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ORIGINATING SECTION: Administration

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AGENDA DATE: October 21, 2020

SUBJECT: Legislative Update

SUMMARY:

- Zone 7 staff, with the support of Agency consultants, monitors legislation that is being considered in Sacramento, as well as other political and regulatory activities of interest. This item supports Strategic Plan, Goal F – Stakeholder Engagement, engage our stakeholders to foster understanding of their needs, the Agency, and its function.
- The attached summary of the legislative executive summary presents bills that are Chaptered by the Secretary of State.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Information only

ATTACHMENT:

Legislative Executive Summary – As of October 2, 2020



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

State Legislation



**Prepared for the Zone 7 Water Agency
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Bill	Topic	Synopsis	Staff Recommendation	Status of the Bill/Comments as of 10/02/2020
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Drinking Water

[AB 2560 \(Quirk\)](#)

Water quality: notification and response levels: procedures

The California Safe Drinking Water Act requires the State Water Resources Control Board to adopt drinking water standards for contaminants in drinking water based upon specified criteria and requires any person who owns a public water system to ensure that the system, among other things, complies with those drinking water standards. This bill would require the state board to comply with specified public notice and comment procedures when establishing or revising a notification level or response level, except as specified for a contaminant that the Division of Drinking Water of the state board finds presents the potential for imminent harm to public health and safety.

Watch

Chapters by the Secretary of State, Chapter 350, Statutes of 2020

General

[AB 275 \(Ramos\)](#)

Native American cultural preservation.

This bill would revise various definitions, including, among others, the definition of "California Indian tribe" to include both a tribe that meets the federal definition of Indian tribe and a tribe that is not recognized by the federal government, but that is a native tribe located in California that is on the list maintained by the commission; the definition of "museum" to specify it receives state funds; the definition of "preponderance of the evidence" to specify that tribal traditional knowledge alone may be sufficient to meet this standard; and the definition of "reasonable" to specify that tribal traditional knowledge can and should be used to establish reasonable conclusions with respect to determining cultural affiliation and identifying cultural items.

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Chapters by the Secretary of State, Chapter 167, Statutes of 2020

[SB 1044](#)
[\(Allen\)](#)

Firefighting equipment and foam: PFAS chemicals

This bill would, commencing January 1, 2022, require any person, as defined, including a manufacturer, as defined, that sells firefighter personal protective equipment to any person to provide a written notice to the purchaser at the time of sale if the firefighter personal protective equipment contains intentionally added perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS).

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Chaptered by the Secretary of State, Chapter 308, Statutes of 2020

Governance

[SB 1386](#)
[\(Moorlach\)](#)

Local government: assessments, fees, and charges: water: hydrants

Current law, known as the Proposition 218 Omnibus Implementation Act, prescribes specific procedures and parameters for local jurisdictions to comply with these requirements and, among other things, authorizes an agency providing water, wastewater, sewer, or refuse collection services to adopt a schedule of fees or charges authorizing automatic adjustments that pass through increases in wholesale charges for water, sewage treatment, or wastewater treatment or adjustments for inflation under certain circumstances. Current law defines, among other terms, the term "water" for these purposes to mean any system of public improvements intended to provide for the production, storage, supply, treatment, or distribution of water from any source. This bill would specify that hydrants, as defined, are part of the system of public improvements included in the definition of "water" for purposes of the Proposition 218 Omnibus Implementation Act.

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Chaptered by the Secretary of State, Chapter 240, Statutes of 2020