

**Potential Sponsored
State Legislative Proposals
2009**

**Communications and Legislation
Committee**

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Ad Valorem Tax Levy

- **Fix tax levy rate at FY 2008/09 rate (.0043 percent)**
- **Would help mitigate impacts on future water rate increases**
- **Could provide source of funds for water efficiency improvements**
- **Long-term, stable source of revenue**
- **Not impacted by volatile water sales**

Voluntary Property Tax Financing of WUE Projects

- Provides upfront financing for costly WUE improvements
- Public agencies may enter into contractual assessments with willing property owners

Voluntary Property Tax Financing - cont'd

- **Property owners freely assess themselves for associated costs**
- **Pay annual assessment until upfront funds repaid, plus interest**
- **Fashioned after AB 811 (Levine) signed in July 2008**

Water Use in Common Interest Developments

- HOAs can limit property owner's ability to comply with Model Landscape Ordinance (MLO) or locally-adopted equivalent
- Eliminates discrepancy in state regulations

Water Use in Common Interest Developments (cont'd)

- Ensures equitable application of MLO or locally adopted equivalent
- Would eliminate HOAs ability to require landscapes that exceed MLO water use standard or local equivalent

Water Transfer Streamlining

- **Would exempt one-year water transfers from CEQA review**
- **Could apply to narrowly defined transfers (Drought Water Bank, DWR-approved, etc.)**

Water Transfer Streamlining (cont'd)

- **One-year transfers must already comply with SWP and CVP regulatory parameters**
- **CEQA review is redundant and excessive**

Proposals Submitted to ACWA and CMUA

■ ACWA:

- Require removal of inefficient toilets and plumbing fixtures upon resale or transfer of property
- Require retrofit to HETs or future standards
- If all existing inventory upgraded, 2.8 MAF potential lifetime water savings

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■ ACWA:

- Require study to assess mgmt and control of quagga mussels
- Propose reasonable liability limitations for water supply operations resulting in infestation and spread

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■ CMUA:

- Expand definition of eligible renewable energy resource to include any hydroelectric generation facility
- Cannot cause or contribute to violation of state law or requirement
- Would abolish existing discriminatory and arbitrary limit