

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 606**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Levine**

February 24, 2015

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An act to add Article 6.5 (commencing with Section 14714) to Chapter 2 of Part 5.5 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code, relating to state property.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 606, as introduced, Levine. Water conservation.

Existing law requires the Department of General Services to provide planning, acquisition, construction, and maintenance of state buildings and property. Existing law requires the department, in consultation with the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission, and with the concurrence of the Department of Finance, to identify each public building in the department's state property inventory where it is feasible for that building to reduce energy consumption and achieve energy efficiencies, as specified, and make retrofits, as specified.

This bill would require the Department of General Services to identify each public property added to the department's state property inventory beginning January 1, 2015, where it is feasible for water consumption to be reduced and water efficiencies to be achieved through replacement of landscaping, irrigation timers, or spray sprinkler heads, or any combination thereof, and would require the appropriate replacements where feasible, except as specified.

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

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

SECTION 1. Article 6.5 (commencing with Section 14714) is added to Chapter 2 of Part 5.5 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code, to read:

Article 6.5. State Property Water Use

14714. (a) The department shall identify each public property that is added to the department's state property inventory beginning January 1, 2016, including, but not limited to, property managed by the Department of Transportation, where it is feasible for water consumption to be reduced and water efficiencies to be achieved through any or all of the following:

(1) Replacement of landscaping with drought tolerant plants with an emphasis on native plant species.

(2) Replacement of irrigation timers to permit efficient watering schedules.

(3) Replacement of spray sprinkler heads with bubblers, drip irrigation, and soaker hoses.

(b) The department shall make the appropriate replacements for each public property identified pursuant to subdivision (a) to reduce overall water consumption where feasible, except that work on public property of the California State University shall be subject to the consent of the California State University.

(c) For purposes of this section, "feasible" means capable of being accomplished in a successful manner within a reasonable period of time, taking into account life-cycle cost analyses, and environmental, social, and technological factors.