



2017 State and Federal Legislative Affairs Update

Riverside Public Utilities

Board of Public Utilities
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2017 California Legislature

At-a-Glance:

- a) Biennial session began on December 5, 2016
- b) 9 new members in Sen., 22 new in Asm.
- c) Democrats – Supermajorities in Assembly and Senate
- d) Total 2017 bill introductions: 2,495 -
Historically between 2,000-2,200



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2017 California Legislature

Critical Dates:

- a) Spring Recess: April 7-16
- b) Policy Committee D/L: April 28(fiscal), May 12 (nonfiscal)
- c) Fiscal Com D/L: May 26
- d) House of Origin D/L: June 2
- e) Budget Bill D/L: June 15



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2017 California Legislature

RPU CA Legislative Activity :

- a) CMUA Lobby Day - January 30; Asms. Cervantes, Medina (staff), Sen. Roth
- b) Policy: SCPPA, CMUA, ACWA, MWD, GRAD
- c) CA Legislative Bill Monitoring
 - CA Energy Bills: 50+
 - CA Water Bills: 30+



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Priority 2017 CA Legislation

- a) AB 1667: Urban Water Suppliers: Landscape Water Meters
- b) SB 57: Natural Gas Storage Moratorium
- c) SB 584: California Renewables Portfolio Standard Program



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AB 1667(Friedman-D): Urban Water Suppliers: Landscape Water Meters

- a) Req's urban water supplier install dedicated water meters on on a variety of service connections if property has greater than cert. amount of sq ft of irrigated landscape.
- b) Impact: The city would need to develop water rules to handle these situations. This law would facilitate metering of individual apartments



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SB 57(Stern-D): Natural Gas Storage Moratorium

- a) Clarifies that investigation must be completed before the Aliso Canyon (AC) can be re-opened & Changes D/L to open proceeding on whether to minimize/eliminate use of AC from 12/31 to 7/1
- a) Impact: long term solution req if AC storage field doesn't return to at least 450 MMcfd of inj. capacity & 1,395 MMcfd of w/d capacity by Spring 2017
- b) Impact: Gas curtailment during high peak days could lead to severe service curtailments throughout Riverside



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SB 584(De León-D): California Renewables Portfolio Standard Program

- a) Would require California to generate 100% of its electricity from renewable sources by 2045. Would accelerate the state's goal of reaching 50% renewable energy from 2030 to 2025.



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2017 Federal Issues

At-a-Glance:

- a) 115th US Congress biennial session began on January 3, 2017
- b) Unified government: Republicans hold majorities in House (237-193) and Senate (52-46[2]) and the control the Executive Branch.



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2017 Federal Issues

RPU Federal Legislative Activity:

- a) APPA Legislative Rally – Feb. 27 – March 1; Reps. Takano, Calvert, and Ruiz(staff).
- b) Policy Groups: APPA/SCPPA, ACWA, MWD
- c) Support Letters: Bipartisan Water (2016), Muni Bonds
- d) Legislative Bill Monitoring:
 - US Energy Bills: 10
 - US Water Bills: 5



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Priority 2017 Federal Legislation

- a) Municipal Bond Tax-Exempt Status
- b) H.R. 474, the "Interim Consolidated Storage Act of 2017"
- c) H.R. 497, the "Santa Ana River Wash Plan Land Exchange Act"



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Municipal Bonds – Maintain Tax Exempt Status

- a) Congress may change tax-exempt municipal bond interest in upcoming comprehensive tax reform.
- b) Impact: Will increase the cost of bond-financed local infrastructure & public improvement projects
- c) Action: RPU/City Letter to Rep. Takano, RPU Meeting w/Rep. Takano – Rep. Takano officially supported request day after DC meeting.



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H.R. 474 (Issa-R)

Interim Consolidated Storage Act of 2017

- a) Would allow for nuclear waste to be moved to an interim consolidated storage facility while Yucca is still undeveloped.
- b) Impact: Would potentially resolve SONGS fuel issues



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H.R. 497 (Cook-R)

Santa Ana River Wash Plan Land Exchange Act

- a) Directs Sec. of the Interior to convey public lands in San Bernardino County to SBVWCD, & to accept in return certain non-public lands.
- b) Lands gained by this legislation will be used to facilitate and enhance groundwater recharge activities at Bunker Hill Basin
- c) Impact: Will positively impact recharge activities at Bunker Hill Basin.



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RECOMMENDATION

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



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