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**AB 32 (Nunez, Chapter 488, Statutes of 2006)–Air pollution: greenhouse gases: California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006**

This bill enacts the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 to create a statewide greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions limit that would reduce emissions 25 percent by 2020. It establishes a mandatory reporting system to track and monitor GHG emission levels and institutes a limit on GHG emissions, requiring emission reductions in California to 1990 levels by the year 2020. The bill also directs the Air Resources Board (ARB) to develop a regulatory framework of emission reduction measures, which may include multi-sector market-based compliance options. The bill also provides a clear path by authorizing ARB to design the rules under which a cap-and-trade program could emerge to help meet the 2020 limit by 2011. The bill also allows the Governor to suspend the provisions of the bill for up to one year under extraordinary circumstances or threat of significant economic harm and continues the Governor's Climate Action Team created by the Governor's Executive Order in 2005.

**AB 140 (Nunez/Perata, Chapter 33, Statutes of 2006)–Disaster Preparedness and Flood Prevention Bond Act of 2006**

This bill became effective May 19, 2006 as an urgency measure. It established a comprehensive financing plan to maintain and improve the State’s levee and flood control system and provide for safe, reliable water supplies. The bill places a measure on the November 2006 ballot (aka Proposition 1E), which would authorize the sale of $4.09 billion in general obligation bonds for financing urgent repairs and improvements to the State’s flood control system.

**AB 142 (Nunez/Perata, Chapter 34, Statutes of 2006)–Flood control: levee repair and flood control systems**

This bill became effective May 19, 2006 as an urgency measure. It appropriated $500 million from the General Fund to the Department of Water Resources for levee evaluation, repair and flood control system improvements. This bill also requires that this appropriation be used to fund the Governor’s emergency declaration (Executive Order S-01-06) to address the repair of critical levee erosion sites.

**AB 371 (Goldberg, Chapter 541, Statutes of 2006)–Water Recycling**

This bill established the Water Recycling Act of 2006. Among other provisions, this bill requires DWR to adopt and submit to the 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.

**AB 797 (Wolk, Chapter 547, Statutes of 2006)–Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta**

This bill authorized an agricultural conservation easement located in the primary or secondary zone of the delta to be related to contract rescissions in any other portion of the secondary zone without respect to county boundary limitations. It also expands the number of Delta Protection Commission members from 19 to 23.

**AB 798 (Wolk, Chapter 548, Statutes of 2006)–Delta levee maintenance**

This bill became effective as an urgency measure on September 28, 2006. It extended the sunset for the 75/25 percent cost sharing formula for the Delta Levee Maintenance Subvention Program to July 1, 2010.
It requires DWR to identify levees that are at risk of failure and to make funding priority recommendations to the Legislature and Governor for levee maintenance or improvement projects.

**AB 984 (Laird, Chapter 710, Statutes of 2006)–Tamarisk Plant Control**
This bill authorizes DWR, in collaboration with other entities, to cooperate with the federal government and other Colorado River basin states in the preparation of a plan to control or eradicate tamarisk plants in the Colorado River watershed.

**AB 1245 (Wolk, Chapter 553, Statutes of 2006)–West Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency**
This bill authorizes the West Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency, prior to January 1, 2009, to issue bonds and levy special taxes necessary to achieve and maintain at least a 200-year level of flood protection on the Sacramento River under existing provisions of State law. Congress originally authorized the flood protection project in 1992.

**AB 1798 (Berg, Chapter 896, Statutes of 2006)–Disaster Relief**
This bill became effective as an urgency measure on September 30, 2006. It includes as eligible for allocations under the Natural Disaster Assistance Act seven Northern California counties, which were declared by the Governor to be in a state of emergency because of severe storms, flooding, debris flows and mudslides that occurred between December 17, 2005 and January 3, 2006.

**AB 1803 (Committee on Budget, Chapter 77, Statutes of 2006)–Public Resources**
This bill became effective on July 18, 2006 as an urgency measure. It was a budget trailer bill that, among other things, defined implementation parameters for the Stage 2 operations phase of the South Delta Improvement Program (SDIP) and for the development of a strategic plan to achieve a sustainable Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. It ties the operational phase of the SDIP to written certification to the Legislature that DWR has completed project operational studies and has included comparative data in the required environmental review. It also directs the Secretary for Resources to collaborate with the Secretary of Business, Transportation and Housing in the development of a strategic plan, as specified, to achieve a sustainable Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. See also related bill, SB 1574.

**AB 1848 (Bermudez, Chapter 728, Statutes of 2006)–Homeland Security: Interoperable Public Safety Communication Network**
This bill designates the annual report of the Public Safety Radio Strategic Planning Committee to serve as the State strategic plan for establishing a statewide integrated interoperable public safety communications network and requires the report to include implementation strategies and timelines. See also related bill, AB 2041.

**AB 1881 (Laird, Chapter 559, Statutes of 2006)–Water Conservation**
This bill requires DWR to update the model water efficient landscape ordinance (MLO) and distribute it to all cities and counties. It also requires cities and counties to report to DWR whether they have adopted either the MLO or their own ordinances and requires DWR to report to the Legislature on the status of the local ordinances. The bill prohibits common interest developments from restricting the planting of specified low water-using plants. It requires the California Energy Commission, in consultation with
DWR, to adopt performance and labeling standards for irrigation controllers and moisture sensors, and prohibits the sale of certain sub-standard controllers and sensors after January 1, 2012.

**AB 1925 (Blakeslee, Chapter 471, Statutes of 2006)–Energy: Electricity: Carbon Dioxide**

Requires the California Energy Commission (CEC) in coordination with the Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources in the Department of Conservation to submit a report to the Legislature that contains recommendations for how the state can apply geologic sequestration strategies for the long-term management of industrial carbon dioxide.

**AB 1969 (Yee, Chapter 731, Statutes of 2006)–Electrical Corporations: Water Agencies**

Among other things, this bill requires every electrical corporation to file with the Public Utilities Commission a standard tariff for renewable energy output produced at an electric generation facility that is a renewable energy resource. The bill requires the electrical corporation to make this tariff available to public water or wastewater agencies that own and operate an electric generation facility within their service territory, upon request, on a first-come, first-served basis, until the combined statewide cumulative rated generating capacity of those electric generation facilities equals 250 megawatts.

**AB 2021 (Levine, Chapter 734, and Statutes of 2006)–Public Utilities: Energy Efficiency**

This bill requires the Energy Commission to develop a statewide estimate of all potentially achievable cost-effective electricity and natural gas efficiency savings and establish statewide annual targets for energy efficiency savings and demand reduction over 10 years.

**AB 2041 (Nava, Chapter 855, Statutes of 2006)–Public Safety: Communications**

This bill adds the Military Department, State Department of Health Services, and Department of Finance to the Public Safety Radio Strategic Planning Committee (committee), and removes the Department of the Youth Authority from the committee and requires that a representative of the Office of Emergency Services serve as chairperson.

**AB 2160 (Lieu, Chapter 742, Statutes of 2006)–State Buildings: Green Building**

This bill requires the Department of General Services to define a life cycle cost analysis model to be used with respect to certain State building design and construction decisions. It requires the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission to identify and develop appropriate financing and project delivery mechanisms to facilitate State building energy and resource efficient projects.

**AB 2189 (Blakeslee, Chapter 747, Statutes of 2006)–Energy: Renewable Energy Resources**

This bill provides that a small hydroelectric generation facility, that is an eligible renewable energy resource, retains eligibility for purposes of meeting the Renewables Portfolio Standard if efficiency improvements at the facility, undertaken after January 1, 2003, cause the generating capacity of the facility to exceed 30 megawatts.
AB 2348 (Laird, Chapter 354, Statutes of 2006)–Flood Control: Pajaro River
This bill authorizes State funding of a flood control project on the Pajaro River in Monterey and Santa Cruz counties following DWR review and oversight of project feasibility and design.

AB 2515 (Ruskin, Chapter 573, Statutes of 2006)–Water Conservation: Report
This bill requires the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to prepare and submit to the Legislature a report that describes the progress achieved toward implementing the policy objectives of the PUC's Water Action Plan adopted in 2005.

AB 2573 (Leno, Chapter 786, Statutes of 2006)–Electricity: Hetch Hetchy Water and Power Solar Generation
This bill increases the amount of solar generation permissible for the City and County of San Francisco’s (CCSF) Hetch Hetchy Water and Power (HHWP) net metering facilities and requires Pacific Gas and Electric Company to accept HHWP-generated photovoltaic (solar) power.

AB 2641 (Coto, Chapter 863, Statutes of 2006)–Native American Human Remains and Multiple Human Remains
Existing law establishes the Native American Heritage Commission (Commission) and authorizes the Commission to bring an action to prevent damage to Native American burial grounds or places of worship. Existing law, the California Native American Grave Protection and Repatriation Act of 2001, requires all State agencies and all museums that receive State funding to inventory Native American human remains and cultural items in their possession for return to the appropriate tribes. The bill also requires the landowner, upon discovery of human remains, to ensure that the immediate vicinity, as described, is not damaged or disturbed, until specific conditions are met, including discussing and conferring, as defined, with the descendents regarding their preferences.

AB 2778 (Lieber, Chapter 617, Statutes of 2006)–Electricity: Self-Generation Incentive Program
This bill extends the sunset of the Self Generation Incentive Program (SGIP) for distributed generation resources from January 1, 2008 to January 1, 2010. SGIP, developed in the investor-owned utility service territories, provides incentives for the installation of certain renewable and clean generation including solar systems, micro-turbines, fuel cells, wind turbines, and certain fossil fueled combustion engines with qualifying emissions standards. SGIP provides rebates for certain electricity generation systems sized up to 5 megawatts.

AB 2867 (Torrico, Chapter 363, Statutes of 2006)–Land use: public hearings: notice
This bill requires that any public notice required pursuant to the Planning and Zoning Law be provided to the owner of the affected property as determined by specified sources, and that notice of any such hearing also required by the Subdivision Map Act also be provided to persons who have given notice of retaining mineral rights.
**AB 3003 (La Malfa, Chapter 831, Statutes of 2006)–DWR: Administrative Expenses**
This bill limits the maximum amount allocated for DWR administrative expenses in a general obligation bond act, to five percent of the total amount of funds in the bond for all general obligation bond acts approved after January 1, 2007. The limit also applies to the sale of revenue bonds by DWR.

**SB 107 (Simitian, Chapter 464, Statutes of 2006)–Renewable Energy: Public Interest Energy Research, Demonstration and Development Program**
This bill accelerates the Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS) requirement from 2017 to 2010. The RPS is a program that requires investor-owned utilities, such as Pacific Gas and Electric, Southern California Edison and San Diego Gas and Electric, to acquire 20 percent of their electricity from renewable sources by 2010. Previously, State law required this target to be achieved by 2017. This bill also requires the Public Utilities Commission by January 1, 2008, to report on the feasibility of performance-based incentives for solar energy systems of less than 30 kilowatts.

**SB 423 (Simitian, Chapter 749, Statutes of 2006)–Electricity: Charges: Charitable Organizations**
This bill authorizes a nonprofit charitable organization to acquire electric commodity service through a direct transaction with an electric service provider if the service is donated free of charge without compensation.

**SB 475 (Runner, Chapter 393, Statutes of 2006)–Drinking water: residential self-regenerating water softeners: Santa Clara River**
This bill establishes a process by which the Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District, upon voter approval of an ordinance adopted by the district board to do so, may require the removal of all residential water softening or conditioning appliances that discharge to the public sewer system, in an effort to reduce the volume of chloride discharged to the Santa Clara River.

**SB 775 (Cox, Chapter 246, Statutes of 2006)–Watermasters**
This bill permits a court that has entered a water rights decree to replace a watermaster previously appointed by DWR with another public agency. This bill provides that the watermaster has the powers and duties prescribed by a court pursuant to the exercise of its judicial authority.

**SB 1070 (Kehoe, Chapter 750, Statutes of 2006)–Water Quality Information**
This bill repeals an obsolete provision of law, replaces it with a new requirement that the California Environmental Protection Agency and the Natural Resources Agency enter into a memorandum of understanding to establish the California Water Quality Monitoring Council to be administered by the State Water Resources Control Board.

**SB 1360 (Kehoe, Chapter 531, Statutes of 2006)–County Records: Conservation Easement Registry**
This bill requires the Secretary for Resources to establish a central public registry of all conservation easements, owned or required by the State or purchased with State grant funds provided by any agency, department or division of the state on or after January 1, 2006. The bill eliminates the requirement that county recorders send their Notice of Conservation Easement Forms to The Resources Agency. The bill
provides that the registry be available to the public on the Internet by January 1, 2009 and requires the registry to be updated biennially with new easement information provided by appropriate State agencies.

SB 1368 (Perata, Chapter 598, Statutes of 2006)–Electricity: Emissions of Greenhouse Gases
This bill makes legislative findings concerning the adverse consequences of global warming; the historic context of California's promotion of energy efficiency, conservation, and renewable energy resources, and, the necessity for reducing emissions of greenhouse gases with respect to both electricity consumption and production. This bill requires the State Energy Conservation and Development Commission (CEC) to set emission standards for those entities providing electricity in the State. This bill prohibits a load-serving entity or a municipal utility from entering into a long-term financial commitment, and prohibits the Public Utilities Commission from approving a long-term financial commitment by an electrical corporation, unless any baseload generation supplied under the long-term commitment complies with a greenhouse gases (GHG) emission performance standard established by CEC.

SB 1425 (Kuehl, Chapter 374, Statutes of 2006)–Groundwater extraction
This bill requires the State Water Resources Control Board to designate a local agency to receive and maintain groundwater extraction data from four Southern California counties provided that the local agencies fulfill certain requirements. This bill allows a local agency to agree to accept and maintain extraction data for groundwater users outside the agency’s district boundaries and requires the local agency to make the extraction information available to governmental agencies.

SB 1452 (Speier, Chapter 452, Statutes of 2006)–State Audits
This bill makes several procedural changes to the eminent domain process, including shifting the burden to show substantial hardship from the property owner to the condemning public agency. It prevents issuance of a pre-judgment order of possession without prior notice and provides the property owner or occupants an opportunity to respond. It requires a public entity seeking to take property by eminent domain to offer to pay the property owner's reasonable costs in ordering an independent appraisal of the property not to exceed $5,000. It defines litigation expenses to include reasonable attorney's fees and reasonable expert witness and appraiser fees.

SB 1556 (Torlakson, Chapter 839, Statutes of 2006)–Parks: The Great California Delta Trail System
This bill requires the Delta Protection Commission (Commission) to develop an implementation program for a continuous regional recreational corridor that extends around the Delta. The plan is to include a bicycle and hiking trail, and consider the relationship of the route to existing and proposed parks and public transportation; link the San Francisco Bay Trail System to planned Sacramento River trails in Sacramento and Yolo Counties; and provide alternative routes to avoid impinging on traditional hunting and fishing areas in the Delta.

SB 1574 (Kuehl, Chapter 535, Statutes of 2006)–Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta
This bill provides a statutory framework for implementing the Delta Vision Process by requiring the Secretary of the Resources Agency to convene a committee to develop a Strategic Vision for a sustainable delta by December 31, 2008, and allows the Governor or the committee to appoint a “blue ribbon commission” to assist in developing the Strategic Vision.
SB 1650 (Kehoe, Chapter 602, Statutes of 2006)—Eminent Domain
This bill requires public agencies, when exercising eminent domain, to offer the owner the right of first refusal if the property is not used within ten years and requires public agencies to offer a lease back agreement to the owner for one year between acquisition and commencement of a project. It also prohibits a public agency from using a property for any use other than the public use stated in its resolution of necessity.

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AB 5 (Wolk, Chapter 366, Statutes of 2007)—Flood Management
This bill makes various changes to other bills enacted in 2007, correcting errors and making other technical changes. See also AB 156 and SB 5.

AB 70 (Jones, Chapter 367, Statutes of 2007)—Flood Liability
This bill provides that a city or county may be responsible for its reasonable share of property damage caused by a flood, if that the city or county has increased the State’s exposure to liability for property damage by approving new development. This bill applies only to decisions made by local governments after January 1, 2008.

AB 140 (Garcia, Chapter 29, Statutes of 2007)—Desert Water Agency
This bill deletes the Desert Water Agency’s (DWA) authorization to produce only hydroelectric energy for water transmission and maintenance purposes and, instead, authorizes DWA to produce energy from any source. In addition, this bill allows DWA to produce energy for the construction, treatment and disposal of sewage and allows DWA to enter into contracts for the sale of electricity generated by other resources.

AB 156 (Laird, Chapter 368, Statutes of 2007)—Flood Control
This bill makes various changes to state law relating to flood planning and protection. Exempts DWR emergency work from State Public Works Board approval and exempts DWR from the Office of Administrative Law review for the adoption of Proposition 1E and 84 Flood Management program guidelines and selection criteria.

AB 162 (Wolk, Chapter 369, Statutes of 2007)—Land Use: Water Supply
This bill requires that the land use element of a city or county’s general plan identify specific areas subject to flooding. It requires that the conservation element of general plans identify rivers, flood corridors and other land that may accommodate floodwater, and requires cities and counties to establish policies to minimize flood risk for new development. The bill also requires cities and counties, when revising the safety element, to consult with the Central Valley Flood Protection Board.

AB 188 (Aghazarian, Chapter 229, Statutes of 2007)—Conservation Easement Registry.
This bill requires the Secretary for Resources to include in the existing Conservation Easement Registry, specific information relating to the properties for which there exists an easement, and requires the Registry to limit specific information about easements dating back to January 1, 2000.
This bill removes the Los Trancos County Water District from the public agencies defined as “bay area wholesale customers” in the counties of San Mateo, Alameda and Santa Clara that purchase water from the City and County of San Francisco.

AB 566 (Plescia, Chapter 319, Statutes of 2007)—Water Conservation
This bill requires DWR to enhance statewide coverage of the California Irrigation Management Information System (CIMIS) data, to be generated to and for all regions of the State.

AB 662 (Ruskin, Chapter 531, Statutes of 2007)—Water Conservation
This bill requires the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission (CEC) to prescribe cost effective measures to promote the use of water efficient appliances and would add water efficiency to existing requirements that the CEC adopt by regulation.

This bill requires all toilets and urinals sold or installed in this State after January 1, 2014, to be high-efficiency models.

AB 738 (Strickland, Chapter 551, Statutes of 2007)—Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency
This bill authorizes the Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency’s (OBGMA) Board of Directors (Board) to impose a groundwater extraction charge that exceeds $7.50 per acre-foot pumped per year if that action is approved by a majority vote of the operators of extraction facilities that are subject to the charge, with votes weighted based on the volume of water extracted by each operator. Additionally this bill requires specific conditions to be met in order to impose a higher groundwater extraction charge, and also place a cap on the extraction charge to be imposed.

AB 739 (Laird, Chapter 610, Statutes of 2007) – Storm water Discharge
This bill defines priorities for the expenditure of storm water funds from Propositions 84 and 1E. DWR and the State Water Control Board (SWRCB) are required to develop project selection and evaluation guidelines for projects relative to flood control and storm water runoff.

AB 930 (Jones, Chapter 619, Statutes of 2007)—Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency: Projects
This bill expands the definition of “projects” in the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA) Act to include easements that may include territory located outside SAFCA political boundaries, which protect areas within SAFCA’s jurisdiction. This bill limits SAFCA eminent domain powers and averts conflict with county plans.

AB 1376 (Berryhill, Chapter 64, Statutes of 2007)—Urban Water Management Plans
This bill requires public and private urban water suppliers to seek comments from city and county planning departments 60 days prior to the public hearing on the plan.
AB 1404 (Laird, Chapter 675, Statutes of 2007)–Water Measurement Information.
This bill requires the DWR, the SWRCB, the California Bay-Delta Authority (CBDA), and the State Department of Public Health (DPH) to coordinate the collection, management, and use of water measurement information. This bill requires these agencies to prepare and submit a report to the Legislature evaluating the feasibility of developing a coordinated water measurement database. The bill requires agricultural water suppliers to report water delivery data, and conditions eligibility for specific grants or loans on compliance with these reporting requirements.

AB 1406 (Huffman, Chapter 537, Statutes of 2007)–Recycled Water: Toilet and urinal flushing: Condominiums
This bill permits the use of recycled water in condominium projects that are created on or after January 1, 2008, as it is currently used in apartment buildings.

AB 1420 (Laird, Chapter 628, Statutes of 2007)–Water Demand Management Measures: Water Management Grant or Loan Funds
This bill requires urban water suppliers to implement demand management measures (DMMs) described in the urban water management plan in order to be eligible for specified water management grants and loans. This bill requires DWR to convene an independent panel to provide recommendations to the Legislature on new DMMs (conservation) measures, technologies and approaches.

AB 1580 (La Malfa, Chapter 416, Statutes of 2007) –Scott Valley and Shasta Valley Watermaster District
This bill enacts the Shasta County Watermaster District Act, removing responsibility from DWR as watermaster, creating the Scott & Shasta County Watermaster District.

SB 5 (Machado, Chapter 364, Statutes of 2007)–Flood Management
This bill requires DWR to prepare the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan (Plan) for the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Valley. In addition, the bill requires local governments to revise general plans to address flood risks, collaborate with local flood agencies to identify parcels that may be protected by a flood protection plan or other flood management facilities, develop funding mechanisms to finance local flood responsibilities, and provide public notice of specific areas that may be protected by a flood control facility or that are located in a flood hazard area.

SB 17 (Florez, Chapter 365, Statutes of 2007)–Flood Protection
This bill renames the Reclamation Board the Central Valley Flood Protection Board (Board), increasing the Board’s membership and placing new requirements on the Board regarding its prescribed duties.

SB 85 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review, Chapter 178, Statutes of 2007) – Budget Act of 2007: Environment
This bill makes various changes to statute relating to the environment associated with the Budget Act of 2007. SB 85 impacts programmatic activities of various State agencies.

SB 276 (Steinberg, Chapter 641, Statutes of 2007)–Flood Control Projects
This bill makes changes relating to the Folsom Dam Modifications Project and it also grandfathers certain flood projects of the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency into existing law governing the State and local distribution of cost-share for federally authorized flood projects.

**SB 516 (Aanestad, Chapter 434, Statutes of 2007)–Shasta-Tehama County Watermaster District**

This bill enacts the Shasta-Tehama County Watermaster District Act, removing responsibility from DWR, creating the Shasta-Tehama County Watermaster District (District). This bill creates a seven-member board of directors to govern the District.

**SB 1050 (Committee on Natural Resources and Water, Chapter 157, Statutes of 2007)–Water Meters**

Existing law requires an urban water supplier to charge each water-metered customer based on the actual volume of deliveries, as measured by the water meter. This bill permits an urban water supplier to charge customers with a water meter installed, a flat rate fee in addition to the charge for the actual volume of metered water delivered.

**2008 Session**

**AB 2045 (De La Torre, Chapter 438, Statutes of 2008)–California Urban Forestry Act of 1978**

This bill expands the urban forestry program to include increasing integrated multi-benefit programs with innovative solutions to problems including greenhouse gasses. Provisions that would affect DWR include programs to improve water use efficiency, storm water capture and reuse, and flood management. There are a couple of common areas between this bill and the model water efficient landscape ordinance (MO) that DWR is now updating.

**AB 2065 (Hancock, Chapter 667, Statutes of 2008)–Invasive Aquatic Species: Dreissenid Mussels.**

This bill requires any entity that owns or manages a reservoir, to develop and implement a program to prevent the introduction of dreissenid species.

**AB 2222 (Caballero, Chapter 670, Statutes of 2008)–Groundwater Quality: Monitoring.**

This bill requires the SWRCB to identify funding options to extend its comprehensive Groundwater Ambient Monitoring and Assessment (GAMA) Program; recommend enhancements for public accessibility to groundwater data; and prepare a report to the Legislature to identify communities relying on contaminated groundwater as a primary source of drinking water.

**AB 2680 (Adams, Chapter 643, Statutes of 2008)–Counties: Water Bond Loans**

This bill authorizes the State Controller to discharge DWR from accountability for collection of the loan issued to the Arrowhead Manor Water Company if San Bernardino County, or its county service area, acquires the water system financed by that loan and pays off the loan by January 30, 2009.

**AB 2882 (Wolk, Chapter 610, Statutes of 2008)–Allocation-Based Conservation Water Pricing**
This bill authorizes public entities that supply water to adopt allocation-based conservation water pricing. This bill requires a Proposition 218 election. Not all post-Proposition 218 proposed assessments to fund water agency charges have succeeded in receiving voter approval.

**AB 3024 (Duvall, Chapter 79, Statutes of 2008)–Payment Bonds: Public Works**
Existing law requires every contractor that is awarded a public works contract by a State entity to file a payment bond with the State entity involving expenditure in excess of $5,000. This bill raises that amount to $25,000.

**AB 3030 (Brownley, Chapter 611, Statutes of 2008)–Local Publicly Owned Water Utility: Rate Cases**
This bill permits a local agency providing water, sewer or refuse collection service to adopt a schedule of fees or charges authorizing automatic adjustments that pass through increases in wholesale charges for water or adjustments for inflation provided that: 1) the period not exceed five years, 2) any adjustment not exceed the cost of providing that service; 3) the schedule of fees provides for automatic adjustments that pass through the adopted increases or decreases; and 4) notice for any adjustment be given not less than 30 days before the effective date.

**AB 3058 (Committee on Utilities and Commerce, Chapter 693, Statutes of 2008)–Electric Power Contracts: Just and Reasonable Charges.**
This bill authorizes the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to determine whether modification or renegotiation of a DWR power contract for the purchase and sale of electricity after December 31, 2007 is just and reasonable under Public Utilities Code section 451. This bill establishes public and CPUC review processes for material modifications to existing DWR contracts.

**SB 27 (Simitian, Chapter 608, Statutes of 2008)–Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta emergency Preparedness Act of 2008.**
This bill enacts the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta (Delta) Emergency Preparedness Act of 2008. The bill requires the Office of Emergency Services (OES) to establish the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Multi-Hazard Coordination Task Force to coordinate development of a draft emergency preparedness and response strategy for the Delta region.

**SB 187 (Ducheny, Chapter 374, Statutes of 2008)–Salton Sea Restoration Fund: Restoration Project**
This bill provides that any Proposition 84 bond funds deposited in the Salton Sea Restoration Fund shall be spent, upon appropriation by the Legislature in the annual Budget Act, for a restoration project consistent with the "Period 1" activities identified in the Natural Resources Agency's report on a preferred alternative for the Salton Sea.

**SB 732 (Steinberg, Chapter 729, Statutes of 2008)–Environment**
This bill requires all agencies disbursing grant funds from Proposition 84 to develop guidelines for those programs. Additionally, this bill establishes the Strategic Growth Council (Council) to manage and award funds for the development of sustainable communities and allocates $500,000 of Proposition 84 funds for support of the Council.
SB 1258 (Lowenthal, Chapter 172, Statutes of 2008)–Building Standards: Graywater

The bill requires the Department of Housing and Community Development, on or after January 1, 2009, to adopt and submit to the California Building Standards Commission for approval building standards for the construction, installation and alteration of graywater systems, as defined, for indoor use.

SB 1696 (Yee, Chapter 62, Statutes of 2008)–California Public Records Act; Disclosure

This bill prohibits a State or local agency from allowing another party to control the disclosure of information that is otherwise subject to disclosure under the California Public Records Act (PRA). This bill also requires that contracts for conducting a review, audit or report between a private entity and a State or local agency are subject to the same disclosure requirements as other public records under the PRA.

SBX2 1 (Perata, Chapter 1, Statutes of 2008)–Water Quality, Flood Control, Water Storage, and Wildlife Preservation

This bill appropriates more than $820 million in Proposition 84, Proposition 1E, and Proposition 50 bond funds to DWR for various activities including emergency flood planning, storm water flood management, Integrated Regional Water Management activities, surface water storage feasibility studies and to develop a plan for reoperation of the flood protection and water supply systems.


Effective on May 21, 2008 as an urgency measure, this bill makes various reductions in General Fund appropriations to specific State agencies, including a reduction of $200,000 in DWR flood management funding.

2009 Session

AB 20 (Solorio, Chapter 402, Statutes of 2009)–University of California, California State University, Contracts

This bill requires the development of a model contract template to be used by both the Regents of the University of California and the Trustees of the California State University for contracts with the State.

AB 31 (Price, Chapter 212, Statutes of 2009)–Public Contracts: Small Business Procurement and Contract Act

This bill increases the threshold from $100,000 to $250,000 set by the Small Business Procurement and Contract Act, which permits a state agency to award a contract for goods and services to a certified small business.

AB 74 (Chesbro, Chapter 216, Statutes of 2009)–Flood Control: Middle Creek and Hamilton City Flood Damage Reduction

This bill adopts and authorizes a flood damage reduction and ecosystem restoration project on Middle Creek in Lake County and Hamilton City in Glenn County.
AB 474 (Blumenfield, Chapter 444, Statutes of 2009)–Contractual Assessments: Water Efficiency Improvements
This bill authorizes city officials and willing property owners to enter into contractual assessments to pay for the installation of water efficiency improvements to properties.

AB 626 (Eng, Chapter 367, Statutes of 2009)–Bond Revenues: Integrated Regional Water Management: Grants
This bill requires that, of the amount allocated for planning and implementation grants pursuant to SBX2 1 (Perata) of the 2008 legislative session, the amount awarded to disadvantaged communities within a hydrologic region shall not be less than 10 percent of the total dollar amount of grants awarded within that region.

AB 889 (Jones, Chapter 482, Statutes of 2009)–Open-Space Preservation: Bushy Lake and Urban American River Parkway
This bill codifies the most recent version of the American River Parkway Plan, including the adopted resolutions of the City and County of Sacramento and the City of Rancho Cordova.

AB 975 (Fong, Chapter 495, Statutes of 2009)–Water Corporations: Water Meters
This bill authorizes the California Public Utilities Commission to require water corporations with more than 500 customers that are not urban water suppliers to institute retrofit metering programs and to bill customers based on the actual volume of deliveries. This bill also requires water corporations to install meters by January 1, 2025 and implement volumetric pricing by January 1, 2015.

AB 1061 (Lieu, Chapter 503, Statutes of 2009)–Common Interest Developments: Water-Efficient Landscapes
This bill provides that a provision of any of the governing documents of a common interest development is void and unenforceable if it prohibits the use of low water-using plants as a group, or has the effect of prohibiting or restricting compliance with a local water-efficient landscape ordinance or water conservation measure, as described.

AB 1165 (Yamada, Chapter 275, Statutes of 2009)–Flood Protection
This bill bestows upon the Central Valley Flood Protection Board (Board), the authority to issue cease and desist orders relating to encroachments onto levees or flood control works, makes technical corrections to code citations and definitions and makes other technical changes to the duties of the Board.

AB 1366 (Feuer, Chapter 527, Statutes of 2009)–Residential Self-Regenerating Water Softeners
This bill authorizes local agencies that own or operate a community sewer system or water recycling facility to control salinity inputs from residential self-regenerating water softeners, to protect the quality of the waters of the State, subject to certain conditions.

AB 1465 (Hill, Chapter 534, Statutes of 2009)–Urban Water Management Planning
This bill revises the information that urban water suppliers must include in their urban water management plans with regard to water demand management measures (DMMs) based upon revisions and updates of the California Urban Water Conservation Council (CUWCC) best management practices. This bill
provides that urban water suppliers that are members of the CUWCC will be considered to be in compliance with the reporting requirements relating to DMMs of the Urban Water Management Planning Act by complying with all the provisions of the Memorandum of Understanding.

**AB 1550 (Banking and Finance Committee, Chapter 154, Statutes of 2009)—Refunding Bonds.**

This bill grants additional authority concerning the refunding of bonds bearing variable interest rates for the purposes of receiving more favorable terms or conditions through ‘refinancing’ of those bonds. This bill provides that such refinancing actions do not count against the current authorized issuance amount of $13.42 billion for DWR’s Power Supply Program.

**SB 133 (Corbett, Chapter 563, Statutes of 2009)—Groundwater: Wells, Exploratory Holes, and other Excavations**

This bill creates the Alameda County Water District Groundwater Protection Act to establish a permit program, procedures, lien provisions and land development requirements regarding the construction, operation, abandonment or destruction of wells for the purpose of protecting groundwater from contamination hazards.

**SB 283 (DeSaulnier, Chapter 178, Statutes of 2009)—Department of Water Resources: Recycled Water Systems**

This bill changes the date by which the DWR is required to adopt and submit regulations regarding plumbing design standards to the California Building Standards Commission, and exempts that process from the requirement in existing law that the California Water Commission approve regulations of DWR.

**SB 310 (Ducheny, Chapter 577, Statutes of 2009)—Water Quality: Storm water and Other Runoff**

This bill allows local government agencies that have permits for storm water systems to voluntarily create a watershed improvement plan to improve storm water management. The bill allows participating agencies to assess fees on activities that generate storm water pollution to pay for the implementation of plans approved by the regional water board.

**SB 407 (Padilla, Chapter 587, Statutes of 2009)—Property Transfers: Plumbing Fixtures Replacement**

This bill requires replacement of plumbing fixtures, in single and multi-family residential and commercial property, where said fixtures do not meet a minimum standard of water conservation.

**SB 548 (Huff, Chapter 595, Statutes of 2009)—California Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise**

With respect to the California Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE) Program, this bill requires an awarding department to require any prime contractor that enters into a subcontract with a DVBE to certify that all payments under the contract have been made to DVBE. Certification is required to be kept on file by the awarding department.
SB 619 (Strickland, Chapter 195, Statutes of 2009)–Flood Control: County of Santa Barbara, Lower Mission Creek
This bill authorizes the State to provide subvention funds to the County of Santa Barbara for a flood control project on the Lower Mission Creek.

SB 760 (Aanestad, Chapter 64, Statutes of 2009)–State Property, City of Red Bluff
This bill authorizes the Director of the Department of General Services to sell, lease, or exchange approximately 3.14 acres of real property in Red Bluff that is specifically not declared surplus to the State's needs, and use the proceeds from the disposition to acquire approximately not more than 40,000 net square feet in an updated, modern facility. DWR’s Northern Region Office is located in this facility.

SB 790 (Pavley, Chapter 620, Statutes of 2009)–Resources: Water Quality, Stormwater Resource Plans
This bill creates the Stormwater Resource Planning Act, amending the law relating to Integrated Regional Water Management Plans to include stormwater resource plans. It also authorizes the State Water Resources Control Board to award grants for projects under the Clean Beaches Program that are designed to implement or promote low impact development or the principles of sustainability for new or existing developments that implement stormwater resource plans.

SBX7 1 (Simitian, Chapter 5, Statutes of 2009)–Delta Governance/Delta Plan
This bill establishes a framework to achieve the co-equal goals of providing a more reliable water supply to California and restoring and enhancing the Delta ecosystem. This bill creates a Delta Stewardship Council to develop a Delta Plan that will guide state and local actions in the Delta. Additionally, it establishes the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy to implement ecosystem restoration activities within the Delta, adopt a strategic plan for implementation of Conservancy goals, and promote economic vitality in the Delta. Finally, it restructures the current Delta Protection Commission (DPC) and tasks the DPC to adopt an economic sustainability plan for the Delta and submit the plan to the Delta Stewardship Council for inclusion in the Delta Plan.

SBX7 2 (Cogdill, Chapter 3, Statutes of 2009)–Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2010.
This bill places the Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2010 on the November 2010 ballot. The act is an $11.14 billion general obligation bond proposal that would provide funding for water infrastructure projects and programs to address the ecosystem and water supply issues in California. The bond is comprised of seven categories, including drought relief, water supply reliability, Delta sustainability, statewide water system operational improvement, conservation and watershed protection, groundwater protection and water quality, and water recycling and water conservation.

SBX7 6 (Steinberg, Chapter 1, Statutes of 2009)–Groundwater Monitoring
This bill requires that local agencies monitor the elevation of their groundwater basins to help better manage the resource during both normal water years and drought conditions.

SBX7 7 (Steinberg, Chapter 4, Statutes of 2009)–Statewide Water Conservation
This bill creates a framework for future planning and actions by urban and agricultural water suppliers to reduce California’s water use. This bill requires the development of agricultural water management plans and requires urban water agencies to reduce statewide per capita water consumption 20 percent by 2020.

**SBX7 8 (Steinberg, Chapter 2, Statutes of 2009)–Water Diversion and Use/Funding**

This bill improves accounting of the location and amounts of water being diverted from the Delta by recasting and revising exemptions from the water diversion reporting requirements under current law. This bill appropriates existing bond funds for various activities to benefit the Delta ecosystem and secure the reliability of the state’s water supply, and to increase staffing at the State Water Resources Control Board to manage the duties of this statute.