



● **Board of Directors**
Communications and Legislation Committee

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Subject

Express support for AB 1520 (Evans, D–Santa Rosa) – Statewide Watershed Program

Description

Assembly Bill 1520, as amended April 13, 2009 ([Attachment 1](#)), by Assembly Member Noreen Evans, Chair of the Assembly Budget Committee and sponsored by the Department of Conservation, would establish a voluntary and non-regulatory Statewide Watershed Program (Program) that would promote coordinated management of watersheds statewide and would provide technical and financial assistance to local community-based efforts in conservation, protection and restoration of the state’s watersheds. The Program would be under the authority of the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency and the California Department of Conservation. The Secretary would create and appoint members to a State Watershed Advisory Committee (Committee) within the Department of Conservation, with the Committee operating in an advisory capacity only to assist the Secretary and the Director of the Department of Conservation regarding this Program. The Committee would include at least one member from each of the state’s ten Hydrologic Regions (as determined by the Department of Water Resources) with a maximum membership of 25 members. Committee members would be required to be familiar with and understand the community-based watershed efforts occurring in their region and may include representatives of a county, city, city and county, special district and stakeholder interests. Individuals appointed to the Committee would represent and further the interests of the state, their community and their watershed, in addition to serving the public interest. Members would serve two-year terms and may be reappointed by the Secretary for additional two-year terms.

The Program leadership and assistance would include: coordination and communication; information and data management; training and technical assistance; education; scientific assistance; and financial assistance. The financial assistance would include, but not be limited to, the awarding of grants to community-based programs for coordination of watershed assessment and planning, implementation of management plans and monitoring of watershed conditions and the effect of management practices on those conditions. Funding sources for the financial assistance are not identified, but the bill does note that provisions of this Program would only be implemented in a fiscal year for which funding is provided for that purpose in the annual Budget Act. The Department of Conservation would provide staffing and logistical support at the discretion of the Director, and may contract with a public or private entity to carry out prescribed activities. Every two years the Department of Conservation (in consultation with the Department of Fish and Game, the Department of Water Resources and any other applicable agencies) would submit a progress report on the Program to the Secretary.

Additionally, the Program would seek to increase collaboration among the various departments, boards, offices, authorities, commissions, conservancies and councils within the Natural Resources Agency and the California Environmental Protection Agency.

Background

The California Watershed Protection and Restoration Act, Public Resources Code, Division 5, Chapter 6.5, commencing with Section 5808 (AB 1405 by then-Assembly Member Lois Wolk, chaptered October 9, 2003), requires that: (1) the guidelines adopted by state agencies for use by local watershed partnerships shall provide flexible mechanisms to achieve quantifiable and monitored watershed objectives; (2) local jurisdictions may

participate in local watershed partnerships in order to ensure efficient, long-lasting and effective watershed restoration and management; and (3) state agencies with jurisdiction over watershed planning and protection may provide technical assistance to watershed management partnerships that are consistent with watershed protection laws and regulations, to the extent that funds are available.

Within the Budget Act of 2000, the Legislature established the Watershed Coordinator Grant Program (WCGP) to fund watershed coordinator positions throughout the state. The purpose of the program was to improve impaired watersheds by providing support for watershed improvement efforts at a local level. Proposition 84, The Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act, approved by the voters in November 2006, authorizes up to \$10 million for the Department of Conservation for the WCGP.

Analysis

Coordinated management of watersheds is a key element for sustainable water management in California. Significant watershed management efforts are pursued at the local community level and with effective planning and implementation, these efforts can improve water supply, water quality and overall watershed health, thereby supporting Metropolitan's ongoing source water protection efforts and enhancing water supply. Although this is a general statewide program and not aimed toward a particular watershed activity, creating a coordinated program for statewide technical and financial assistance for local efforts to improve watershed management within Metropolitan's watersheds should be generally supported. As was previously noted, funding sources for the financial assistance are not identified, but the bill does note that provisions of this Program would only be implemented in a fiscal year for which funding is provided in the annual Budget Act. A statewide watershed management program may better enable the distribution of such state funding.

Policy

By Minute Item 43964, dated April 11, 2000, the Board adopted the Watershed Management Policy Principles.

By Minute Item 42820, dated February 10, 1998, the Board adopted the Source Water Quality Protection Policy Principles.

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

CEQA determination for Option #1:

The proposed action is not defined as a project under CEQA because it involves continuing administrative activities, such as general policy and procedure making (Section 15378(b)(2) of the State CEQA Guidelines). In addition, where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed action in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the proposed action is not subject to CEQA (Section 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines).

The CEQA determination is: Determine that the proposed action is not subject to CEQA pursuant to Sections 15378(b)(2) and 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines.

CEQA determination for Option #2:

None required

Board Options

Option #1

Adopt the CEQA determination and authorize the General Manager to express Metropolitan's support for AB 1520, as amended April 13, 2009.

Fiscal Impact: None

Business Analysis: Creating a coordinated program for statewide technical and financial assistance for local efforts to improve watershed management would provide water supply and source water quality benefits to Metropolitan, its member agencies and its subagencies through improvements to watersheds within Metropolitan's service area and to state watersheds within Metropolitan's sources of imported water supplies.

Option #2

Take no position on AB 1520, as amended April 13, 2009.

Fiscal Impact: None

Business Analysis: Lack of a coordinated statewide program for technical and financial assistance for local watershed management could result in increasing negative impacts on water supply and source water quality in watersheds within Metropolitan's service area and within Metropolitan's sources of imported water supplies and could delay implementation of projects to improve water supply and source water quality within these watersheds.

Staff Recommendation

Option #1


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5/5/2009
Date


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5/5/2009
Date

Attachment 1 – Assembly Bill 1520, as amended April 13, 2009

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AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 13, 2009

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009—10 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1520

Introduced by Assembly Member Evans
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Chesbro)

February 27, 2009

An act to add Chapter 6.6 (commencing with Section 5809.1) to Division 5 of the Public Resources Code, relating to watersheds.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1520, as amended, Evans. Statewide Watershed Program.

The California Watershed Protection and Restoration Act requires state agencies to adopt guidelines for use by local watershed partnerships to provide specified mechanisms and authorizes state agencies with jurisdiction over watershed planning and protection to provide technical assistance to watershed management partnerships, to the extent that funds are available.

This bill would establish the Statewide Watershed Program as a voluntary and nonregulatory program to provide ~~the means by which the state may provide~~ assistance and funds to local community-based efforts in the conservation, protection, and restoration of the state's watersheds and to promote coordinated management of watersheds under the authority of the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency and the Department of Conservation.

The bill would create within the department a State Watershed Advisory Committee consisting of at least 10 members appointed by the secretary, with at least one member from each of the state's hydrologic regions, as specified, ~~and would authorize the secretary to appoint additional members and advisory persons to provide additional~~

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~~assistance in the establishment, administration, or operation of the program.~~ The bill would authorize members to receive ~~per diem and mileage reimbursement for travel expenses~~ in accordance with specified rules and would prohibit the disclosure of proprietary information, except as specified.

The bill would also authorize the secretary to cooperate with the federal government, other states, and other state and local agencies in furtherance of the purposes of the program and would authorize the program to receive contributions or funds from specified private or public entities or persons. The bill would authorize the secretary to contract with any authoritative scientific body, as specified, ~~would exempt the expenditure of funds, the awarding of grants, and the adoption of guidelines from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and would exempt the adoption of guidelines, qualifications, or conditions from the Administrative Procedure Act.~~

The bill would require that the provisions of the Statewide Watershed Program only be implemented in a fiscal year for which funding is provided in the annual Budget Act.

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. Chapter 6.6 (commencing with Section 5809.1)
2 is added to Division 5 of the Public Resources Code, to read:

3
4 CHAPTER 6.6. STATEWIDE WATERSHED PROGRAM
5

6 5809.1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:
7 (a) Clean water and healthy watersheds are necessary to support
8 human communities as well as the state’s native fish, wildlife, and
9 plant communities, and are part of the legacy of California. Each
10 generation has an obligation to be good stewards of those resources
11 ~~in order to pass them on to the next generation.~~ *to ensure their*
12 *preservation for future generations.*

13 (b) Watershed management is a proven and valuable approach
14 to meeting comprehensive natural resource management objectives.
15 Watersheds provide a useful natural unit for managing chemical,
16 physical, biological and socioeconomic processes in an integrated
17 and productive fashion.

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1 ~~(e) It is in the state's interest to empower its citizens to help~~
2 ~~achieve the state's objectives for natural resources management,~~
3 ~~including the conservation, protection, restoration, and management~~
4 ~~of watersheds. The state government cannot protect and restore~~
5 ~~its watersheds alone.~~

6 ~~(d) The environment, economy, and health and welfare of the~~
7 ~~people of the state could be seriously damaged if the state's~~
8 ~~watersheds are not adequately managed and protected.~~

9 ~~(e)~~

10 ~~(c) This chapter is not intended to establish a precedent, to~~
11 ~~supersede or reduce, or in any way alter any federal or state law~~
12 ~~or regulation, including, but not limited to, laws regarding water~~
13 ~~quality, water rights, land use, forestry practices or otherwise~~
14 ~~establish regulation of watersheds, water, land, or land use.~~

15 ~~(f) The purposes of this chapter are enhanced by the many and~~
16 ~~varied efforts of federal, state, municipal, public, community, and~~
17 ~~volunteer organizations to conserve, restore, and manage~~
18 ~~watersheds.~~

19 ~~(g) This chapter is enacted in the public interest and in the~~
20 ~~exercise of the police power of the state for the purpose of~~
21 ~~protecting the health, peace, safety, and general welfare of the~~
22 ~~people of this state.~~

23 ~~5809.2. (a) The Legislature hereby declares that conservation,~~
24 ~~protection, restoration, and management of the state's watersheds~~
25 ~~and the broad range of products, goods, services, and values they~~
26 ~~provide are of fundamental importance to the prosperity and~~
27 ~~welfare of the people of this state. The Legislature declares that~~
28 ~~the state must~~

29 ~~(d) The state should assume leadership in formulating and~~
30 ~~putting into effect a statewide program that will advance~~
31 ~~sustainable watershed-based management of California's natural~~
32 ~~resources using community-based strategies, and do so by~~
33 ~~empowering its citizens to help achieve the state's objectives for~~
34 ~~natural resources management, and to work cooperatively to~~
35 ~~conserve, protect, restore, and manage watersheds and related~~
36 ~~natural resources.~~

37 ~~(e) The expenditure of state, county, city, city and county,~~
38 ~~district, special district, or other public funds that are available~~
39 ~~or may become available for planning, designing, or implementing~~
40 ~~the program and for the construction or maintenance of control~~

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1 *or preservation or restoration projects in furtherance of this*
2 *program on privately or publicly owned land constitutes an*
3 *expenditure for the general public benefit.*

4 ~~(b) The Legislature hereby declares that this chapter is enacted~~

5 *(f) This chapter is enacted to accomplish all of the following*
6 *purposes:*

7 (1) Establish the Statewide Watershed Program as a voluntary
8 and nonregulatory program to ~~implement the purposes of this~~
9 ~~chapter.~~

10 ~~(2) Provide the means by which the state may~~ provide assistance
11 and funds to local community-based efforts in the conservation,
12 protection, and restoration of the state’s watersheds and promote
13 coordinated management of watersheds under the authority of the
14 Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency and the Department
15 of Conservation. The leadership and assistance to be provided
16 pursuant to this chapter shall include all of the following:

- 17 (A) Coordination and communication.
- 18 (B) Information and data management.
- 19 (C) Training and technical assistance.
- 20 (D) Education.
- 21 (E) Scientific assistance.
- 22 (F) Financial assistance.

23 (3) Increase collaboration among the Natural Resources Agency,
24 including the Department of Conservation, the Department of
25 Water Resources, the Department of Fish and Game, the
26 Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, the California
27 Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Food and
28 Agriculture, the State Water Resources Control Board, and the
29 Ocean Protection Council to implement this chapter.

30 (4) Encourage participation by local governments and
31 community organizations ~~in the Statewide Watershed Program as~~
32 ~~a strategy to improve management of natural resources for which~~
33 ~~those agencies are directly responsible.~~

34 ~~5809.3.~~

35 5809.2. As used in this chapter, unless otherwise specified, the
36 following terms have the following meanings:

37 (a) “Committee” means the State Watershed Advisory
38 Committee.

39 (b) “Department” means the Department of Conservation.

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1 (c) "Person" means a natural person, association, corporation,
2 city, county, city and county, special district, or joint powers
3 authority, the state, a political subdivision of the state, or the federal
4 government.

5 (d) "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Natural Resources
6 Agency.

7 (e) "Director" means the Director of Conservation.

8 (f) "Watershed" means all lands enclosed by a continuous
9 hydrologic drainage divide and lying upslope from a specified
10 point on a stream, river, lake, or other body of water.

11 (g) "Agency" means the Natural Resources Agency.

12 (h) "Program" means the Statewide Watershed Program
13 established in the Department of Conservation.

14 (i) "Stakeholder" means a person who has a direct interest in a
15 watershed as a result of jurisdiction, residence, land ownership,
16 water rights, or other effect from his or her use of the water or land
17 in the watershed.

18 (j) "Community" means the persons who are stakeholders within
19 the local watershed.

20 ~~5809.4.~~

21 5809.3. (a) The secretary shall create within the department
22 the State Watershed Advisory Committee, which shall consist of
23 at least 10, but not more than 25 members, with membership from
24 each of the state's ten hydrologic regions as determined by the
25 Department of Water Resources. Members of the committee shall
26 be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the secretary.

27 ~~(b) The secretary may appoint additional members to the~~
28 ~~committee, in his or her discretion, to provide additional assistance~~
29 ~~in the establishment, administration, or operation of the program.~~

30 (e)

31 (b) The members of the committee shall be familiar with and
32 understand the community-based watershed efforts occurring in
33 their region and may include representatives of county, city, city
34 and county, special district, and stakeholder interests.

35 ~~(d) The secretary and other appropriate individuals, as~~
36 ~~determined by the secretary, shall be nonvoting ex officio members~~
37 ~~of the committee.~~

38 (e)

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1 (c) Members of the committee shall serve a term of two years,
2 and may be reappointed for ~~any additional~~ *additional two-year*
3 terms by the secretary at his or her discretion.

4 ~~(f)~~

5 (d) Persons appointed to the committee are intended to represent
6 and further the interests of the state, their community, and
7 watershed, and their representation and furtherance of the program
8 are intended to serve the public interest. Therefore, the Legislature
9 finds that, with respect to persons who are appointed to the
10 committee, the state, community, and watershed are tantamount
11 to, and constitute, the public generally within the meaning of
12 Section 87103 of the Government Code.

13 ~~5809.5.~~

14 5809.4. (a) The committee shall be advisory only, to assist the
15 secretary and the director.

16 (b) In carrying out its responsibilities, the committee may do
17 all of the following:

18 (1) Submit recommendations to the secretary or director
19 regarding, but not limited to, all of the following:

20 (A) Conservation, restoration, protection, and management of
21 the state’s watersheds.

22 (B) *Identification and prioritization of problems, opportunities,*
23 *and recommendations for solutions to problems associated with*
24 *the state’s natural resources.*

25 (C) *Criteria for measuring progress made toward the*
26 *conservation, restoration, protection, and management of the*
27 *state’s watersheds.*

28 ~~(B)~~

29 (D) Administration of the program.

30 ~~(C)~~

31 (E) Operation of the committee, including but not limited to,
32 all of the following:

33 (i) Selection of committee members.

34 (ii) The program’s annual budget.

35 ~~(D)~~

36 (F) Expenditures made to implement the program.

37 (2) Adopt, amend, and rescind all proper and necessary bylaws
38 and procedures for the committee’s operation.

39 (c) Upon authorization *and preapproval* from the agency or
40 department, members of the committee may receive ~~per diem and~~

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1 ~~mileage reimbursement for travel expenses~~ in accordance with the
2 rules of the Department of Personnel Administration for attendance
3 at meetings and other approved committee activities.

4 ~~5809.6. (a) The secretary or director may appoint additional~~
5 ~~advisory bodies, or persons to serve in an advisory capacity,~~
6 ~~including, but not limited to, scientific experts, university~~
7 ~~researchers, and persons with interests in watershed, water, or~~
8 ~~natural resources that may be affected by this division.~~

9 (b) ~~Persons serving in an advisory capacity may be reimbursed,~~
10 ~~upon request, for necessary and actual expenses incurred by them~~
11 ~~in the performance of their duties pursuant to law.~~

12 ~~5809.7.~~

13 5809.5. An action in law or equity shall not be brought against
14 a member or agent of the committee, and a member or agent of
15 the committee shall not be personally liable for the actions of the
16 committee or the department or agency. A member or agent of the
17 committee is not responsible individually to another person for
18 errors in judgment, mistakes, or other acts of commission or
19 omission, as a principal, agent, or employee, except for his or her
20 own individual acts including dishonesty, fraud, or crime. A
21 member or agent of the committee is not responsible individually
22 for an act or omission of another member or agent of the
23 committee, or the department or agency. Liability is several and
24 not joint, and a member or agent of the committee is not liable for
25 the default of another member or agent of the committee, or the
26 department or agency.

27 ~~5809.8.~~

28 ~~5809.6.~~ Except as provided in Section ~~5809.9~~ 5809.7, data and
29 related information and materials produced during the course of
30 research conducted pursuant to this chapter that are in the
31 possession of the department, the committee, or any other body
32 engaged in research funded pursuant to this chapter, shall be
33 property of the state, and may be released at the discretion of the
34 secretary or the director under delegation from the secretary in
35 furtherance of the purposes of this chapter.

36 ~~5809.9.~~

37 5809.7. (a) All proprietary information obtained by the
38 committee, the department, or the agency in furtherance of this
39 chapter, including, *related to private land*, but not limited to,
40 information not made public pursuant to other state or federal laws,

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1 that comes into possession of the committee, the department, or
2 the agency, is confidential and shall not be disclosed, except when
3 required by a court order issued upon a showing of good cause
4 and that the information is necessary to a judicial proceeding
5 involving this article.

6 (b) Disclosure, as permitted under this section, shall be
7 conducted in camera by the court.

8 (c) The court shall, in its discretion, issue orders restraining a
9 party or parties to a judicial proceeding involving this chapter from
10 disseminating any proprietary information to the public or another
11 person not a party to the judicial proceeding.

12 ~~5809.10.~~

13 5809.8. (a) There is hereby created within the Department of
14 Conservation the Statewide Watershed Program.

15 (b) The program shall be conducted under the control of the
16 secretary and administered by the department.

17 (c) The department shall provide staffing and logistical support
18 that in the director's discretion is necessary for administering the
19 program.

20 (d) *The department may contract with a public or private entity*
21 *to carry out activities in furtherance of this chapter.*

22 ~~5809.11.~~

23 5809.9. The director shall implement, administer, and take
24 those actions as he or she deems necessary, in his or her discretion,
25 to fulfill the purposes of this chapter and carry out the
26 responsibilities of the program.

27 5809.10. *The director shall establish clear priorities for the*
28 *program and ensure that those priorities are met in a timely*
29 *manner.*

30 ~~5809.12.~~

31 5809.11. (a) The program shall provide assistance and funds
32 to local community-based efforts in the conservation, protection,
33 and restoration of the state's watersheds and promote coordinated
34 management of watersheds. The leadership and assistance provided
35 pursuant to this chapter shall include all of the following:

- 36 (1) Coordination and communication.
- 37 (2) Information and data management.
- 38 (3) Training and technical assistance.
- 39 (4) Education.
- 40 (5) Scientific assistance.

1 (6) Financial assistance.

2 (b) Funds made available to implement the program pursuant
3 to this chapter may be expended for all of the following:

4 (1) Reasonable administrative expenses of the agency,
5 department, and committee in carrying out the responsibilities,
6 purposes, and policies of this chapter.

7 (2) Coordination and communication for the provision of
8 assistance in making programs, permits, educational materials,
9 methods, reporting, and any other relevant information available
10 for the conservation, restoration, and management of watersheds.

11 (3) Information and data management and collection of
12 information regarding watershed conservation, protection,
13 restoration, and management, including, but not limited to, water
14 quality, water supply and demand, vegetation management, land
15 use activities, socioeconomic conditions, and other information as
16 may be useful in understanding, designing, permitting,
17 implementing, or otherwise furthering the purposes of this chapter.

18 (4) Training and technical assistance to persons who are engaged
19 in, or seek to be engaged in, or contribute to, watershed
20 conservation, protection, restoration, and management.

21 (5) Education of the general public, including, but not limited
22 to, schools, organizations, groups, and others regarding the
23 importance to the state of watershed conservation, protection,
24 restoration, and management.

25 (6) Science and research regarding the operation, conservation,
26 restoration, and management of watersheds, including
27 recommendations for scientific studies that may be useful to, or
28 further efforts by, local planners and practitioners, and communities
29 involved in local watershed conservation, protection, restoration,
30 and management.

31 (7) Financial assistance, including, but not limited to, the
32 awarding of grants to community-based programs for coordination,
33 watershed assessment and planning, implementation of
34 management plans, and monitoring of watershed conditions and
35 the effect of management practices on those conditions.

36 ~~5809.13.~~

37 *5809.12.* The secretary may cooperate with the federal
38 government, other states, other agencies of this state, local
39 government, public entities, or any person in furtherance of the
40 purposes of this chapter, and to that end the program may receive,

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1 expend, and use contributions, grants, or any other private or public
2 funds or property provided from those entities or persons.

3 ~~5809.14. The following is hereby declared a matter of~~
4 ~~legislative determination:~~

5 ~~(a) The construction and maintenance on privately or publicly~~
6 ~~owned land of works for watershed conservation, protection,~~
7 ~~restoration, and management are matters of vital, statewide interest~~
8 ~~and for the general public benefit.~~

9 ~~(b) The expenditure of state, county, city, city and county,~~
10 ~~district, special district, or other public funds that are available or~~
11 ~~may become available for planning, designing, or implementing~~
12 ~~the program and for the construction or maintenance of control or~~
13 ~~preventive works on privately or publicly owned land constitutes~~
14 ~~an expenditure for the general public benefit.~~

15 ~~5809.15:~~

16 ~~5809.13. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the~~
17 ~~secretary, upon the secretary's own initiative or upon the~~
18 ~~recommendation of the committee, may contract with any~~
19 ~~authoritative scientific body with expertise relating to the~~
20 ~~conservation, restoration, protection, and management of the state's~~
21 ~~watersheds, for research or other activities in furtherance of the~~
22 ~~purposes of this chapter.~~

23 ~~5809.16. The expenditure of funds, the awarding of grants, or~~
24 ~~the adoption of guidelines for expenditures, awards, or the~~
25 ~~operation of the program, as authorized by this chapter, shall not~~
26 ~~constitute a project within the meaning of the California~~
27 ~~Environmental Quality Act, (Division 13, commencing with~~
28 ~~Section 21000 of the Public Resources Code).~~

29 ~~5809.17:~~

30 ~~5809.14. The adoption of guidelines, qualifications, or~~
31 ~~conditions applicable to the award of program grants shall be~~
32 ~~exempt from Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of~~
33 ~~Part 1 of Division 3 of the Government Code.~~

34 ~~5809.18. This chapter shall be liberally construed to further its~~
35 ~~purposes.~~

36 ~~5809.15. On or before January 1, 2012, and on or before~~
37 ~~January 1 every two years thereafter the Department of~~
38 ~~Conservation, in consultation with the Department of Fish and~~
39 ~~Game, the Department of Water Resources, and any other relevant~~

1 *state agencies, shall submit a report to the secretary on the*
2 *progress in implementing this chapter.*

3 *5809.16. This chapter shall be implemented only in a fiscal*
4 *year for which funding is provided for that purpose in the annual*
5 *Budget Act.*

6 SEC. 2. The provisions of this chapter are severable. If any
7 provision of this chapter or its application is held invalid, that
8 invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications that can
9 be given effect without the invalid provision or application.