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<p><b>AB 291 Medina (D)</b>  Sponsor: ACWA and McGeorge Law School Policy and Legislative Clinic</p>	<p>Amended 6/10/15  Senate Environmental Quality Committee</p>	<p><b>CEQA: Local Agencies: Notice of Determination:</b> Amends CEQA to authorize a local agency for a multi-county water transfer to file the notice of determination with the county clerk in the county of the local agency's principal office and with the Office of Planning and Research.</p>	<p><b>SUPPORT</b> based upon April 2013 board- adopted CEQA policy principles</p>	<p>Would streamline filing of CEQA notices of determination for multi-county water transfers. Improves public access to those notices.</p>
<p><b>AB 501 Levine (D)</b>  Sponsor: Author</p>	<p>Amended 1/25/16  Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee</p>	<p><b>Resources: Delta Research:</b> Requires that state-funded environmental research in the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta estuary be shareable and made available to the Delta Science Program.</p>	<p><b>SUPPORT AND AMEND</b> based upon June 2007 board- adopted Delta Action Plan</p>	<p>Seeks to foster communication and transparency among Delta researchers and would provide open access to research data.</p>

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<p><b>AB 647</b> <b>Eggman (D)</b>  Sponsor: Author</p>	<p>Amended 6/30/15  Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee</p>	<p><b>Beneficial Use: Storing of Water</b> <b>Underground:</b> Would state that diversion of water underground to protect water quality, prevent land subsidence or to prevent or remediate chronic lowering of groundwater levels is a beneficial use. Existing forfeiture provisions for non-use of water for periods longer than five years would not apply to water being beneficially used for these specific purposes.</p>	<p><b>SUPPORT</b> (PENDING)</p>	<p>Includes safeguards to ensure that permanent underground storage is implemented in reasonable manner. SWRCB must confirm that flows are not already appropriated or diverted at times when federal and state water projects or other permitted reservoir releases are required to release supplemental flows to meet water quality objectives in Delta watershed.</p>
<p><b>AB 935</b> <b>Salas (D)</b>  Sponsor: Author</p>	<p>Amended 9/4/15  Senate Inactive File</p>	<p><b>Water Projects:</b> Requires DWR to fund two named projects on Friant-Kern Canal and San Joaquin River, if certain conditions are met. Funding not to exceed \$75 million and is subject to future legislative appropriation.</p>	<p><b>OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED</b> based upon June 2007 board- adopted Delta Action Plan</p>	<p>Named projects have potential to negatively impact State Water Project's ability to deliver water supply through Delta and fails to provide opportunity for potentially impacted parties to comment on project impacts before projects move forward.</p>
<p><b>AB 1201</b> <b>Salas (D)</b>  Sponsor: Author</p>	<p>Amended 8/17/15  Senate Appropriations Committee</p>	<p><b>Delta: Predation:</b> Directs Department of Fish and Wildlife to develop science-based approach to address predation in the Delta.</p>	<p><b>SUPPORT</b> based upon June 2007 board- adopted Delta Action Plan</p>	<p>Aligns with Metropolitan's broader efforts to base management decisions in Delta on science.</p>

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<p><b>AB 1713 Eggman (D)</b>  Sponsor: Author</p>	<p>Introduced 1/26/16  Held on Assembly Appropriations Committee suspense file; dead bill</p>	<p><b>Delta: Peripheral Canal:</b> Prohibits construction of CA Water Fix unless authorized by statewide vote on or after January 1, 2017.</p>	<p><b>OPPOSE</b> based upon June 2007 board- adopted Delta Action Plan</p>	<p>Would establish dangerous precedent for major infrastructure investments and jeopardizes only viable solution to secure water supplies for two-thirds of state while improving health of Delta ecosystem.</p>
<p><b>AB 1749 Mathis (R)</b>  Sponsor: Author</p>	<p>Amended 4/27/16  Senate Environmental Quality Committee; 6/29/16 hearing</p>	<p><b>CEQA: Recycled Water:</b> Creates narrow CEQA exemption for specified recycled water projects during current drought emergency. Is written to facilitate project in Porterville, a city within author's district.</p>	<p><b>WATCH</b></p>	<p>To extent any member agency proposed projects meet narrow criteria, those projects may benefit from CEQA exemption.</p>
<p><b>AB 1755 Dodd (D)</b>  Sponsor: California Water Foundation and Bay Area Council</p>	<p>Amended 5/11/16  Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee; 6/28/16 hearing</p>	<p><b>Open and Transparent Water Data Act: :</b> Requires Department of Water Resources, State Water Resources Control Board and Department of Fish and Wildlife to coordinate and integrate existing water and ecological data to improve water resource management and transparency.</p>	<p><b>SUPPORT</b> pursuant to board action on April 12, 2016</p>	<p>Greater information sharing and transparency is a positive.</p>

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<p><b>AB 2022 Gordon (D)</b></p> <p>Sponsors: Orange County Water District; Orange County Sanitation District; and WaterReuse California</p>	<p>Amended 3/31/16</p> <p>Senate Environmental Quality Committee; 6/14/16 hearing</p>	<p><b>Advanced Purified Demonstration Water:</b> Authorizes bottling of advanced purified demonstration water, as defined, for educational purposes to promote water recycling.</p>	<p><b>SUPPORT</b> based upon board-adopted policy principles on water recycling (1998) and water use efficiency (2009)</p>	<p>Would authorize use of important outreach tool to increase public awareness and acceptance of recycled water.</p>
<p><b>AB 2304 Levine (D)</b></p> <p>Sponsor: Environmental Defense Fund</p>	<p>Amended 5/11/16</p> <p>Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee; dead bill</p>	<p><b>California Water Market Exchange:</b> Creates CA Water Market Exchange Clearinghouse within Natural Resources Agency, managed by five-member board appointed by Governor. Requires Clearinghouse to create centralized water market platform by December 31, 2018. Authorizes unspecified administrative fee to cover costs. Exchange would have power to require submission of details regarding water transfers and exchanges before they occur, including price, quantity and potential third-party impacts.</p>	<p><b>OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED</b> pursuant to board action on April 12, 2016</p>	<p>Amendments are necessary to ensure no additional approvals imposed by Clearinghouse and to eliminate imposition of new costs on such water transfers.</p>

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<p><b>AB 2470 Gonzalez (D)</b></p> <p>Sponsor: Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation</p>	<p>Amended 4/26/16</p> <p>Senate Governance and Finance Committee; 6/22/16 hearing</p>	<p><b>Municipal Water Service: Indian Tribes:</b> Requires municipal water district, upon request of tribe, to provide water service to tribe's lands that are not within water district. Only applies if tribe's land meets specified requirements. Water district must provide water service at same terms available to current customers.</p>	<p><b>WATCH</b> pursuant to board action on April 12, 2016</p>	<p>Extension of service does not require formal annexation or LAFCO approval. Tribal land is deemed included in water district's service area if tribe makes all service payments and complies with agreement entered into with water agencies.</p>
<p><b>AB 2488 Dababneh (D)</b></p> <p>Sponsor: Metropolitan Water District of Southern California</p>	<p>Amended 6/9/16</p> <p>Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee; 6/14/16 hearing</p>	<p><b>Protected Species: Unarmored Threespine Stickleback (UTS):</b> Would allow Metropolitan to perform important maintenance and repairs on Foothill Feeder, under certain conditions, by authorizing Department of Fish and Wildlife to issue incidental take permit for potential take of UTS, a California fully protected species.</p>	<p><b>SUPPORT</b> pursuant to board action on February 9, 2016</p>	<p>Allows Metropolitan to move forward with periodic dewatering of Foothill Feeder, provided specified steps are taken to contribute to conservation of UTS. Foothill Feeder is one of the primary conveyance pipelines for State Water Project water supplies to service area.</p>
<p><b>AB 2583 Frazier (D)</b></p> <p>Sponsor: Author</p>	<p>Amended 3/17/16</p> <p>Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee; failed passage</p>	<p><b>Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Reform Act of 2009:</b> Would create new requirements to delay or halt progress on California WaterFix.</p>	<p><b>OPPOSE</b> based upon June 2007 board- adopted Delta Action Plan</p>	<p>Creates unnecessary and double standard for advancing projects to modernize statewide water system. Represents step backward in meeting California's co-equal goals of a reliable water supply and restored Delta ecosystem.</p>

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<p align="center"><b>ACA 8 Bloom (D)</b></p> <p>Sponsor: West Basin Municipal Water District</p>	<p align="center">As Introduced Assembly Rules Committee</p>	<p><b>Local Government Financing:</b> Would place constitutional amendment on November 2016 ballot to create exception under Article XIII A, Article XIII C and Article XVI of the CA Constitution for special districts, municipalities and counties. Creates new exemption to 1% Prop. 13 ad valorem property tax cap so long as taxes are imposed for funding water, stormwater or wastewater-related infrastructure and is approved by 55% of voters. Would also lower vote threshold for adopting special taxes and to incur bonded indebtedness to 55% majority vote, so long as funding or financing is for purposes of water, stormwater or wastewater related infrastructure. Does not affect existing exemptions to Props. 13, 218 or 26.</p>	<p align="center"><b>SUPPORT</b> pursuant to board action on April 12, 2016</p>	<p>Capital improvement needs for California's water, stormwater and wastewater infrastructure have been estimated in the billions over coming decades. ACA 8 is designed to improve opportunities for funding critical water infrastructure throughout California.</p>

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<p><b>SB 20 Pavley (D)</b></p> <p>Sponsor: California Water Foundation</p>	<p>Amended 8/26/15</p> <p>Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee</p>	<p><b>California Water Resiliency Investment Act:</b> Would create California Water Resiliency Investment Fund for funding: 1) emergency drought response to protect vulnerable populations; 2) matching grants to local and regional agencies to increase regional self-reliance; 3) planning, construction, operation and maintenance of drinking water systems for disadvantaged communities; 4) restoration and protection of fish and wildlife to avoid or reduce conflicts with water management systems; and 5) to support improved data and information systems.</p>	<p><b>WATCH</b> based upon board- adopted Legislative Priorities for 2016</p>	<p>Contains no specific funding source. Creates policy “framework” for identifying sustainable funding options for state and local water infrastructure financing and operations.</p>
<p><b>SB 471 Pavley (D)</b></p> <p>Sponsor: Author</p>	<p>Amended 8/17/15</p> <p>Assembly Appropriations Committee</p>	<p><b>Water, Energy and Reduction of Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG):</b> Would authorize grant and loan program for water projects that result in net reduction of water-related GHGs.</p>	<p><b>SUPPORT AND SEEK AMENDMENTS</b> based upon August 2008 board-adopted energy policy principles</p>	<p>While energy use has always been key factor in water resource planning, measure would provide access to funding for projects that reduce water-related GHG emissions.</p>

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SB 554</b> <b>Wolk (D)</b>  Sponsor: Author</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Amended 1/4/16  Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee; 6/14/16 hearing</p>	<p><b>Delta Levee Maintenance:</b> Would declare legislative intent to authorize Central Valley Flood Protection Board to reimburse up to 75% of costs incurred in any year for maintenance or improvement of Delta levees in excess of \$1,000 per levee mile.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED</b> based upon June 2007 board- adopted Delta Action Plan</p>	<p>Seeks to extend higher level of state subsidy in perpetuity for levee maintenance responsibilities on private lands in Delta. Third-party affordability and benefits assessment should be undertaken before higher state cost share is extended.</p>