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INTRODUCTION

This publication is a compilation of bills pertaining to local and regional governance that the Governor signed in 2017. This publication is intended to be comprehensive, but it is not exhaustive of all bills that may be relevant to local and regional government.

In general, chaptered legislation will go into effect on January 1, 2018. Bills that contain an urgency clause took effect immediately upon the governor's signature.

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AIR QUALITY

AB 617 C. Garcia– Non-vehicular Air Pollution. Criteria Air Pollutants and Toxic Air Contaminants.

Establishes a new air monitoring and air quality program, requiring CARB to develop a uniform statewide system of annual reporting of emissions of criteria air pollutants and a strategy to reduce emissions. Additionally, local air quality management districts must deploy community air monitoring systems.

AB 1073 E. Garcia – California Clean Truck, Bus, and Off-Road Vehicle and Equipment.

Extends by two years, until January 1, 2020, the requirement that CARB dedicate 20 percent of the California Clean Truck, Bus, and Off-Road Vehicle and Equipment Technology Program to support early commercial deployment of existing zero- and near-zero-emission heavy-duty trucks. Priority is given to projects benefiting disadvantaged communities.

CANNABIS

AB 133 Committee on Budget – Cannabis Regulation.

Enacts a host of regulatory changes to facilitate the onset of state licensing of commercial cannabis businesses in January 2018. Its provisions include, but are not limited to, licensing, local ordinances, state tax collection, and possession.

SB 94 Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review – Cannabis. Medicinal and Adult Use.

Enacts statutory changes related to a single system of administration for state licensing entities to implement a regulatory framework for cannabis law in California, including the Medical Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act (MCRSA) and Proposition 64, the Adult Use of Marijuana Act (AUMA). Until July 1, 2019, the bill provides local jurisdictions with a CEQA exemption for the adoption of an ordinance that requires discretionary review and approval of permits, license, or other authorizations to engage in commercial cannabis activity.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)

AB 28 Frazier – Department of Transportation (Caltrans). Environmental Review Process. Federal Pilot Program.

Reinstates Caltrans' authority to waive its 11th Amendment right to sovereign immunity from lawsuits brought in federal court, allowing Caltrans to assume the role of the US DoT for the purposes of fulfilling responsibilities and compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), also referred to as California's NEPA delegation.

AB 246 Santiago – Jobs and Economic Improvement through Environmental Leadership Act of 2011.

Extends for two years the expedited CEQA judicial review procedures established by the Jobs and Economic Improvement Through Environmental Leadership Act of 2011 (AB 900, Statutes of 2011). This bill also increases the Governor's certification of projects to LEED gold or better, increases the transportation efficiency to a 15% greater

standard, and requires the project applicant to demonstrate compliance with requirements for commercial and organic waste recycling, as applicable. This measure sunsets on January 1, 2021.

AB 1218 Obernolte – California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: bicycle transportation plans.

Extends the CEQA exemption for bicycle transportation plans and bicycle lane restriping projects in urbanized areas from January 1, 2018 to January 1, 2021.

CLIMATE CHANGE

AB 109 Ting – Budget Act of 2017. Greenhouse Gas Funds.

One of two bills that enact the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) Expenditure Plan. This measure appropriates \$700 million for a number of priorities including funding to implement a new air quality program created by AB 617, healthy forests and fire prevention, agricultural programs, waste diversion and recycling infrastructure, and adaptation and natural resource restoration including urban forestry and urban greening.

AB 398 E. Garcia – California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: market-based compliance mechanisms: fire prevention fees: sales and use tax manufacturing exemption.

Extends the state’s Cap and Trade system with a declining limit on greenhouse gas emissions until December 31, 2030. Among other changes, this measure requires CARB to update the scoping plan by January 1, 2018, requires all greenhouse gas rules and regulations adopted by the state board to be consistent with the scoping plan, outlines priorities for spending Cap and Trade revenues, extends and expands the sales and use tax exemption for qualified manufacturers and research until July 1, 2030, and suspends then eliminates the fire prevention fee.

AB 733 Berman – Enhanced Infrastructure Financing Districts. Projects. Climate Change.

Adds climate change projects to the list of projects that may be financed by cities or counties through an Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District (EIFD).

ACA 1 Mayes – Greenhouse Gas Reduction Reserve Fund.

Places a Constitutional Amendment on the June 2018 ballot that would require that the first appropriation of Cap-and-Trade revenues after January 1, 2024 be subject to a two-thirds majority vote of the Legislature. This measure also suspends the manufacturing sales and use tax exemption from January 1, 2024 until the effective date of the two-third vote legislation.

ENERGY

AB 546 Chiu – Land Use. Land Ordinances. Energy Systems.

Requires cities and counties to accept electronic submissions of permit applications for advanced energy storage installations, and to make documentation for such permitting available on their websites. Cities and counties with 200,000 or more residents must comply by September 30, 2018 and cities and counties with less than 200,000 residents must comply by January 31, 2019. The bill also allows OPR to provide guidance on energy storage permitting, including streamlining, best practices, and potential factors for consideration by local government in establishing fees for permitting and inspection.

AB 1284 Dababneh – California Financing Law: Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program: program administrators.

Establishes requirements for PACE program administrators that must be met before PACE assessment contracts may be funded and recorded by a public agency, renames the California Finance Lenders Law as the California Financing Law (CFL), requires program administrators to be licensed under the CFL, and establishes a regulatory scheme for oversight of PACE solicitors and PACE solicitor agents.

AB 1414 Friedman – Solar Energy Systems. Permits.

Lowers and extends a cap on permit fees a city or county may charge for solar energy systems. Cities or counties can charge permit fees in excess of the cap only if there are written findings in a resolution or ordinance that provides substantial evidence that the reasonable cost to issue the permit is higher than the cap. This measure sunsets on January 1, 2025.

SB 242 Skinner – Property Assessed Clean Energy Program. Program Administrator.

Adds consumer protections for residential consumers to the PACE program including requiring a recorded telephone call to confirm key terms of the agreement, a three day right to cancel for property owners, new contractor standards and prohibitions, and new reporting requirements for program administrators that the public agency must make available on its website.

HOUSING: FINANCE AND FEES

AB 56 Holden – California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank. Housing.

Clarifies the definition of housing-related infrastructure, for the purposes of programs administered through the California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank (IBank) to include city streets; drainage, water supply, and flood control; environmental mitigation measures; power and communications; public transit improvement that directly support transit-oriented housing; sewage collection and treatment; and water treatment and distribution.

AB 73 Chiu – Planning and Zoning. Housing Sustainability Districts.

Allows a city, county, or city and county to create a housing sustainability district to complete upfront zoning and environmental review in order to receive incentive payments for development projects that are consistent with the district's ordinance.

AB 111 Committee on Budget – State Government.

Makes various statutory changes necessary to implement the state administration-related provisions of the Budget Act of 2017, including broadening the purpose for which cities and counties may use funds from the Community Based Transitional Housing Program.

AB 346 Daly – Redevelopment. Housing Successor. Low and Moderate Income Housing Asset Fund. Homeless Shelters.

Authorizes a housing successor to use funds remaining in their Low and Moderate Income Housing Fund towards a variety of homelessness services.

AB 571 E. Garcia – Farmworker Housing. Low-Income Housing. Migrant Farm Labor Centers.

Makes numerous changes to the farmworker housing tax credit set-aside within the Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) Program and to HCD’s Office of Migrant Services (OMS). “Farmworker housing” is redefined as housing available and occupied by at least 50% of farmworkers. Authorizes the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee to allocate the farmworker housing credit even if the taxpayer receives federal credits for buildings located in designated difficult development areas or qualified census tracts.

AB 727 Nazarian – Mental Health Services Act (MHSA). Housing Assistance.

Clarifies that a county may spend funds on housing assistance for people in the target population for programs funded by the MHSA, including programs that serve seriously emotionally disturbed children or adolescents, and adults or older adults who have a serious mental disorder.

AB 879 Grayson – Planning and Zoning. Housing Element.

Makes numerous changes to housing element law and requires HCD to conduct a study to determine the reasonableness of local fees charged to new developments. This measure requires the study to include findings and recommendations regarding potential amendments to the Mitigation Fee Act to substantially reduce fees for a new residential development. Extends the annual general plan report requirement to charter cities.

AB 1379 Thurmond – Certified Access Specialist Program. Funding.

Temporarily increases the existing \$1 fee for the Certified Access Specialist Program. From January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2023 any applicant for a local business license, equivalent instrument, permit, or any renewal of said authorization, must pay an additional fee of \$4 for that authorization, which shall be collected by the city, county, or city and county that issued the authorization. After January 1, 2024, the additional fee reverts to \$1.

AB 1568 Bloom – Enhanced Infrastructure Financing Districts (EIFD). Sales Tax and Housing.

Allows EIFDs to receive local sales and use tax revenues or transactions and use tax revenues for infrastructure, transit, and affordable housing purposes.

SB 2 Atkins – Building Homes and Jobs Act.

Imposes a \$75 recordation fee on specified real estate documents to generate hundreds of millions of dollars per year for affordable housing, supportive housing, emergency shelters, and transitional housing. In 2018, 50 percent of the funds collected will be directed to local governments to update planning documents. Beginning in 2019 and for subsequent years, 70 percent of the proceeds will be allocated to local governments through the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) formula.

SB 3 Beall – Veterans and Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2018.

Places a \$4 billion general obligation bond on the November 2018 ballot to fund housing programs and the veterans homeownership program (CalVet). Of the proceeds from the sale of these bonds, \$3 billion would be used to finance various existing housing programs and \$1 billion would be used to provide additional funding for the above-described program for farm, home, and mobilehome purchase assistance for veterans, as provided.

SB 106 Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review – State Government.

Makes several statutory changes to implement the 2017-18 Budget Act with regards to HCD's implementation of Community Development Block Grants and the Earned Income Tax Credit.

HOUSING: PLANNING AND APPROVAL

AB 72 Santiago – Housing. Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD).

Provides HCD with broad new authority to find a city's, county's, or city's and county's housing element out of substantial compliance if it determines that the city, county, or city and county acts or fails to act in compliance with its housing element, and allows HCD to refer violations of the law to the Attorney General.

AB 352 Santiago – State Housing Law. Efficiency Units.

Prohibits a city, county, or city and county that adopts an ordinance permitting efficiency units from placing specified limitation on the units. These include unit limitations on locations near public transit, car sharing vehicles, and UC or CSU campuses.

AB 494 Bloom – Land Use. Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU).

Makes a number of changes to the ADU review process and standards. Most notably, this measure changes local agency's ADU ordinance to include distinction between renting and selling ADUs and defines both parking requirements and "accessory structures" with regards to ADUs.

AB 678/SB 167 Bocanegra/Skinner – Housing Accountability Act (HAA).

Make numerous changes to the HAA. These measures change the evidentiary standard for a local agency to disapprove a housing development project from "substantial" evidence in the record to a "preponderance of the" evidence in the record and requires the court to impose fines of \$10,000 per unit on a local agency that has violated the HAA.

AB 932 Ting - Shelter Crisis. Homeless Shelters.

Authorizes emergency housing, upon the declaration of a shelter crisis by the Cities of Berkeley, Emeryville, Los Angeles, Oakland, or San Diego, the County of Santa Clara, or the City and County of San Francisco, to include homeless shelters until January 1, 2021. It streamlines the construction and maintenance of homeless shelters for localities by exempting shelters from various regulations and statutory requirements, provided that localities have adopted health and safety standards and procedures for homeless shelters.

AB 1505 Bloom – Land use. Zoning Regulations.

Authorizes a city, county, or city and county, as a condition of the development of residential rental units, to establish inclusionary housing ordinances that require the development to include a certain percentage of affordable housing units. It authorizes HCD to review inclusionary ordinances in specified circumstances.

AB 1515 Daly – Planning and Zoning. Housing.

Establishes, for purposes of the HAA, a reasonable person standard for deeming consistency for a housing development project or emergency shelter.

AB 1521 Bloom – Land Use. Notice of Proposed Change. Assisted Housing Developments.

Expands the Preservation Notice Law regarding the preservation of assisted housing developments by requiring an owner of an assisted housing development to accept a bona fide offer to purchase from a qualified purchaser, if specified requirements are met, and by giving HCD additional enforcement authority.

SB 35 Weiner – Planning and Zoning. Affordable Housing. Streamlined Approval Process.

Establishes a streamlined, ministerial review process for certain multifamily affordable housing projects that are proposed in local jurisdictions that have not met regional housing needs, until 2026.

SB 166 Skinner – Residential Density and Affordability.

Amends the No Net Loss Zoning law to require local governments to accommodate its remaining unmet housing need at all times throughout the housing element planning period for all levels of income.

SB 229 Wieckowski – Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs).

Makes numerous changes to ADU law. These changes include defining parking requirements, zoning for single-family dwellings, sizing floorspace, charging for utility services, distinguishing ADU renting and selling, and permitting HCD to review and comment on the ordinances.

SB 540 Roth – Workforce Housing Opportunity Zone.

Authorizes a city, county, or city and county to establish Workforce Housing Opportunity Zones, which would focus workforce and affordable housing in areas close to jobs and transit and conform to California’s greenhouse gas reduction laws. This measure requires jurisdictions to complete an environmental impact report (EIR) and a specific plan identifying all of the requirements necessary to receive ministerial housing permit approvals. HCD will supply loans or grant funding for the specific plan and EIR.

LOCAL GOVERNANCE AND MISCELLANEOUS LAND USE

AB 22 Bonta – Secretary of State. Storing and Recording Electronic Media.

Authorizes state agencies and local governments to retain public records for permanent archival storage through the use of cloud computing storage service.

AB 464 Gallagher – Local Government Reorganization.

Makes changes to Local Agency Formation Commissions (LAFCOs) statutes which govern changes of organization and reorganization, including annexation proceedings. It allows cities and districts to annex territory in which they are already providing services (e.g. electrical, water, sewer services).

AB 549 Quirk – Local Government. Building Permit. Electrified Security Fence. Notice.

Requires counties and cities, including charter counties and charter cities, to notify their respective fire agencies when they approve a permit for an electrified security fence and to provide them with a copy of the approved permit.

AB 765 Low – Local Initiatives Measures. Submission to the Voters.

Eliminates local initiative proponents’ ability to request a special election on their proposed initiative measure and instead generally provides for the measure to be submitted to voters at a regularly scheduled election.

AB 1646 Muratsuchi – Refineries. Unified Program Agency. Integrated Alerting and Notification System.

Requires the designated local implementing agency to develop an integrated alerting and notification system to notify the community surrounding a petroleum refinery in the event of an incident. The local implementing agency must coordinate with emergency management agencies, unified program agencies, first response agencies, and the public in developing this system.

SB 130 Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review – Local Government Finance. Property Tax Revenue Allocations. Vehicle License Fee Adjustments.

Extends Vehicle License Fee (VLF) adjustment to four cities that incorporated after 2004: Wildomar, Menifee, Eastvale, and Jurupa Valley. This measure will allow those cities to keep more of their property tax revenues.

SB 654 Dodd – Local Moratorium. Gaming Tables.

Authorizes a city, county, or city and county to amend its local ordinance to increase the operating hours of a gambling establishment to up to 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

SB 732 Stern – General Plan. Agricultural Land.

Allows a city or county to develop an agricultural land component of their open-space element, or a separate agricultural land element, in return for priority consideration for funding provided by the Department of Conservation (DOC).

SB 742 Moorlach – City Treasurers. Bonds and GAAP Accounting.

Requires a city treasurer, if the city has issued bonds, to use a system of accounting and auditing that adheres to generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CONTRACTS

AB 92 Bonta – Public Contracts. Payment.

Extends the law that prohibits public agencies from retaining more than 5 percent of a contract price until final completion of a project, unless the project is substantially complex. The new sunset date is January 1, 2023.

AB 1145 Quirk – Conversion of Existing Overhead Electric and Communications Facilities to Underground Locations. Cable Television Corporations and Cable Operators.

Adds cable television facilities and operators to laws that require cities to reimburse utilities for the costs of undergrounding city-owned electric or communications facilities when the city initiates the conversion.

AB 1665 E. Garcia – Telecommunications. California Advanced Services Fund.

Authorizes the PUC to collect an additional \$330 million through a \$66 million annual surcharge on all intrastate telephone users beginning January 1, 2018 through 2022. Funds will be deposited into the California Advanced Services Fund, which was established to address the digital divide.

SB 496 Cannella – Indemnity. Design Professionals.

Expands existing provisions that limit the liability of design professionals—defined as a licensed/registered architect, landscape architect, engineer, or land surveyor—to include any contract for professional design services. The provisions previously applied to contracts between design professionals and non-state public agencies.

TRANSPORTATION: FUNDING

AB 115 Committee on Budget – Transportation.

Makes various technical amendments to the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 (SB 1). Specifically, it outlines the process that Caltrans and CalSTA must undertake before adopting any SB 1 program guidelines. It also amends the Active Transportation Program to provide authority for the California Transportation Commission (CTC) to approve “Letters of No Prejudice” that would provide project sponsors with a tool to initiate projects with their own resources prior to the year in which they would receive state funding.

AB 134 Committee on Budget – Budget Act of 2017. Greenhouse Gas Funds (GGRF). Transportation.

The second of two bills that enact the GGRF Expenditure Plan. This measure appropriates \$900 million for a number of vehicle replacement programs, including the Carl Moyer programs, the Hybrid and Zero-Emission Truck and Bus Voucher program, the Clean Vehicle Rebate program, and the Enhanced Fleet Modernization program.

AB 135 Committee on Budget – Transportation.

Codifies the ability for cities and counties to use their own funds to pay for transportation repair, maintenance, and rehabilitation projects and reimburse those expenditures with revenues generated from the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017.

ACA 5 Frazier – Motor Vehicle Fees and Taxes. Restriction on Expenditures.

Places a ballot measure on the June 2018 statewide ballot that would amend the Constitution to (1) require revenues derived from vehicle fees imposed under a specified chapter of the Vehicle License Fee Law to be used solely for transportation purposes; (2) prohibit these revenues from being used for the payment of principal and interest on state transportation general obligation bonds; and (3) restrict portions of the sales and use tax on diesel fuel to expenditure on certain transportation planning or mass transportation purposes..

SB 1 Beall – Transportation Funding.

Upon full implementation, generates \$5.2 billion annually for California’s transportation network. Of the \$5.2 billion, cities and counties will receive approximately \$1.5 billion for local streets and roads, with \$750 million distributed to cities statewide on a per capita (population) basis.

SB 103 Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review – Transportation.

Makes transportation related statutory changes necessary to implement the Budget Act of 2017. Notably, it authorizes Caltrans to implement the Advance Mitigation Program; revises the requirements of the currently-existing Trade Corridors Improvement Fund and makes them applicable to the Trade Corridor Enhancement Account created by SB 1; requires the CTC to allocate 60 percent of available funding to eligible projects nominated by regional transportation agencies, with the remaining 40 percent allocated for eligible projects nominated by Caltrans; and prohibits the funding of projects that include the purchase of fully-automated cargo handling equipment.

TRANSPORTATION: PLANNING AND ENFORCEMENT

AB 25 Nazarian – Tour Buses. Modified Tour Buses.

Adds modified tour buses, including buses with their roofs substantially modified or removed, to the definition of “tour bus.” The bill authorizes local governments to adopt rules and regulations via ordinance for these buses, including route restrictions and prohibitions on loudspeakers or public-address systems.

AB 332 Bocanegra – Vehicles. Local Regulations. Street Closures.

Authorizes the legislative body of a local agency to additionally temporarily close to through traffic a highway under its jurisdiction in order to curb illegal dumping. The bill would also allow a temporary closure of a highway that has been designated as a through highway or arterial street if the closure can be accomplished without a significant impact on the flow of traffic.

AB 390 Santiago – Pedestrian Crossing Signals.

Allows pedestrians to proceed crossing a street when prompted by a “DON’T WALK,” “WAIT,” or “Upraised Hand” symbol with a countdown as long as the pedestrian finishes crossing before the countdown is over.

AB 467 Mullin – Local Transportation Authorities. Transactions and Use Taxes.

Exempts county elections officials from including adopted transportation expenditure plans in the voter information guides as long as the authority posts the plan on its website and can make the entire plan available to voters electronically or in hard copy per the voter’s request at no cost.

AB 503 Lackey – Vehicles. Parking Violations. Registration or Driver’s License Renewal.

Requires local governments to offer payment plans and fee waivers to “indigent” drivers to pay parking ticket obligations before filing an itemization of delinquent penalties with the DMV.

AB 1222 Quirk – Vehicles. Electronic Wireless Communications Devices.

Excludes the terms “specialized mobile radio device” and “two way messaging devise” from the definition of “electronic wireless communications device” for the purpose of prohibiting the use of certain devices while driving.

AB 1444 Baker – Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority. Demonstration Project.

Authorizes the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA) to conduct a demonstration project for the testing of fully autonomous vehicles without a gas pedal, brake pedal, steering wheel, or driver in the driver’s seat.

AB 1452 Muratsuchi – Parking. Exclusive Electric Charging and Parking on Public Streets.

Authorizes a local jurisdiction, by ordinance or resolution, to designate on-street parking spaces for the exclusive purpose of electric vehicle (EV) charging and to remove a vehicle parked in said parking spaces if the vehicle does not meet specific EV requirements.

AB 1625 Rubio – Inoperable Parking Meters.

Prohibits a local authority, by ordinance or resolution, from prohibiting or restricting the parking of vehicles in a parking space that is regulated by an inoperable parking meter or inoperable parking payment center, except as specified.

SB 150 Allen – Regional Transportation Plans.

Requires CARB to report, by September 1, 2018 and every four years thereafter, an assessment of progress made by each metropolitan planning organization (MPO) to meet targets, including changes to GHG emissions in each region, data-supported metrics for strategies used to meet the targets, and best practices and challenges faced by MPOs in meeting the targets.

SB 182 Bradford – Transportation Network Company Drivers. Business Licenses.

Limits local taxation authority by prohibiting local agencies from requiring drivers for transportation network companies (TNCs) to obtain a business license to operate unless the driver is domiciled in the jurisdiction and has operated for more than 30 days in the preceding fiscal year. It also outlines various rules governing TNCs and business licenses.

SB 672 Fuller – Traffic Actuated Signals. Motorcycles and Bicycles.

Extends indefinitely the requirements that a traffic-actuated signal must be installed and maintained so as to detect lawful bicycle or motorcycle traffic on the roadway, rather than just automotive vehicles.

WASTE AND RECYCLING

AB 474 E. Garcia – Hazardous Waste. Spent Brine Solutions.

Exempts spent brine solutions from hazardous waste requirements if the spent brine solution is a byproduct of the treatment process for drinking water and are transferred to a surface impoundment regulated by the state regional water quality control boards.

AB 1158 Chu – Carpet Recycling.

Makes changes to the state’s existing carpet stewardship program by establishing a carpet recycling rate of 24 percent by January 2, 2020, requiring CalRecycle to adjust the recycling rate every three years, creating an advisory committee with a representative from local government, and prohibiting carpet assessment funding from being used to pay penalties, costs for litigation against the state, or disposal or incineration of carpet.

WATER

SB 5 de León – California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018.

Places a \$4 billion bond on the June 2018 statewide ballot for parks, water, and climate and environmental programs. If the voters approve SB 5, local governments will receive funding for local park improvements and will be eligible for numerous grants to fund water, local parks, coastal and climate resiliency projects.

SB 231 Hertzberg – Local Government. Fees and Charges.

Clarifies that the definition of “sewer” includes stormwater for the purpose of the Proposition 218 Omnibus Implementation Act.

SB 427 Leyva – Public Water Systems. Community Water Systems. Lead User Service Lines.

Clarifies that lead user service lines requirements apply to community water systems and adds certain requirements. Specifically, this bill requires a community water system to compile an inventory of lead user service lines in its distribution system, identify areas that may have lead user service lines by July 1, 2018, and provide a timeline for the replacement of known lead service lines in its distribution system to the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) by July 1, 2020. It also clarifies the process by which SWRCB and the community water system must agree on a timeline for replacing user service lines known to contain lead and authorizes SWRCB to enforce provisions of the California Safe Drinking Water Act related to lead in service lines of a public water system and a community water system.

SB 564 McGuire – Joint Powers Authorities (JPA). Water Bill Savings Act.

Enacts the Water Bill Savings Act, which allows JPAs to finance water conservation improvements to private property for a customer of a local agency or its publicly owned utility located in several counties (Alameda, Contra Costa, Los Angeles, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano, or Sonoma). The measure requires a written agreement to be executed at the time of the efficiency improvement's installation between the customer, all property owners, the JPA, and the local agency or publicly owned utility. Customers will repay the costs through an efficiency charge on the water bill.

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