

## AB 1654 (RUBIO): WATER SHORTAGE: URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLANNING

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

**STATUS:** AB 1654 was introduced by Assemblymember Blanca Rubio on February 17, 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 1654 creates a new drought response plan and a new annual water supply reporting requirement for urban water suppliers.

### SUMMARY

AB 1654 creates a new process of drought reporting and planning by local water suppliers. In addition, this bill states that a water supplier will not be mandated to take any additional drought response actions if they satisfy these new requirements.

This bill requires the supplier to outline in its urban water management plan how the emergency supply has been generated to increase water supply reliability during times of shortage. Additionally, this bill requires, by June 15<sup>th</sup> of every year, that a supplier notify the Department of Water Resources if their water supplies will meet projected customer demand. If the supplier is experiencing a water supply shortage, they are required to report that and detail the measures the supplier will take to reduce water demand.

### ANALYSIS

AB 1654 seeks to improve urban water management planning by requiring water suppliers to describe and analyze the reliability of their supplies in greater detail. Reporting of local water supply information each year can allow for the state to better identify suppliers that are experiencing shortages and identify which suppliers are better equipped to deal with drought conditions.

AB 1654 encourages local investment in drought-resilient water supplies and would generate improved drought planning and preparation. This would allow local agencies to carry out those plans, instead of blanket regulations that attempt to address this in a one-size-fits-all manner. Water suppliers will be required to report local supply information and have detailed action plans in place so agency transparency is still present.

It is important to residents and businesses alike that the San Diego region has an adequate and reliable supplies of water. Current state law doesn't require annual reporting of supplies, however, AB 1654 will help the state identify suppliers that are experiencing actual water shortages and understand which agencies are well-equipped to withstand drought conditions. Addressing critical water use efficiency and resource management issues is at the center of sustaining a robust economy and quality of life.

## **SUPPORT**

- Alameda County Water District
- Amador Water Agency
- Anaheim Public Utilities
- 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 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
- Del Paso Manor Water District
- Desert Water Agency
- East Orange County Water District
- East Valley Water District
- Eastern Municipal Water District
- El Dorado Irrigation District
- El Toro Water District
- Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District
- Fallbrook Public Utility District
- Greater Eureka Chamber Of Commerce, The
- 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
- Kern County Water Agency
- Laguna Beach County Water District
- Lakeside Water District
- Las Virgenes Municipal Water District
- Long Beach Water Department
- Mckinleyville Community Services District
- Mesa Water District
- Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, The
- Monte Vista Water District
- Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
- Mountain Counties Water Resources Association
- North Marin Water District
- Northern California Chamber Alliance
- 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 Geronio Pass Water Agency
- 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
- Zone 7 Water Agency

## **OPPOSITION**

- Amigos de los Rios
- California Coastal Protection Network
- California Coastkeeper Alliance
- Clean Water Action

- Coastal Environmental Rights Foundation
- Climate Resolve
- Endangered Habitats League
- Los Angeles Waterkeeper
- Mono Lake Committee
- Natural Resources Defense Council
- Sierra Club
- Surfrider Foundation
- SYRCL & Yuba River Waterkeeper
- Wholly H2O