

EXHIBIT 5-B

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2007—08 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1420

Introduced by Assembly Member Laird

February 23, 2007

An act to amend Section 10631.5 of the Water Code, relating to water.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1420, as introduced, Laird. Water demand management measures: grant or loan funds.

Existing law requires an urban water supplier to prepare and adopt an urban water management plan that includes a description of the supplier's water demand management measures that are currently being implemented or scheduled for implementation. Existing law requires the Department of Water Resources to take into consideration whether the urban water supplier is implementing or has scheduled for implementation the water demand management activities that the supplier identified in its urban water management plan in evaluating applications for grants and loans financed by specified bond funds.

This bill would delete that provision relating to the evaluation of grant or loan applications financed by those specified bond funds. The bill, instead, would require the terms of and eligibility for any grant or loan to an urban water supplier awarded or administered by the department, the State Water Resources Control Board, or the California Bay-Delta Authority, with a certain exception, to be conditioned on the implementation of the water demand management measures described in the urban water management plan.

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. Section 10631.5 of the Water Code is amended
2 to read:

3 10631.5. ~~The department shall take into consideration whether~~
4 ~~the urban water supplier is implementing or scheduled for~~
5 ~~implementation, the water demand management activities that the~~
6 ~~urban water supplier identified in its urban water management~~
7 ~~plan, pursuant to Section 10631, in evaluating applications for~~
8 ~~grants and loans made available pursuant to Section 79163. The~~

9 *(a) (1) The terms of, and eligibility for, any grant or loan to an*
10 *urban water supplier awarded or administered by the department,*
11 *state board, or California Bay-Delta Authority shall be conditioned*
12 *on the implementation of the water demand management measures*
13 *described in subdivision (f) of Section 10631.*

14 *(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), the department may*
15 *determine that an urban water supplier is eligible for a grant or*
16 *loan even though the supplier is not implementing all of the water*
17 *demand management measures described in subdivision (f) of*
18 *Section 10631, if both of the following apply:*

19 *(A) The department determines that the grant or loan will assist*
20 *the grantee or loan recipient in complying with the implementation*
21 *of those water demand management measures.*

22 *(B) The supplier has submitted to the department a schedule*
23 *for implementation of these water demand management measures.*

24 *(b) The urban water supplier may submit to the department*
25 *copies of its annual reports and other relevant documents to assist*
26 *the department in determining whether the urban water supplier*
27 *is implementing or scheduling the implementation of water demand*
28 *management activities.*