



Legislative Update

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Surface Water Permitting

- **SB 225/HB 3742- SOAH process for water right permits**
- **SB 226- Permit amendment speed-up**
- **SB 696/HB 4006- Update of WAMs**
- **HB 3735- Ch. 11 clean-up**
- **SB 864/HB 3031- Groundwater alt. supply bill**



Groundwater Policy

- **SB 774/HB 2378- Extension of transfer permits with operating permits**
- **SB 1009/HB 4017- Admin. completeness of permit application**
- **SB 862- Award of attorney fees in GCD proceedings**
- **SB 1392/HB 31- Broader CH. 36 bills**



Water Planning

- **SB 1511/HB 2948- State and regional water planning updates**
- **HB 374/HB 3027- Applies open meetings/records to RWPGs**
- **HB 174/SB 1289/HB 2780- US Steel Requirements**
- **SB 1416/HB 2204- Relaxes US steel requirements for water projects**



Brackish/Seawater Desal

- **SB 1430/HB 2894- Expedited permit amendment for desal project**
- **HB 2377- Brackish desal development**
- **SB 1507/HB 2885- Permit for brackish desal return flows**
- **HB 3987- State participation for seawater desal and ASR**



Aquifer Storage & Recovery

- **HB 2005- Study and report by TWDB on ASR**
- **HB 3991-Permit to appropriate water for ASR project**



Contracting

- **HB 1053- Reduces statute of repose from 10 years to 5 years**
- **HB 3110- Voids contract clauses requiring indemnity**
- **HB 3913- Limits retainage in public work contracts**



Oversight/Transparency

- **HB 2802- Removes river authorities from sunset review process**



Dates of Interest

- **May 12- Last day for House to consider non-local House Bills**
- **May 24- Last day for House to consider all Senate Bills/Last day for Senate to consider all Bills**
- **May 29-Last day of Session (Sine die)**



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