 ~~12229. The Contingency Actions Account is hereby~~
26 ~~created in the General Fund.~~

27 ~~SEC. 4. (a) The sum of one hundred forty-one~~
28 ~~million dollars (\$141,000,000) is hereby appropriated~~
29 ~~from the Interim Water Supply and Water Quality~~
30 ~~Infrastructure and Management Subaccount in the~~
31 ~~Water Supply, Reliability, and Infrastructure Account in~~
32 ~~the Safe Drinking Water, Clean Water, Watershed~~
33 ~~Protection, and Flood Protection Bond Fund to the~~
34 ~~Department of Water Resources for grants for eligible~~
35 ~~projects in accordance with subdivision (a) of Section~~
36 ~~79205.8 of the Water Code, as set forth in the following~~
37 ~~schedule:~~

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1	GRANT RECIPIENT	PROJECT	AMOUNT
2	APPLICANT		
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4	(1) Kern County Water	Kern River	\$23,000,000
5	Agency	Restoration Project	
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7	(2) San Luis and Delta	San Joaquin River	17,500,000
8	Mendota Water	Quality Project	
9	Authority	Phase 1	
10			
11	(3) Westlands Water	Conjunctive Use and	12,500,000
12	District	Groundwater	
13		Recharge Project	
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15	(4) Westlands Water	Irrigation Systems	5,000,000
16	District	Improvement	
17		Project	
18			
19	(5) San Luis Water	Water	1,000,000
20	District	Conservation/Canal	
21		Lining	
22			
23	(6) Metropolitan Water	Desalination	4,000,000
24	District of Southern	Research and	
25	California	Innovation	
26		Partnership (DRIP)	
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28	(7) Metropolitan Water	Water Supply	45,000,000
29	District of Southern	Reliability Projects	
30	California		
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32	(8) Metropolitan Water	Water Quality	20,000,000
33	District of Southern	Exchange	
34	California	Partnership	
35			
36	(9) Victor Valley Water	Groundwater	5,000,000
37	District/Mojave Water	Recharge/	
38	Agency	Conjunctive Use	
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1	(10) Dudley Ridge Water	Sandridge Off-	7,500,000
2	— District	Stream Reservoir	
3		Site	
4			
5	(11) Del Puerto Water	Irrigation Systems	500,000
6	— District	Improvements	

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8 ~~(b) The department shall determine if a grant~~
9 ~~authorized by subdivision (a) meets all of the~~
10 ~~requirements of Article 4 (commencing with Section~~
11 ~~79205.2) of Chapter 9 of Division 26 of the Water Code.~~

12 ~~(e) (1) The sum of one hundred twenty-five million~~
13 ~~dollars (\$125,000,000) is hereby appropriated from the~~
14 ~~General Fund to CALFED for projects that implement~~
15 ~~the CALFED Record of Decision, upon certifications of~~
16 ~~those projects by the Secretary of the Resources Agency.~~

17 ~~(2) None of the funds appropriated in paragraph (1)~~
18 ~~may be encumbered until the Department of Finance~~
19 ~~approves an expenditure plan that describes the projects~~
20 ~~to be undertaken. The plan shall be consistent with the~~
21 ~~CALFED Record of Decision.~~

22 ~~(d) The sum of twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000) is~~
23 ~~hereby appropriated from the General Fund to CALFED~~
24 ~~to pay the costs of implementing CALFED's Integrated~~
25 ~~Storage Investigations during the 2000-01 fiscal year.~~

26 ~~(e) The sum of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) is~~
27 ~~hereby transferred from the General Fund to the~~
28 ~~Contingency Actions Account created by Section 12229 of~~
29 ~~the Water Code. Money in the account is hereby~~
30 ~~appropriated to CALFED for the purposes of providing~~
31 ~~state matching funds to pay for the costs of water~~
32 ~~management activities undertaken by the state.~~

