

AB 968 (RUBIO): URBAN WATER USE: WATER EFFICIENCY

POSITION: The Chamber's Energy & Water Committee voted to SUPPORT this bill on May 4, 2017.

STATUS: AB 353 was introduced by Assemblymember Blanca Rubio on February 16, 2017. The bill passed out of the Assembly Committee on Water, Parks & Wildlife, and was re-referred to the Assembly Committee on Appropriations on April 26, 2017.

AT-A-GLANCE

AB 968 establishes new 2025 water efficiency targets for water suppliers. The bill provides options for setting those targets, exempts recycled water, and establishes a process to develop industrial, institutional, and commercial (CII) performance measures instead of standards.

SUMMARY

AB 968 establishes new 2025 water use efficiency requirements for retail water suppliers. The bill provides options for setting those targets, exempts recycled water, and establishes a process to develop industrial, institutional, and commercial (CII) performance. The bill also establishes a collaborative stakeholder process to continue improving water use efficiency beyond 2025, and will preserve the Legislature's authority and oversight over long-term water use target setting.

ANALYSIS

If passed, AB 968 would provide water agencies in San Diego County with the certainty they need to continue providing the region with a reliable water supply. The bill ensures long-term water use efficiency, and acknowledges past investments and incentivizes future development of drought-resilient supplies, such as recycled water. Recycled water use is an efficient use of local supply and an important future source for the San Diego region. AB 968 also establishes a panel of stakeholder experts to determine the most effective performance measures, or best management practices, for the CII sector that will protect the state's economic growth.

Many Chamber members fall into one of the CII categories, and therefore, would be impacted by the development of standards instead of performance measures. Standards have the ability to create additional burdensome costs for businesses in the state.

SUPPORT

- Alameda County Water District
- Amador Water Agency
- Association of California Water Agencies
- Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency
- Bella Vista Water District
- Calaveras County Water District
- CalDesal
- California Municipal Utilities Association
- California Special Districts Association
- California Water Association
- Camrosa Water District
- CA-NV Section of the American Water Works Association
- Carlsbad Municipal Water District
- Carmichael Water District
- Casitas Municipal Water District
- Citrus Heights Water District
- City of Anaheim
- City of Arcata

- City of Buena Park
- City of Eureka
- City of Fairfield
- City of Fountain Valley
- City of Fullerton
- City of Garden Grove
- City of Huntington Beach
- City of Long Beach Water Department
- City of Newport Beach
- City of Oceanside
- City of Poway
- City of Roseville
- City of Sacramento
- City of Sacramento Department of Utilities
- City of San Diego
- City of San Diego Public Utilities Department
- City of Santa Ana
- City of Santa Cruz Water Department
- City of Santa Rosa
- City of Seal Beach
- City of Shasta Lake
- City of Tustin
- City of Yuba City
- Coachella Valley Water District
- Contra Costa Water District
- Cucamonga Valley Water District
- Desert Water Agency
- East Orange County Water District
- Eastern Municipal Water District
- El Dorado Irrigation District
- El Toro Water District
- Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District
- Fallbrook Public Utility District
- Helix Water District
- Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District
- Humboldt Community Services District
- Indian Wells Valley Water District
- Irvine Ranch Water District (Sponsor)
- Jurupa Community Services District
- Laguna Beach County Water District
- Lakeside Water District
- Las Virgenes Municipal Water District
- Long Beach Water Department
- McKinleyville Community Services District
- Mesa Water District
- Monte Vista Water District
- Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
- Mountain Counties Water Resources Association
- North Marin Water District
- Olivenhain Municipal Water District
- Orange County Water District
- Otay Water District
- Padre Dam Municipal Water District
- Placer County Water Agency
- Public Water Agencies Group
- Regional Water Authority (Sponsor)
- Rincon del Diablo Municipal Water District
- Rio Linda/Elverta CWD
- Sacramento Suburban Water District
- San Diego County Water Authority
- San Francisco Public Utilities Commission
- San Juan Water District
- Santa Margarita Water District
- Scotts Valley Water District
- Serrano Water District
- Sonoma-Marin Saving Water Partnership
- South Tahoe Public Utility District
- Sweetwater Authority
- Three Valleys Municipal Water District
- Trabuco Canyon Water District
- Vallecitos Water District
- Valley Center Municipal Water District
- Walnut Valley Water District
- Western Municipal Water District
- Yorba Linda Water District
- Yuba City Water District
- Zone 7 Water Agency

OPPOSITION

- Amigos de los Rios
- California Coastal Protection Network
- California Coastkeeper Alliance
- Clean Water Action
- Climate Resolve
- Coastal Environmental Rights Foundation
- Endangered Habitats League
- Los Angeles Waterkeeper
- Natural Resources Defense Council
- Sierra Club
- Surfrider Foundation
- SYRCL & Yuba River Waterkeeper
- Wholly H2O