

Assembly Bill No. 371

CHAPTER 541

An act to add Sections 13555.5 and 13557 to the Water Code, relating to water.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 371, Goldberg. Water recycling.

(1) The Water Recycling Law regulates recycled water. That law requires each California regional water quality control board, after consulting with and receiving the recommendations of the State Department of Health Services and any party who has requested in writing to be consulted, and after any necessary hearing, if in the judgment of the board, it is necessary to protect the public health, safety, or welfare, to prescribe water reclamation requirements for water that is used or proposed to be used as reclaimed water.

This bill would require a recycled water producer to notify the Department of Transportation and the Department of General Services if the recycled water producer determines that, within 10 years, it proposes to provide recycled water for use for state landscape irrigation that meets certain conditions and would require all pipe installed by those state agencies for landscape irrigation within the area identified by the notice to meet prescribed requirements.

The bill, subject to the appropriation of funds for that purpose, would require the Department of Water Resources, in consultation with the State Department of Health Services, on or before July 1, 2008, to adopt and submit to the California Building Standards Commission regulations to establish a state version of Appendix J of the Uniform Plumbing Code to provide design standards to safely plumb buildings with both potable and recycled water systems.

(2) This bill would require that its provisions be known as the Water Recycling Act of 2006. The bill would make related legislative findings and declarations.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. This act shall be known, and may be cited, as the Water Recycling Act of 2006.

SEC. 2. (a) The Legislature hereby finds and declares that the Recycled Water Task Force was convened pursuant to Section 13578 of

the Water Code and evaluated the current framework of state and local rules, regulations, ordinances, and permits to identify the opportunities for, and obstacles or disincentives to, increasing the safe use of recycled water.

(b) It is the intent of the Legislature that state agencies, including the State Department of Health Services, the Department of Water Resources, the State Water Resources Control Board, and the nine California regional water quality control boards, take appropriate steps to implement the recommendations from the Recycled Water Task Force by enacting the Water Recycling Act of 2006, as a means to help the state meet its goal of recycling 1,000,000 acre-feet of water per year by 2010 in accordance with Section 13577 of the Water Code.

SEC. 3. Section 13555.5 is added to the Water Code, to read:

13555.5. (a) If a recycled water producer determines that within 10 years the recycled water producer proposes to provide recycled water for use for state landscape irrigation that meets all of the conditions set forth in Section 13550, the recycled water producer shall so notify the Department of Transportation and the Department of General Services, and shall identify in the notice the area that is eligible to receive the recycled water, and the necessary infrastructure that the recycled water producer or the retail water supplier proposes to provide, to facilitate delivery of the recycled water.

(b) If notice has been provided pursuant to subdivision (a), all pipe installed by the Department of Transportation or the Department of General Services for landscape irrigation within the identified area shall be of the type necessary to meet the requirements of Section 116815 of the Health and Safety Code and applicable regulations.

SEC. 4. Section 13557 is added to the Water Code, to read:

13557. (a) On or before July 1, 2008, the department, in consultation with the State Department of Health Services, shall adopt and submit to the California Building Standards Commission regulations to establish a state version of Appendix J of the Uniform Plumbing Code adopted by the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials to provide design standards to safely plumb buildings with both potable and recycled water systems.

(b) The department shall adopt regulations pursuant to subdivision (a) only if the Legislature appropriates funds for that purpose.