

BILL NUMBER: SB 1173
VETOED DATE: 09/29/2010

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 1173 without my signature.

This bill would define "raw" water, and would require that recycled water be used for non-potable municipal or industrial purposes in lieu of raw or potable water, if recycled water is available that meets certain conditions, as determined by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB).

I strongly support the use of recycled water to improve the efficient use of the State's limited water resources, and I encourage businesses and local governments to move to recycled water for their operations as quickly as feasible.

It was for this reason that I signed SB 918 (Pavley), which provides funding for the Department of Public Health to finish the recycled water regulations they have been working on for the last 15 years. Until those regulations are finished, I think it would not be feasible for California businesses and local governments to be able to comply with the provisions of this bill.

In addition, there will certainly be substantial costs associated with a significant movement to the use of recycled water. It was for this very reason that the "Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2012" includes \$1.25 billion for water recycling and water use efficiency measures like this. As such, this bill is premature until such funds are available.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger