

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2669

Introduced by Assembly Member V. Manuel Perez

February 19, 2010

An act relating to water, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2669, as introduced, V. Manuel Perez. The Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006: integrated water quality and wastewater treatment program plan: Riverside County.

The Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006, an initiative measure approved by the voters at the November 7, 2006, statewide general election, authorizes the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$5,388,000,000 for the purpose of financing a safe drinking water, water quality and supply, flood control, and resource protection program. Of those funds, \$1,000,000,000 is available to the Department of Water Resources, upon appropriation by the Legislature for that purpose, for grants for projects that assist local public agencies to meet the long-term water needs of the state, including the delivery of safe drinking water and the protection of water quality and the environment.

This bill would appropriate \$2,000,000 of those bond funds to the department, for allocation to Riverside County, as specified, for an integrated water quality and wastewater treatment program plan to address drinking water and the wastewater needs of disadvantaged communities in the unincorporated areas of Riverside County. The bill would require the plan to primarily address arsenic contamination of drinking water and would prescribe other requirements for the plan.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. (a) Of the funds made available for the purposes
2 of Section 75026 of the Public Resources Code, as described in
3 paragraph (12) of subdivision (a) of Section 75027, the sum of
4 two million dollars (\$2,000,000) is hereby appropriated to the
5 Department of Water Resources for allocation to Riverside County
6 for the development of an integrated water quality and wastewater
7 treatment program plan to address the drinking water and
8 wastewater needs of, and primarily address arsenic contamination
9 of drinking water in, disadvantaged communities in the
10 unincorporated areas of Riverside County.

11 (b) Funds allocated pursuant to subdivision (a) shall be available
12 for assessment and feasibility studies necessary to develop the
13 plan. The plan shall primarily address arsenic contamination of
14 drinking water, shall include recommendations for planning,
15 infrastructure, and other water management actions, and shall
16 include specific recommendations for regional drinking water
17 treatment facilities, regional wastewater treatment facilities,
18 conjunctive use sites and groundwater recharge, groundwater for
19 surface water exchanges, related infrastructure, and cost-sharing
20 mechanisms.

21 (c) Riverside County shall consult with appropriate stakeholders,
22 including representatives of disadvantaged communities and the
23 Coachella Valley Water District, when preparing the plan.

24 (d) The Department of Water Resources, in consultation with
25 the State Department of Public Health, shall submit the plan to the
26 Legislature by January 1, 2013.