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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2003–04 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2717

Introduced by Assembly Member Laird

February 20, 2004

An act to add Section 65591.1 to the Government Code, relating to water conservation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2717, as amended, Laird. California Urban Water Conservation Council: stakeholders.

Existing law, known as the Water Conservation in Landscaping Act, requires the Department of Water Resources to adopt a model local water efficient landscape ordinance that each local agency may adopt and requires a local agency to adopt a water efficient landscape ordinance by January 1, 1993, unless the local agency adopts specified findings that an ordinance is unnecessary.

This bill would request that the California Urban Water Conservation Council convene a stakeholders workgroup composed of public and private agencies, and associations to evaluate and recommend proposals for improving the efficiency of water use in new and existing urban irrigated landscapes in the state.

The bill would also request the stakeholder workgroup to report its recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature by December 31, 2005, and ~~to~~ *would provide that the nonstate agency stakeholders pay its own* the expenses of the stakeholder workgroup without any contribution from the state.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 65591.1 is added to the Government
2 Code, to read:
3 65591.1. (a) Not later than January 1, 2005, the California
4 Urban Water Conservation Council (CUWCC) is hereby requested
5 to convene a stakeholders workgroup to develop, evaluate and
6 recommend proposals for improving the efficiency of water use in
7 new and existing urban irrigated landscapes in the state. The
8 CUWCC may designate a chair for the stakeholder group.
9 (b) Representatives of the Department of Water Resources,
10 State Water Resources Control Board, Bay-Delta Authority,
11 United States Bureau of Reclamation, California Landscape
12 Contracts Association, manufacturers or designers of irrigation
13 equipment, Green Industry Council, building and construction
14 industry, urban water agencies, recognized environmental
15 advocacy groups, the California League of Cities, the California
16 Association of Counties, and the University of California may be
17 invited to participate in the stakeholder group.
18 (c) The stakeholder workgroup may examine and report to the
19 Governor and the Legislature by December 31, 2005, on all of the
20 following matters:
21 (1) Review and make recommendations for improving the
22 Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance.
23 (2) Review and make comments on the following additional
24 matters:
25 (A) Potential labeling requirements and performance standards
26 for landscape irrigation equipment sold or installed in California.
27 (B) Potential use and application of water budgets for irrigated
28 landscaped areas.
29 (C) Potential standardized training and certification
30 requirements for personnel engaged in the business of design,
31 installation, operation, or maintenance of irrigated landscapes,
32 including water budgets.
33 (D) Potential use of incentives and disincentives to encourage
34 the adoption and implementation of landscaping efficiency
35 measures.



1 (E) Other measures for improving the water efficiency of
2 existing irrigated landscapes.

3 (F) Areas for further research and development regarding
4 water efficient plant varieties, water efficient irrigation
5 equipment, and remote monitoring of landscape water
6 consumption, together with plans for organizing, funding, and
7 conducting the research.

8 (d) All expenses for the stakeholder workgroup shall be the
9 ~~responsibility of the stakeholders and the state may make any~~
10 ~~contribution for any costs relative to the stakeholder workgroup.~~
11 *responsibility of the nonstate agency stakeholders.*

