



## 2016 State Legislative Year-in-Review

### Riverside Public Utilities

Board of Public Utilities  
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## 2016 California

### 2016 Adjournment

- a) Biennial session ended at midnight 11/30
- b) Bills enacted on or before 10/2/16 take effect on 1/1/17

### RPU Advocates and Influences through:

- a) Public Agency Coalitions: CMUA, SCPPA, ACWA, AMWA, etc.
- b) Direct contact with legislators and district and capitol office staff



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## Priority CA Legislation Passed in 2016

### Energy Legislation

- a)AB 1110: Greenhouse gases emissions intensity reporting: retail electricity suppliers.
- b)SB 32: California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: emissions limit.
- c)SB 859: Public resources: greenhouse gas emissions and biomass.



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### Water Legislation

- a)AB 2594: Stormwater resources: use of captured water.
- b)SB 814: Drought: excessive water use: urban retail water suppliers.



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## **AB 1110: GHG Emission Reporting**

- A. Requires retail supplier of electricity in California to also annually report to its customers the greenhouse gases (GHG) emissions intensity of the supplier's electricity sources.
- B. Impact: Additional administrative work and costs to the utility



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## **SB 32: Global Warming Solutions: Emissions Limit**

- A. State mandated target to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions to 40 percent below 1990 levels by 2030.
- B. Builds upon AB32, the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, which calls for California to reduce greenhouse gases to 1990 levels by 2020. The state is expected to reach that target.



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## SB 859: Biomass

- A. Provides a procurement mandate for local publically owned utilities serving more than 100K customers to procure its' peak demand share of 125MW from existing in-state bioenergy projects for at least 5 years.
- B. Impact: Projected to cost RPU at least \$3M over the next five years (expected net revenue loss to RPU budget)



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## AB 2594: Stormwater Resources

- A. Authorizes a public entity to capture and use stormwater to augment local water supplies.
- B. Strikes a balance between protecting existing water rights while expressly authorizing the capture and reuse of excess stormwater.
- C. Impact: Regulatory compliance for stormwater and urban runoff capture are complex. This measure provides guidance that could help facilitate the Riverside Basin Stormwater Capture Project.



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## **SB 814: Excessive Water Use**

- A. Urban water agencies must define & discourage excessive water use during state-designated drought emergencies.
- B. Agencies can use a rate structure or an excessive-use ordinance with fines and possible drought-shaming.
- C. Impact: Administrative costs to develop ordinance or rate structure. Will help discourage excessive water usage during droughts.



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## **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Board of Public Utilities receive and file this report.



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