

AMENDED IN SENATE NOVEMBER 2, 2009

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009—10 SEVENTH EXTRAORDINARY SESSION

SENATE BILL

No. 8

Introduced by Senator Steinberg

October 28, 2009

~~An act to amend Section 13201 of the Water Code, relating to water quality.~~ *An act relating to water, and making an appropriation therefor.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 8, as amended, Steinberg. ~~California regional water quality control boards.~~ *Disaster Preparedness and Flood Prevention Bond Act of 2006: Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006.*

(1) Under existing law, various bond acts have been approved by the voters to provide funds for water projects, facilities, and programs. The Disaster Preparedness and Flood Prevention Bond Act of 2006, a bond act approved by the voters at the November 7, 2006, statewide general election, authorizes the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$4,090,000,000 for the purposes of financing disaster preparedness and flood prevention projects. The Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006, an initiative bond act approved by the voters at the November 7, 2006, statewide general election, authorizes the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$5,388,000,000 for the purposes of financing a safe drinking water, water quality and supply, flood control, and resource protection program.

This bill would appropriate \$546,000,000 from these bond acts for integrated regional water management, flood control and management, and natural community conservation planing, as provided.

(2) *The bill would take effect only if SB 1, SB 5, SB 6, and SB 7 of the 2009–10 7th Extraordinary Session of the Legislature are enacted and become effective.*

~~The Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act provides for the regional administration of water quality laws and, for that purpose, divides the state into 9 regions with prescribed boundaries. The act establishes a California regional water quality control board within each region whose activities are overseen by the State Water Resources Control Board.~~

~~This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes in the provision establishing those regional boards.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: ~~no~~ yes. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~ yes. State-mandated local program: no.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. *The sum of five hundred forty-six million dollars*
- 2 *(\$546,000,000) is hereby appropriated as follows:*
- 3 (i) *Two hundred fifty million dollars (\$250,000,000) from the*
- 4 *funds made available by, and consistent with, Section 75026 of*
- 5 *the Public Resources Code to the Department of Water Resources*
- 6 *for integrated regional water management grants and expenditures*
- 7 *for programs and projects that, when implemented, will help reduce*
- 8 *dependence on the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta for water*
- 9 *supply.*
- 10 (ii) *Thirty-two million dollars (\$32,000,000) from the funds*
- 11 *made available by, and consistent with, Section 75033 of the Public*
- 12 *Resources Code to the Department of Water Resources for flood*
- 13 *control projects in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta designed*
- 14 *to reduce the potential for levee failures that would jeopardize*
- 15 *water conveyance.*
- 16 (iii) *One hundred seventy million dollars (\$170,000,000) from*
- 17 *the funds made available by, and consistent with, subdivision (c)*
- 18 *of Section 5096.821 of the Public Resources Code to the*
- 19 *Department of Water Resources to reduce the risk of levee failure*
- 20 *in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta that would jeopardize water*
- 21 *conveyance.*
- 22 (iv) *Seventy million dollars (\$70,000,000) from the funds made*
- 23 *available by, and consistent with, Section 5096.827 of the Public*

1 *Resources Code to the Department of Water Resources for grants*
2 *for stormwater flood management projects.*

3 *(e) Twenty-four million dollars (\$24,000,000) from the funds*
4 *made available by, and consistent with, subdivision (c) of Section*
5 *75055 of the Public Resources Code to the Wildlife Conservation*
6 *Board for grants to local agencies to implement, or assist in the*
7 *establishment of, natural community conservation plans for areas*
8 *in or around the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta pursuant to*
9 *Chapter 10 (commencing with Section 2800) of Division 3 of the*
10 *Fish and Game Code.*

11 *SEC. 2. This act shall take effect only if Senate Bill 1, Senate*
12 *Bill 5, Senate Bill 6, and Senate Bill 7 of the 2009–10 Seventh*
13 *Extraordinary Session of the Legislature are enacted and become*
14 *effective.*

15 ~~SECTION 1. Section 13201 of the Water Code is amended to~~
16 ~~read:~~

17 ~~13201. (a) There is a regional board for each of the regions~~
18 ~~described in Section 13200. Each board shall consist of the~~
19 ~~following nine members appointed by the Governor, each of whom~~
20 ~~shall represent and act on behalf of all the people and shall reside~~
21 ~~or have a principal place of business within the region:~~

22 ~~(1) One person associated with water supply, conservation, and~~
23 ~~production.~~

24 ~~(2) One person associated with irrigated agriculture.~~

25 ~~(3) One person associated with industrial water use.~~

26 ~~(4) One person associated with municipal government. Upon~~
27 ~~the next vacancy occurring in this office on or after January 1,~~
28 ~~2004, this person shall be a city council member or mayor.~~

29 ~~(5) One person associated with county government. Upon the~~
30 ~~next vacancy occurring in this office on or after January 1, 2004,~~
31 ~~this person shall be a county supervisor.~~

32 ~~(6) One person from a responsible nongovernmental~~
33 ~~organization associated with recreation, fish, or wildlife.~~

34 ~~(7) Three persons not specifically associated with any of the~~
35 ~~foregoing categories, two of whom shall have special competence~~
36 ~~in areas related to water quality problems.~~

37 ~~(b) All persons appointed to a regional board shall be subject~~
38 ~~to Senate confirmation, but shall not be required to appear before~~
39 ~~any committee of the Senate for purposes of that confirmation~~

1 unless specifically requested to appear by the Senate Committee
2 on Rules:

3 (e) Insofar as practicable, appointments shall be made in a
4 manner to result in representation on the board from all parts of
5 the region:

6 (d) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), if appointments cannot be
7 made pursuant to paragraph (5) of subdivision (a) because of the
8 requirements of Section 13388, those appointments may be made
9 of persons not specifically associated with any category:

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