



2022 STATE WATER LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Riverside Public Utilities

Board of Public Utilities
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2021-2022 LEGISLATIVE SESSION STATUS

1. The California Legislature had its final recess for the 2021-2022 legislative session on August 31, upon adjournment
2. This is the last year of the two-year session
 - a. Bills that have not passed by the end session do not rollover to the next year
3. September 30 was the last day for Governor Newsom to sign/veto bills passed by the Legislature before September 1



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WATER QUALITY = WATER RESILIENCE

Man-made and naturally occurring chemicals that may pose a risk to human health must be identified, monitored, and if necessary, treated, to protect the public and optimize California's limited water supply



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ASSEMBLY BILL 1817

The Safer Clothes and Textiles Act

1. After January 1, 2025, prohibits any person from manufacturing, distributing, selling, or offering for sale in the state any new, not previously owned, textile articles that contain perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances
2. Requires a manufacturer to use the least toxic alternative when removing PFAS in textile articles.



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SENATE BILL 230

Statewide Constituents of Emerging Concern Drinking Water Program

1. Establishes and maintains a dedicated program for CECs
2. Creates a Science Advisory Panel to develop information for the program and provide a report to the Legislature by June 1, 2026
3. Establishes the CEC Action Fund to achieve the goals of the program



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CALIFORNIA'S STRUGGLE AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE

1. California relies heavily on snowpack each winter to resupply surface water streams and lakes. Lack of winter storms and warmer temperatures results in low snowmelt levels and depleted water supplies.
2. California is in the midst of a "megadrought," with nearly 99% of the state experiencing drought conditions. While these conditions are already estimated to be the worst dry period in 1,200 years, scientists warn even more severe and frequent droughts are almost a guarantee.



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CLIMATE CHANGE CHALLENGE

**Climate change is an existential threat
to California**

-therefore-

**Water Efficiency Must Become a
California Way of Life**

in order to help make up for water lost due to climate change



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SENATE BILL 1157

Water Efficiency as a California Way of Life

1. Implements joint recommendation of DWR and SWRCB for indoor residential water use standards by reducing existing standard from:
 - 55 GPCD to 47 GPCD between 2025 and 2030
 - 50 GPCD to 42 GPCD for 2030 and beyond
2. Requires DWR to study and report to the Legislature on the impacts to wastewater and recycled water systems, and progress of achieving the updated indoor standards.



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STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT



Strategic Priority 4 - Environmental Stewardship

Goal 4.2 - Sustainably manage local water resources to maximize and ensure safe, reliable, and affordable water to our community.

Cross-Cutting Threads



Community Trust



Fiscal Responsibility



Sustainability &
Resiliency



Equity



Innovation



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RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Public Utilities receive and file a 2022 State water legislative update.



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