Coastal Coalition, May 22, 2008 Water Bills Summary

AB 2175(Laird) Water conservation

Introduced: 02/20/2008 Last Amend: 04/08/2008

Status: 05/07/2008-From APPR.: To APPR. SUSPENSE FILE.

Location: 05/07/2008-A APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

Summary: (1) Existing law requires the Department of Water Resources to convene an independent technical panel to provide information to the department and the Legislature on new demand management measures, technologies, and approaches. "Demand management measures" means those water conservation measures, programs, and incentives that prevent the waste of water and promote the reasonable and efficient use and reuse of available supplies. This bill would require the department to establish a statewide target to achieve a 20% reduction in urban per capita water use in California by December 31, 2020. By December 31, 2020, each urban water supplier would be required to reduce its per capita water use by 20%, except as provided. By December 31, 2010, and not less than every 5 years thereafter, the department would be required to establish and make available to the public a list of technically feasible urban water conservation measures available to assist urban water suppliers in meeting this requirement. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

AB 2013 (Krekorian) New Construction: water-permeable pavement

Introduced: 02/15/2008 Last Amend: 04/22/2008

Status: 05/15/2008-From APPR.: To APPR. SUSPENSE FILE.

Location: 05/07/2008-ASM

Summary: The California Building Standards Law requires any building standard adopted or proposed by a state agency to be submitted to, and approved or adopted by, the California Building Standards Commission prior to codification. The State Housing Law requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to submit to the commission proposed building standards for hotels, motels, lodging houses, apartment houses, and dwellings. This bill would authorize the use of water-permeable pavement, as defined, for exterior paved surfaces in any new construction for which a building permit is issued on or after January 1, 2012, if specified conditions are met.

AB 2882(Wolk) Allocation-Based Water Pricing

Introduced: 02/22/2008

Last Amend:

Status: 04/24/2008-Referred to CMTE

Location: 04/01/2008-ASM WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE

Summary: Existing law relative to water conservation programs authorizes any public entity, as defined, that supplies water at retail or wholesale for the benefit of persons within the service area or area of jurisdiction of the public entity to adopt and enforce, by ordinance or resolution, a water conservation program to reduce the quantity of water used by those persons for the purpose of conserving the water supplies of the public entity. This bill would authorize a public entity to adopt allocation-based conservation water pricing meeting certain requirements. The bill would require that revenues derived from allocation-based conservation water pricing not exceed the reasonable cost of water service, including conservation measure costs and overuse costs, as defined.