

AB 2175

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Like AB 1420, this bill is sponsored by the NRDC. The following is just one view, an unofficial view, of how AB 2175 might work.

STEP 1

DWR will create a water conservation target of 3 MAF/Y more conservation by 2030 than presently exists.

- In the future, DWR shall consider increasing this target, but there is no provision for decreasing the target

DWR will allocate responsibility for meeting this target

- First between California's (five?) hydrologic regions; then
- Within these (five?) regions, allocate responsibility between urban and ag (ultimately, about 2/3rds will probably go to urban and 1/3rd to ag).
- *(COMMENT: the criteria for allocation is extremely vague; for example, based on the criteria a case could be made for southern California to be allocated 10% to 90% of the responsibility for meeting the State target of 3 maf/y).*

DWR will develop a list of technically feasible (with no regard to cost-effectiveness) urban water conservation measures. This list will be built with input from the technical panel created under AB 1420.

STEP 2

URBAN WATER AGENCIES

- Will adopt water conservation targets for 2012 and for every 5 years after that.
- For every measure on DWR's list, the urban water agency must either
 - implements the measure or
 - submits documented evidence (CUWCC's cost-effectiveness calculation) that the measure is not cost effective.
- In 2014 and every 2 years thereafter, the water agency must submit a report, audited by an independent body, documenting the basis for the targets and progress towards reaching the targets.

STEP 3

DWR will look at these reports and determine if enough cost-effective conservation is being done to meet the targets.

If it is NOT enough to make the target, DWR shall adopt a plan for meeting the target; it seems this plan would require agencies to undertake conservation this is NOT cost-effective.