

Express Support, if Amended, for AB 403; Campos (D-San Jose) Chromium 6

Legislation Committee

Item 8-14

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AB 403 (Campos, D – San Jose)

- Requires CDPH to set a drinking water standard for chromium 6 by January 1, 2013
- Authorizes CDPH to adopt the standard without other agency review if they do not respond within 90 days
- Requires CDPH to annually report to the Legislature on its progress and report delays caused by other state agencies

AB 403 Analysis

- California currently does not regulate chromium 6 in drinking water
- California has proposed a PHG of 0.02 ppb
- California's Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) defines a process for developing standards
 - Includes health effects, occurrence, analytical detection and treatment cost considerations
- Legislating numeric standards or timelines may compromise the process

Board Options

- Option #1
Adopt CEQA, express support for AB 403 if amended
- Option #2
Adopt CEQA, express opposition for AB 403, unless amended
- Option #3
Take no position at this time

Staff Recommendation

- Option #1