

**Introduced by Senator Wolk**

February 26, 2009

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An act to add Part 2.3 (commencing with Section 10580) to Division 6 of the Water Code, relating to water conservation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 460, as introduced, Wolk. Water conservation: urban water use.

Existing law, the Urban Water Management Planning Act, requires each urban water supplier to prepare and implement a water management plan for the efficient use of available water supplies.

This bill would state the intention of the Legislature to enact legislation that would achieve a 20% reduction in urban per capita water use by December 31, 2020.

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. Part 2.3 (commencing with Section 10580) is  
2 added to Division 6 of the Water Code, to read:

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PART 2.3. WATER CONSERVATION

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CHAPTER 1. GENERAL DECLARATIONS AND POLICY

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8 10580. The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:

9 (a) Adequate water supplies and a healthy ecosystem must be  
10 primary coequal goals for sustainable water management in  
11 watersheds throughout the state.

- 1 (b) Common sense requires substantial changes in the way we
- 2 invest in and operate the state’s water supply systems.
- 3 (c) A sustainable aquatic environment, and reliable, high quality
- 4 water supplies are both of critical importance and one cannot be
- 5 accomplished without the other.
- 6 (d) Accomplishing water use efficiency goals will require
- 7 statewide action by all water users.
- 8 (e) Water use efficiency programs are best overseen by local
- 9 officials who are responsible for designing and implementing them.
- 10 (f) Implementation of water use efficiency must be consistent
- 11 with current state law and must not be allowed to undermine the
- 12 water rights of agencies implementing water efficient programs.
- 13 (g) Incentive-based water use efficiency programs will be more
- 14 effective than programs based on the enforcement of mandates by
- 15 state or other entities.
- 16 10581. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation
- 17 that achieves the Governor’s stated goal of reducing urban water
- 18 use by 20 percent, on or before December 31, 2020, which
- 19 translates into a statewide aggregate of 1,740,000 acre-feet, to be
- 20 accomplished through both a reduction in water use and the
- 21 increased efficient use of water.