Comprehensive Legislative Water Package Overview

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Defining California’s Water Challenges

- Aging infrastructure and growing population
- Multi-year drought has further stressed water supplies
- California’s Bay-Delta ecosystem is declining; increasingly stringent ESA regulation
- Climate change impacts
S.F., East Bay fear water rationing in future

By Wyatt Buchanan, Matthew Yi
San Francisco and East Bay water managers are warning that a plan to overhaul the state’s water system could result in draconian restrictions and rationing in the Bay Area and possibly undermine water rights that are more than 100 years old.

The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission and the East Bay Municipal Utility District, which combined serve approximately 1.5 million people, have launched a multimedia campaign to promote conserving water. The campaign will encourage residents to save water in every way possible.

State launches campaign to conserve water

Web site and ads offer tips to help consumers save.

By E.J. Schulz
SACRAMENTO -- With California in the grip of a three-year drought, state officials Tuesday announced a multimillion-dollar media campaign that will ask residents to save water in every way possible.

Billboards, radio and TV ads will implore Californians to take shorter showers, turn off the faucet, check for plumbing leaks, wash only full laundry loads, cut back on lawn watering and use a broom instead of a hose to clear gutters.

Ecologist say unrestricted pumping will harm fish

The Associated Press
A federal judge on Thursday put an end to unrestricted pumping by farmers in a federal court.

FRESNO -- Environmentalists say unrestricted pumping of water from the San Joaquin River will harm fish.

Legislature ends session without solution to water problems

By Jim Sanders
SACRAMENTO -- On another low note early this morning, California lawmakers, unable to agree on a wide-ranging plan, Capitol shortly before sunrise following an all-night session.

White House intervenes in state water crisis

Administration wants lawmakers back in session

Kevin Freking
WASHINGTON -- The Obama administration yesterday urged California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger to call state lawmakers into a special session to deal with the state’s water crisis.

Meanwhile, the administration will ask the National Academies of Sciences to look at alternatives to protecting endangered species in California that could allow for more water delivery from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta to San Francisco Bay.

Lowest delta-river salmon run ever in 2009

Peter Fimrite
SAN FRANCISCO -- The lowest number of chinook salmon in recorded history made their way up the Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers last fall, turning what was already a disaster for the fishing industry into what some are calling an environmental and economic catastrophe.

It is the second year in a row that there have been record low numbers of spawning salmon, a situation that has created a political conundrum as the battle among farmers, fishermen and
A three-year drought has shrunk Shasta Lake to about 60 percent of its long-term level, reducing water to cities and farms.
Current Conditions

- Latest snow survey: 143% of normal
- Precipitation: 107% of normal
- SWP and CVP South-of-Delta allocation: 45%
- Impacts from drought and regulatory restrictions will keep 2010 deliveries low (below 50%)
ESA Restrictions on SWP/CVP Operations
Why Are These People Smiling?

Cogdill  Hollingsworth  Blakeslee  Bass

Steinberg  Schwarzenegger

Simitian  Fuller  Huffman  Caballero
The Delta – Vital to Economy, Environment

San Francisco

San Diego

Redding

Los Angeles

Sacramento

San Joaquin River

Sacramento River

Stockton

San Francisco
Co-equal Goals

Delta Policy
• Governance
• Conveyance
• BDCP

Statewide Policy
• Storage
• Conservation
• Groundwater monitoring
• Water Rights

Finance
“Co-equal goals means the two goals of providing a more reliable water supply for California and protecting, restoring, and enhancing the Delta ecosystem.” — SB 1 (Steinberg), Section 85054
Delta Governance

Delta Stewardship Council
- 7 members, statewide view
- Adopts Delta Plan to implement co-equal goals
- Incorporates BDCP

Delta Protection Commission
- 15 members, 11 Delta majority
- Land-use authority
- Resource management plan
- Delta economic sustainability plan

Delta Conservancy
- 11 members, including 5 Delta counties
- Primary agency to implement ecosystem restoration

California Water Commission
- Existing body, 9 members
- Oversees competitive process to award $3 billion to storage projects
- Incorporates BDCP

Delta Vision Blue Ribbon Task Force
California’s 1st Comprehensive Policy

- Local resource development
- New conveyance and storage infrastructure
- Delta habitat and watershed investments

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY NOVEMBER 4, 2009
AMENDED IN SENATE NOVEMBER 2, 2009
CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009–10 SEVENTH EXTRAORDINARY SESSION

SENATE BILL No. 2

Introduced by Senator Cogdill
(Principal coauthor: Senator Hollingsworth)
(Principal coauthors: Assembly Members Blakeslee and Caballero)
(Coauthors: Senators Cedillo and Florez)

October 27, 2009

An act to add Division 26.7 (commencing with Section 79700) to the Water Code, relating to a safe drinking water and water supply reliability program, by providing the funds necessary therefor through an election for the issuance and sale of bonds of the State of California and for the handling and disposition of those funds, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

(1) Under existing law, various measures have been approved by the voters to provide funds for water supply and protection facilities and programs.
This bill would enact the Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2010, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of $9,990,000,000 ($11,140,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law) to finance a safe drinking water and water supply reliability program.
Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2010

Total Funding $11.14 billion

- Drought Relief: $455 million
- Delta Sustainability: $2.25 billion
- Water Supply Reliability: $1.4 billion
- Statewide Water System Operational Improvement: $3.0 billion
- Groundwater Protection And Water Quality: $1 billion
- Water Recycling and Water Conservation: $1.25 billion
- Conservation and Watershed Protection: $1.785 billion
Major Expenditure Categories for the Water Bond

$11 = 4 + 4 + 3

- $4 billion: Local Resource development
- $4 billion: habitat and watersheds
- $3 billion for storage for co-equal goals and other public benefits
Local Resource Funds by Region

Local Conveyance – Interregional Connectivity

$350 million
Local Resource Funds by Region

- $64
- $71
- $28
- $48
- $32
- $20
- $30
- $18
- $56
- $20
- $25

$ per capita
Resources for San Diego County

**Local Resource Development**
**Chapter 5**
• Total – $455 million
• San Diego County – $100 million

**Habitat and Watershed**
**Chapter 7**
• Total – $2.25 billion
• Delta Solutions Benefit All

**Storage for Public Benefits**
**Chapter 8**
• Total – $3 billion
• Statewide Competition for Funds

**Chapters 6 and 11**
• Total – $2.65 billion
• San Diego County – $87 million

**Chapter 9**
• Total – $1.785 billion
• San Diego County – $40 million, including San Diego River Conservancy
Frequently asked Questions

Q. Isn’t this just more pork and subsidies for ag?
Q. Will this bond affect other important expenditures?
Q. Isn’t it too expensive?
Q. Is now the time?
Q. Can it pass?

Answer:

$1b = 18,000 jobs
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