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Bills in Committee: May 18-22

With Gov. Jerry Brown's May Revise out for FY 2015-16, budget hearings will dominate much of the work in the Capitol in the coming weeks. Hearings start in earnest on Monday. Regular legislative policy committees also continue with some important deadlines looming, including the House of Origin deadline on June 5. *For more, see Page 2.*



Drought and Water Conservation Webinar Series Starts Next Week

Space is Limited, Register Today

With emergency drought regulations on mandatory urban water conservation set to take effect May 15, local water managers, utility directors and staff are invited to register for a special free webinar series. The three webinars will be presented by the Association of California Water Agencies and the Brown Administration and offered in partnership with the League of California Cities and the California State Association of Counties. *For more, see Page 2.*

The League's full [2015 Hot and Priority Bill list](#) is available online.

[A full listing](#) of Senate and Assembly hearings is available online. Hearing times are subject to change. Bill language and any available position letters on legislation can be found through the bill search function on the [League's website](#).

Monday, May 18

Assembly Committee on Revenue and Taxation, 1:30 p.m., State Capitol, Room 126

- **HOT [AB 35 \(Chiu\)](#) Income taxes: credits: low-income housing: allocations increase.** *League position: Support.*
- **HOT [AB 185 \(Garcia\)](#) Income taxation: insurance taxation: credits: California New Markets Tax Credit.** *League position: Support.*
- **[AB 428 \(Nazarian\)](#) Income taxes credit: seismic retrofits.** *League position: Support.*
- **[AB 771 \(Atkins\)](#) Personal income and corruption taxes: credits: rehabilitation.** *League position: Support.*

Senate Committee on Appropriations, 10 a.m., State Capitol, Room 4203

- **HOT [SB 239 \(Hertzberg\)](#) Local services: contracts: fire protection services.** *League position: Oppose.*
- **[SB 643 \(McGuire\)](#) Medical marijuana.** *League position: Support if Amended.*

Wednesday, May 20

Assembly Committee on Appropriations, 9 a.m., State Capitol, Room 4202

- **[AB 22 \(Rodriguez\)](#) Office of Emergency Services: oil-by-rail spills: firefighters.** *League position: Support.*
- **HOT [AB 34 \(Bonta\)](#) Medical cannabis regulation and enforcement.** *League position: Oppose unless Amended.*
- **HOT [AB 45 \(Mullin\)](#) Household hazardous waste.** *League position: Oppose.*
- **HOT [AB 266 \(Cooley\)](#) Medical marijuana.** *League position: Support.*
- **[AB 388 \(Chang\)](#) Housing: homeless veterans: reports.** *League position: Support.*
- **[AB 511 \(Gipson\)](#) Workers' compensation.** *League position: Oppose.*
- **[AB 870 \(Cooley\)](#) Homelessness: rapid rehousing.** *League position: Support.*
- **HOT [AB 1159 \(Gordon\)](#) Product stewardship: pilot program: household batteries and home-generated sharps waste.** *League position: Support.*
- **[AB 1223 \(O'Donnell\)](#) Emergency medical services: ambulance transportation.** *League position: Support.*
- **[AB 1315 \(Alejo\)](#) Public contracts: water pollution prevention plans: delegation.** *League position: Oppose.*
- **HOT [AB 1335 \(Atkins\)](#) Building Homes and Jobs Act.** *League position: Support.*
- **[AB 1347 \(Chiu\)](#) Public Contracts: Claims.** *League Position: Oppose.*

These webinars will provide an overview by the State Water Resources Control Board of the emergency regulations adopted May 5 and identify tools and resources available to water agencies as they work to meet conservation targets ranging from 4 percent to 36 percent.

There is no cost to participate but space is limited to the first 1,000 people so interested city officials are encouraged to register early. Details and registration links are below.

Webinar 1: Urban Water Conservation: Agency Assistance and Tools

Thursday, May 21, 10 a.m. to noon

[Registration](#)

Topics:

- New state conservation funding (turf, appliance rebates)
- Outdoor irrigation regulations for new construction
- Permit streamlining efforts for critical water supply projects
- Technical tools available to water agencies
- Save Our Water – California's Official Water Conservation Outreach Program

Webinar 2: Emergency Regulations, Enforcement and Water Rate Structures

Tuesday, May 26, 10 a.m. to noon

[Registration](#)

Topics:

- Key elements of new emergency drought regulations for large systems
- Water conservation rate structures
- Conservation water rates, drought surcharges and penalties in light of the Capistrano case
- Approaches to enforcement – case studies

Webinar 3: Regulations for Small Systems

Tuesday, May 26, 1 to 2:30 p.m.

[Registration](#)

Topics:

- Key elements of new drought regulations for small systems
 - One-time report
 - Reporting water waste complaint portal
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