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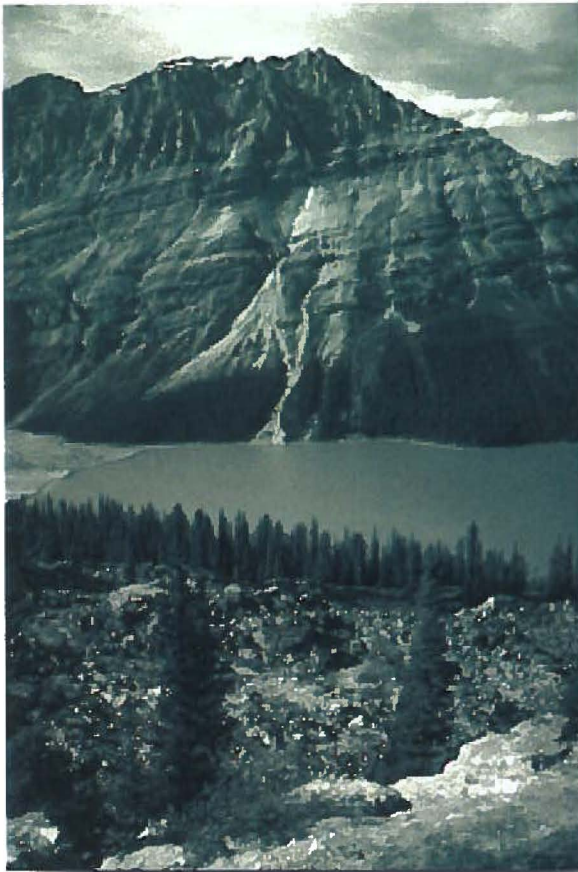


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ALL BILLS HEARD BY THE COMMITTEE IN 2003-2004

FISH AND WILDLIFE

Endangered, Threatened, and Fully Protected Species

AB 1331 (Firebaugh) Endangered Species: crimes. Provides that the ban on importation of products made from kangaroos shall no longer be in effect once the Director of the Department of Fish and Game makes certain findings as to measures taken by the Australian government to ensure a humane harvest. *Held in Senate Natural Resources Committee.*

AB 2915 (Firebaugh) Endangered Species: crimes. Allows the importation, sale, and possession of products made of leather from kangaroos that are not listed as endangered. *Failed passage in Senate Natural Resources & Wildlife Committee.*

SB 216 (Sher) Endangered Species: Recovery Strategy Pilot Project. Authorizes the Department of Fish and Game to develop and carry out a recovery strategy pilot program for coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*) and extends the sunset date for the Recovery Strategy Pilot Program in the Fish and Game Code for five years. *Chapter 854, Statutes of 2003.*

SB 412 (Sher) Fully Protected Species. Amends the four fully protected statutes to allow the Department of Fish and Game to authorize the take of fully protected species for necessary scientific research, including efforts to recover fully protected, threatened, or endangered species. *Chapter 735, Statutes of 2003.*

Fish and Game

AB 342 (Koretz) Mammals: Taking. Prohibits allowing or training a dog to take any bear or bobcat for hunting purposes. *Died due to failure to meet deadline for passage in house of origin.*

AB 396 (Harman) Shared Habitat Alliance for Recreational Enhancement Program. Requires the Department of Fish and Game to establish the Shared Habitat Alliance for Recreational Enhancement Program (the "SHARE Program"). *Chapter 758, Statutes of 2003.*

AB 590 (Cogdill) Sport Fishing: License Revenues. Dedicates 45 percent of all revenue from the issuance of sportfishing licenses to the Fish Hatcheries and Fish Planting Facilities program. *Died due to failure to meet deadline for passage in house of origin.*

AB 1190 (Nation) Prohibition of Dove Hunting. Prohibits the hunting of mourning doves or white-winged doves. The bill was amended to make technical changes in the definitions of migratory game birds. *Died due to failure to meet deadline for passage in house of origin.*

AB 1420 (Laird) Fish and Game Omnibus. Makes a number of changes to the Fish and Game Code with the ultimate purpose of increasing the effectiveness of enforcement of the Fish and Game Code and Regulations. *Chapter 291, Statutes of 2003.*

AB 1770 (Water, Parks & Wildlife) Fish and Game Omnibus. Amends, repeals, and clarifies a number of sections of the Fish and Game Code that require updating. *Chapter 610, Statutes of 2003.*

AB 2280 (Cogdill) Sport Fishing: hatcheries. Dedicates one third of sport fishing license fees to the Hatcheries and Fish Planting Facilities Fund. *Failed passage in Senate Natural Resources & Wildlife Committee.*

AB 2378 (Cogdill) Hatchery Products. Authorizes the Department of Fish and Game to sell, contract for the sale of, or otherwise utilize surplus fish eggs produced at DFG hatcheries. *Held on Senate Inactive File.*

AB 2517 (Berg) Special Deposit Fund: fish and game mitigation accounts. Establishes two accounts within the Special Deposit Fund in the State Treasury for the deposit of environmental mitigation funds. *Chapter 427, Statutes of 2004.*

AB 2519 (Berg) Various Fish and Game. Makes various changes to the Fish and Game Code related to the State Duck Stamp Account, salmon restoration, and the roe herring fishery. *Chapter 713, Statutes of 2004.*

AB 2760 (Berg) Fish and Game: licensing and entitlements. Makes a number of technical and substantive changes to the Fish and Game Code with respect to fishing licenses. *Chapter 431, Statutes of 2004.*

AB 2875 (Benoit) Fish and Game: cottontail rabbits. Allows the taking of cottontail rabbits that are damaging landscaping. *Held in Senate Natural Resources & Wildlife Committee.*

SB 692 (Kuehl) Bay-Delta Sportfishing Enhancement Stamp. Establishes a stamp program for sport fishing in the San Francisco Bay and Delta system, the revenues from which are to be used to enhance sport fishing opportunities. *Chapter 796, Statutes of 2003.*

SB 1153 (Chesbro) Wild Turkeys. Authorizes the Department of Fish and Game to issue depredation permits for wild turkeys. *Chapter 480, Statutes of 2004.*

SB 1215 (Morrow) Appropriations from the Public Resources Account and the Environmental License Plate Fund. Transfers money earmarked for waterfowl purposes from the Public Resources Account of the Tobacco Tax and Health Protection Act (Proposition 99) to the Department of Fish and Game and transfers a like amount of money from the Environmental License Plate Fund to the Department of Parks and Recreation. *Chapter 917, Statutes of 2004.*

SB 1265 (Senate Natural Resources Committee) Fish and Game: reporting requirements. Deletes obsolete reporting requirements from the Fish and Game Code. *Chapter 172, Statutes of 2004.*

Marine Fisheries

AB 566 (Yee) Fish: Accounting Records. Requires that accounting records and information transmitted from any commercial fisherman or wholesaler of fish to any person who deals in fresh or frozen fish for profit shall be in the English language. *Chapter 82, Statutes of 2003.*

AB 670 (Harman) Fisheries: Managing Resources. Establishes in statute a preference for sport fishing over commercial fishing whenever a conflict between the interests of the two fishing communities arises. *Died due to failure to meet deadline for passage in house of origin.*

AB 1296 (Berg) Krill. Eliminates the sunset date of January 1, 2011 for the Fish and Game Code section that prohibits the taking of krill (*Euphasia sp.*) for commercial purposes. *Chapter 218, Statutes of 2003.*

AB 1354 (Berg) Commercial Fisheries Capacity Reduction Account. Establishes a fee that will provide funds to buy out fishing boats in certain distressed fisheries off the California coast, consistent with the federal West Coast Groundfish Fishery Capacity Reduction Program. *Chapter 514, Statutes of 2003.*

AB 1805 (Levine) Farm-raised Salmon. Prohibits the possession, purchase, or sale of farm-raised salmon in California. *Held in Assembly Water, Parks & Wildlife Committee.*

AB 2146 (Leno) Dungeness Crab. Revises the statutes that govern the Dungeness crab fishery. *Vetoed by the Governor.*

SB 245 (Sher) Fish. Makes it unlawful to spawn, incubate, or cultivate any species of finfish belonging to the family *Salmonidae*, transgenic fish species, or any exotic species of finfish in ocean waters regulated by the state, but exempts certain strains of salmon and steelhead trout. *Chapter 871, Statutes of 2003.*

SB 512 (Figueroa) Marine Resources. Changes the requirements for state representation on the Pacific Fisheries Management Council and conforms the water quality provisions of the Marine Managed Areas Improvement Act with the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act. *Chapter 854, Statutes of 2004.*

SB 1459 (Alpert) Fishing: trawl nets. Specifies the conditions under which bottom trawl fishing may take place off the coast of California. *Chapter 721, Statutes of 2004.*

Native Plants

AB 2140 (Runner) Desert Plants: fines for unlawful harvesting. Increases fines for unlawful harvesting of desert plants. *Chapter 421, Statutes of 2004.*

Wildlife Habitat

AB 66 (Leslie) Riparian Habitat: Adopt-A-Riverway Program. Authorizes the California Department of Food and Agriculture to operate a river cleanup program known as the "Adopt-A-Riverway Program" through a government-volunteer partnership. *Chapter 675, Statutes of 2003.*

AB 492 (Cogdill) Wildlife Habitat Enhancement and Management Areas. Requires the Fish and Game Commission to notify the owner of each parcel that is adjacent to a proposed wildlife habitat enhancement and management area prior to authorizing the Department of Fish and Game to issue a license for the area. *Died due to failure to meet deadline for passage in house of origin.*

AB 742 (Canciamilla) Streambed Alteration. Adds the routine maintenance of hydroelectric facilities to the list of activities that do not require notice of streambed alteration to the Department of Fish and Game. *Died due to failure to meet deadline for passage in house of origin.*

AB 1406 (Wolk) Mosquito Abatement: West Nile Virus. Reconciles state policy on restoration of wetlands with state policy on mosquito abatement by expanding the Suisun Marsh Wetlands Enhancement and Mosquito Abatement Demonstration Program throughout the Central Valley. *Died due to failure to meet deadline for passage in house of origin.*

AB 1982 (Wolk) Wildlife Management Areas: mosquito abatement. Requires that habitat management work plans for State Wildlife Areas incorporate Best Management Practices to minimize mosquito production while maintaining wetland values. *Chapter 553, Statutes of 2004.*

AB 2072 (Wyland) Vessels: prohibited activities. Requires the Director of the Department of Fish and Game to calculate the repeal date of the section requiring the Department of Boating and Waterways to restrict or prohibit vessel activity in the Agua Hedionda Lagoon for the eradication of *Caulerpa taxifolia*. *Chapter 501, Statutes of 2004.*

AB 2073 (Wyland) Vessels: prohibited activities. Requires restriction of vessel activity in the Agua Hedionda Lagoon if it would assist in the eradication of *Caulerpa taxifolia*. *Held in Assembly Water, Parks & Wildlife Committee.*

AB 2260 (Nakanishi) Streambed Alteration Agreements. Provides an exemption from the requirement of a streambed alteration agreement for a person, public entity, or public utility that undertakes routine maintenance of a levee or flood control system. *Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee.*

SB 297 (Chesbro) Coastal Watershed Salmon Habitat Program. Authorizes the Department of Fish and Game to take up to four years to liquidate encumbrances made for habitat restoration projects under the Program. *Chapter 734, Statutes of 2003.*

SB 418 (Sher) Streambed Alteration Agreements. Revises the Streambed Alteration Agreement process by which persons or agencies notify the Department of Fish and Game when they are conducting projects that might impact fish and wildlife in rivers and streams. *Chapter 736, Statutes of 2003.*

SB 572 (Ducheny) Natural Community Conservation Plans. Exempts five water districts from the Natural Community Conservation Planning Act of 2002, because they have developed plans under the pre-existing Act that substantially comply with the provisions of the 2002 Act. *Chapter 61, Statutes of 2003.*

SB 745 (Ashburn) Environmental Subdivision. Removes the sunset clause from the Subdivision Map Act ending the authority of local governments to approve environmental subdivisions on January 1, 2005. *Chapter 76, Statutes of 2003.*

Wildlife/General

AB 2631 (Wolk) Invasive Species Interagency Council. Establishes an interagency council to coordinate responses to invasive species. *Vetoed by the Governor.*

SB 89 (Alpert) Domestic Ferrets. Eases restrictions on possession of domestic ferrets (*Mustela putorius furo*) in California by allowing ferret owners to apply to the Department of Fish and Game for a "certificate of amnesty" that allows ferrets to be legally owned in California. *Vetoed by the Governor.*

PARKS AND RECREATION

AB 65 (Dymally) State Parks: Watts Towers. Reclassifies the Watts Towers from an historical unit of the State Parks system to a state park. *Died due to failure to meet deadline for passage in house of origin.*

AB 113 (Chavez) Off-Highway Motor Vehicles. Requires the Off-Highway Motor Vehicles Recreation Commission to explain how its expenditures balance its priorities of operation and maintenance, enforcement, conservation, and protection of cultural and natural resources. *Vetoed by the Governor.*

AB 482 (Cogdill) State Parks: concessions. Exempts certain State Parks concessions from the competitive bidding process. *Died due to failure to meet deadline for passage in house of origin.*

AB 630 (Maddox) Park Rangers: Peace Officer Status. Repeals the provision of existing law that excludes local agencies that utilize certain specified titles, as of January 1, 1990, from restrictions on using those titles for their non-peace officer employees. *Died due to failure to meet deadline for passage in house of origin.*

AB 1185 (Montanez) Parks: youth services. Directs the Director of the Department of Parks & Recreation (DPR) to consider obesity in youth a factor in the allocation of bond funds for parks under Propositions 12 and 40. *Held in Assembly Water, Parks & Wildlife Committee.*

AB 1771 (Water, Parks & Wildlife) State Government. Reclassifies four bills that appropriated Proposition 40 funds as Budget Act bills. *Chapter 698, Statutes of 2003.*

AB 2064 (Goldberg) Parks and Recreation: active recreation. Encourages the Department of Parks and Recreation to define "park poor" areas and fund parks and active recreation facilities in those areas. *Vetoed by the Governor.*

AB 2518 (Keene) State Parks: concession contracts. Authorizes the Department of Parks and Recreation to enter into concession contracts for the development, operation, and maintenance of marinas, for terms of up to 30 years. *Chapter 109, Statutes of 2004.*

AB 2636 (Strickland) Boating and Waterways Commission. Requires one member of the Boating and Waterways Commission to represent public agencies that operate freshwater lakes. *Held on Senate Inactive File.*

AB 2665 (Leslie) Harbors and Ports: funding. Changes the Harbors and Navigation Code with respect to loans for the construction of marinas. *Chapter 534, Statutes of 2004.*

AJR 47 (Frommer) Cesar E. Chavez. Calls upon the California delegation to Congress to support the passage of bills that require the Secretary of the Interior to prepare an inventory of key sites in Cesar Chavez's life. *Chapter 161, Statutes of 2004.*

SB 978 (Torlakson) State Parks: John Marsh Home. Requires the Department of Parks and Recreation to classify the John Marsh Home and the surrounding property as a unit of the state park system. *Vetoed by the Governor.*

SB 1327 (Kuehl) State Parks. Requires a finding of insignificant impact from the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation before approval of any use of a state park that is not consistent with the purpose and allowable uses of that category of unit of the state park system. *Failed passage from Assembly Water, Parks & Wildlife Committee.*

WATER

Flood Control

AB 107 (Steinberg) Flood Control Standards. Authorizes local flood control districts to adopt stricter levee safety standards than the Reclamation Board, with the Reclamation Board's consent. *Chapter 498, Statutes of 2004.*

AB 1020 (Steinberg) Flood Control: local cooperation. Authorizes the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency, at the discretion of the Reclamation Board, to provide assurances of local cooperation for the south Sacramento County streams project, in lieu of those same assurances from the Board. *Chapter 749, Statutes of 2004.*

AB 1983 (Wolk) Reclamation Board. Grants the Reclamation Board the same authority as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, with regard to environmental protection and restoration activities associated with flood control projects. *Held in Senate Appropriations Committee.*

AB 2141 (Longville) Floodplain Management: Alluvial Fan Task Force. Establishes the Alluvial Fan Task Force. *Chapter 878, Statutes of 2004.*

SB 56 (Hollingsworth) Murrieta Creek Flood Control Project. Authorizes the Murrieta Creek Flood Control Project in Riverside County. *Chapter 730, Statutes of 2003.*

SB 840 (Chesbro) Flood Control: Middle Creek ecosystem restoration project. Would adopt and authorize an ecosystem restoration project on Middle Creek in Lake County. *Held in Assembly Water, Parks & Wildlife Committee.*

SB 1136 (Chesbro) Lake County Flood Control and Water Conservation District. Authorizes a flood control district in Lake County to participate in the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) stormwater management system. *Chapter 108, Statutes of 2004.*

SB 1280 (Ortiz) Flood Damage Reduction: American River watershed. Authorizes state participation in a flood control project on the American River. *Chapter 616, Statutes of 2004.*

Groundwater Management

AB 1107 (Liu) Groundwater: Uniform Data Standards. Requires the State Water Resources Control Board to develop uniform groundwater data standards, including standards for uniform data collection, data management, and data transfer, among others. *Died due to failure to meet deadline for passage in house of origin.*

AB 1159 (Liu) Groundwater Data. Enacts the Groundwater Data Standards Act of 2003. Requires the State Water Resources Control Board to prepare a report in consultation with a technical advisory committee. *Died due to failure to meet deadline for passage in house of origin.*

AB 2733 (Strickland) Water Resources. Excludes areas in four Southern California counties, designated by the State Water Resources Control Board, from the requirement of filing annual notices of extraction of groundwater with SWRCB. *Chapter 535, Statutes of 2004.*

Quantification Settlement Agreement

AB 1484 (Pavley) Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002: Quantification Settlement Agreement. Appropriates bond funds from an initiative bond measure to the Resources Agency for the purposes of implementing the Quantification Settlement Agreement and restoring the Salton Sea. *Died due to failure to meet deadline for passage in house of origin.*

SB 277 (Ducheny) Quantification Settlement Agreement. Enacts the Salton Sea Restoration Act, which provides for the restoration of the Salton Sea ecosystem and the permanent protection of the wildlife dependent on that ecosystem. *Chapter 611, Statutes of 2003.*

SB 317 (Kuehl) Quantification Settlement Agreement. Authorizes the Department of Fish and Game to permit the "take" of fully protected species in connection with projects undertaken to implement the Quantification Settlement Agreement if it is executed on or before October 12, 2003 and specified conditions are met. Reinstates the provisions of SB 482 (Kuehl), enacted in 2002, which never took effect because the deadline of December 31, 2002 for completion of the Quantification Settlement Agreement was not met. *Chapter 612, Statutes of 2003.*

SB 411 (Ducheny) Quantification Settlement Agreement. Requires that the \$50 million in Proposition 50 bond funds allocated to the Wildlife Conservation Board for the acquisition, protection, and restoration of land and water resources necessary to meet the state obligations for regulatory requirements related to the state's allocation of water supplies from the Colorado River be made available for specified purposes. This bill was amended to relate to Indian Gaming, which took it out of the Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee's jurisdiction. *Chapter 790, Statutes of 2003.*

SB 623 (Ducheny) Endangered Species. Changes the deadline for the issuance of a final Salton Sea alternatives report to Congress and the Legislature from January 1, 2007 to January 1, 2005. *Held in Assembly Rules Committee.*

SB 654 (Machado) Quantification Settlement Agreement. Authorizes the Department of Fish and Game to enter into a joint powers agreement for the purpose of providing for payment of the costs of environmental mitigation related to the Quantification Settlement Agreement. The original contents of this bill were taken out of this bill and amended into AB 105 (Wiggins). *Chapter 613, Statutes of 2003.*

SB 1214 (Kuehl) Salton Sea Restoration. Makes changes to the requirements for the Salton Sea Restoration study required by the implementing legislation for the Quantification Settlement Agreement. *Chapter 614, Statutes of 2004.*

Recreational Use

AB 1934 (Leslie) Bear Lake Reservoir: recreational use. Allows body contact recreation at Bear Lake Reservoir. *Chapter 374, Statutes of 2004.*

AB 2439 (Haynes) Canyon Lake Reservoir: recreational use. Allows body contact recreation at Canyon Lake Reservoir. *Chapter 519, Statutes of 2004.*

Water Bond

AB 93 (Canciamilla) Safe, Clean, and Reliable Water Supply Bond Act of 2004. Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds in the amount of \$7.886 billion for the purpose of financing a variety of water related programs. *Died due to failure to meet deadline for passage in house of origin.*

SB 117 (Machado) Water Bond: Proposition 50. Corrects three errors in last year's budget trailer bills relating to Proposition 50 bond funds. *Chapter 716, Statutes of 2004.*

SB 909 (Machado) Mutual Water Companies: Grant Funds. Allows grants of state bond funds to be made to public water utilities and mutual water companies. *In Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee.*

Water Districts

AB 536 (Calderon) Water Replenishment Districts. Requires a water replenishment district to prepare a feasibility study before beginning any proposed capital improvement project. *Died due to failure to meet deadline for passage in house of origin.*

AB 2243 (Vargas) County Water Authorities: board of directors. Authorizes a city that is a member agency of the San Diego County Water Authority to appoint one member of its governing body to the SDCWA board of directors. *Chapter 60, Statutes of 2004.*

SB 334 (Romero) San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority. Extends the sunset date of the San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority from July 1, 2005 to July 1, 2010. *Chapter 192, Statutes of 2003.*

SB 833 (Machado) Eastern Water Alliance Joint Powers Agency. Authorizes the members of the Eastern Water Alliance to cooperate in planning, financing, and implementing projects for the long-term recovery, stabilization, and enhancement of the Eastern San Joaquin County Groundwater Basin. *Chapter 740, Statutes of 2003.*

SB 994 (Hollingsworth) San Diego County Water Authority: voting. Revises the voting procedures of the San Diego County Water Authority's board of directors. *Held in Assembly Water, Parks & Wildlife Committee.*

SB 1074 (Senate Environmental Quality Committee) Modesto Reservoir. Extends indefinitely the statutory authorization for recreational uses of the water in the Modesto Reservoir if certain conditions are satisfied and makes minor technical changes to the California Environmental Quality Act. *Chapter 742, Statutes of 2003.*

Water Management/Planning

AB 306 (Kehoe) Water Meters. Requires urban water purveyors to install water meters on or before January 1, 2008 on all service connections constructed prior to January 1, 1992 and charge customers for water based on the actual volume of deliveries. *Died due to failure to meet deadline for passage in house of origin.*

AB 430 (Dutra) Bay Area Regional Water System. Requires a state agency that has authority to issue a permit, license, or other approval for seismic safety and system reliability projects in the Bay Area Regional Water Systems to approve or disapprove the project application within 60 days. *In Senate Environmental Quality Committee.*

AB 450 (Maze) Friant Water Users Authority. Requires the Friant Water Users Authority to conduct a study of water storage in the San Joaquin Valley and appropriates \$175,000 from the General Fund for that purpose. *Died due to failure to meet deadline for passage in house of origin.*

AB 514 (Kehoe) Water Meters. Requires urban water suppliers that receive water from the federal Central Valley Project to install water meters on all service connections by March 2013 and charge customers for water based on the actual volume of deliveries. *Chapter 680, Statutes of 2003.*

AB 741 (Canciamilla) Water Shortage Emergencies: Notice of Hearing Requirements. Makes technical changes to the section of the Water code regarding notice requirements for hearings on water shortage emergencies. *Died due to failure to meet deadline for passage in house of origin.*

AB 888 (McCarthy) Water Shortage Emergencies. Would add "agriculture" to the other described water uses which a public water supplier would consider when it considers declaring a water shortage emergency and adopting restrictions on the delivery of water and water consumption for the purposes of conserving water for the greatest public benefit. *Died due to failure to meet deadline for passage in house of origin.*

AB 1002 (La Malfa) California Bay-Delta Authority. Changes the dates by which the California Bay-Delta Authority is required to make certain reports. *Died due to failure to meet deadline for passage in house of origin.*

AB 1015 (Laird) Land Use: Water Supply. Requires that the land use element of a general plan, no later than July 1, 2006, include a statement of existing and potential sources of water supply. *On Assembly Inactive File.*

AB 1921 (Canciamilla) Urban Water Management Planning. Requires urban water suppliers to include in their Urban Water Management Plans a description and evaluation of the reliability of their water supplies. *Held in Assembly Water, Parks & Wildlife Committee.*

SB 318 (Alpert) Urban Water Suppliers. Requires that an Urban Water Management Plan include a description of the opportunities for development of desalinated water, including ocean water, brackish water, and groundwater, as a long-term supply. *On Assembly Inactive File.*

SB 1374 (Machado) Water Transfers: economic or environmental impacts. Prescribes how the State Water Resources Control Board is to analyze the third party impacts of long-term water transfers. *Held in Assembly Water, Parks & Wildlife Committee.*

SB 1677 (Knight) Los Angeles County Flood Control District: storm drains. Authorizes the County of Los Angeles Flood Control District to accept transfers of storm drain improvements from cities. *Chapter 244, Statutes of 2004.*

SB 1899 (Senate Agriculture & Water Resources Committee) Water Omnibus Act of 2004. Authorizes the Department of Water Resources to make grants from the California Safe Drinking Water Fund for the purpose of financing domestic water system improvement projects to meet state and federal drinking water standards. *Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee.*

SJR 8 (Battin) Saltcedar Eradication. Memorializes the federal government to immediately begin a program to eradicate saltcedar in the California portion of the Colorado River Basin. *Chapter 75, Statutes of 2003.*

Water Quality

AB 430 (Dutra) Santa Clara Valley Water District: underground tanks. Extends certain sunset dates in a statute regarding the authority of the Santa Clara Valley Water District to enter into an agreement with the State Water Resources Control Board for regulation of underground storage tanks. *Chapter 89, Statutes of 2004.*

AB 2529 (Kehoe) Water Quality: marine managed areas. Provides authorization for projects that protect and restore the water quality and environment of marine managed areas. *Chapter 714, Statutes of 2004.*

SB 196 (Kuehl) California Regional Water Quality Control Boards. Would clarify that the municipal government and county government seats on the regional water quality control boards are to be filled by a city council member or mayor, or a county supervisor, respectively. *Chapter 272, Statutes of 2003.*

SB 543 (Machado) Water Rights: groundwater cleanup. Would permit the water produced from a groundwater cleanup operation to be used, transferred, assigned, or conveyed for beneficial use by the operator of that operation only if certain conditions are met. *Held in Assembly Environmental Safety & Toxic Materials Committee.*

SB 922 (Soto) Perchlorate: information. Corrects an erroneous reference in the Water Code pertaining to perchlorate. *Chapter 508, Statutes of 2004.*

SB 1004 (Soto) Cleanup or Abatement Orders: Contaminated Drinking Water. Authorizes the State Water Resources Control Board and the Regional Water Quality Control Boards to order responsible parties to provide replacement water to water suppliers and private well owners whose supplies are contaminated and requires notice of perchlorate storage. This bill originally required notice of storage of perchlorate, but the contents of SB 922 were amended into the bill. *Chapter 614, Statutes of 2003.*

SB 1089 (Johnson) State Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund. Codifies the factors the State Water Resources Control Board uses to prioritize projects to be funded through the State Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund. *Chapter 559, Statutes of 2004.*

SB 1155 (Machado) Water Quality Standards: Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta. Requires the Director of the Department of Water Resources to develop and implement a program to meet all existing water quality standards and objectives for which the State Water Project has responsibility. *Chapter 612, Statutes of 2004.*

SB 1477 (Sher) Water Quality. Authorizes the State Water Resources Control Board to fill the regulatory gap left by the U.S. Supreme Court's "SWANCC" decision. *Failed passage in Assembly Water, Parks & Wildlife Committee.*

SB 1479 (Sher) Regional Water Quality Control Boards: membership. Reduces the membership of the Regional Water Quality Control Boards from nine to seven members. *Held at Senate Desk.*

Water Reclamation

AB 314 (Kehoe) Desalination. Specifies that it is state policy that desalination projects developed by or for public water entities be given the same opportunities for state assistance and funding as other water supply and reliability projects. *Chapter 206, Statutes of 2003.*

AB 1659 (Shirley Horton) Gray Water Recycling Water Systems: Water Service Connection Fees. Authorizes a reduction in water service connection fees for persons who agree to install a gray water recycling system. *In Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee.*

AB 2470 (Kehoe) Water Conservation Programs. Authorizes a local agency to educate the public about water conservation by preparing a booklet or other materials to be given to buyers of real estate. *Chapter 111, Statutes of 2004.*

AB 2572 (Kehoe) Water Meters. Requires urban water suppliers to install water meters by 2025 on all service connections constructed before 1992. *Chapter 884, Statutes of 2004.*

AB 2918 (Laird) Desalination Facilities. Seeks to lower the cost of desalination by finding ways to lower the cost of electricity to the desalination plants. *Chapter 648, Statutes of 2004.*

SB 1909 (Machado) Reclaimed Water. Replaces the term "reclaimed water" wherever it occurs in the Water Code, with the term "recycled water", and the term "reclamation" with "recycling". (Later amended to deal with property tax revenue shifts.) *Vetoed by the Governor.*

Water Rights

AB 635 (Wiggins) Salmon and Steelhead Trout: Effect of Reduced Waterflow. Clarifies the provisions of AB 858 (Wiggins), Chapter 985, Statutes of 2000, which requires a study of the effects on fisheries of an application to appropriate water in certain North Coast rivers. *Chapter 681, Statutes of 2003.*

AB 877 (Maddox) Urban Runoff. Specifies that urban runoff that has been discharged from a municipal storm sewer system into a natural coastal creek is unappropriated water that is subject to appropriation under existing law. *In Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee.*

AB 1522 (Parra) Water Rights: permits. Expands the authority of the Regional Water Quality Control Boards' executive officers to include the ability to issue National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits without regional board action, and makes technical corrections to and deletes obsolete provisions of the Water Code. *Held in Senate Agriculture & Water Resources Committee.*

AB 2422 (La Malfa) Water Use Fees. Repeals the substantive changes made by SB 1049 (Chapter 741, Statutes of 2003), with respect to water rights fees and dam safety fees. *Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee.*

AB 2659 (Keene) Water Rights: protests of appropriations. Reduces the deadline for protests of appropriations of water to 30 days. *Held in Assembly Water, Parks & Wildlife Committee.*

AB 2864 (Canciamilla) Water Rights: fees. Requires the State Water Resources Control Board to convene an advisory group to evaluate water rights fees. *Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee.*

AJR 65 (Bogh) Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians. Memorializes the U.S. Department of the Interior and the U.S. Congress to support federal legislation regarding the water rights settlement between the Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians, the Interior Department, the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, the Eastern Municipal Water District, and the Lake Hemet Municipal Water District. *Chapter 100, Statutes of 2004.*

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AB 2197 (Aghazarian) Dam and Reservoir Regulation. Expresses the intent of the Legislature that the Secretary of the Resources Agency should consult with specified interested parties to determine whether the Department of Water Resources should continue to inspect dams that are licensed by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. *Vetoed by the Governor.*

Miscellaneous

AB 105 (Wiggins) Water Omnibus Act of 2003. Makes a variety of changes in the Water Code, relating to safe drinking water, the Reclamation Board, urban water plans, and local groundwater management agencies. The bill also declares Legislative intent to appropriate \$48 million to the Department of Conservation for grants under the California Farmland Conservancy Program Act and to the Wildlife Conservation Board to protect grazing lands and grasslands. The water related provisions of the bill were originally in SB 654 (Machado) and were amended into this bill when SB 654 was amended for the purposes of the Quantification Settlement Agreement. *In Assembly for concurrence in Senate amendments.*

AB 426 (Richman) State Water Project: solar panels. Authorizes the Department of Water Resources to permit the installation of solar panels on State Water Project right-of-ways. Later changed to another subject outside of the committee's jurisdiction. *Died due to failure to meet deadline for passage in house of origin.*

AB 1908 (Canciamilla) Water Corporations. Removes jurisdiction of investor-owned water utilities from the California Public Utilities Commission and gives it to the Department of Water Resources. *Held in Senate Energy, Utilities & Commerce Committee.*

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