OVERVIEW

- AB 2453
- Pavley-Dickinson – Groundwater Management
- Water Bond – Proposition 1
AB2453
Paso Robles Basin Water District

* Approved in Assembly & Senate
* Awaiting Governor’s signature (end of September)
* Effective January 1, 2015
AB2453
Paso Robles Basin Water District

- **Highlights:**
  - Allows for hybrid district formation until 1/1/2019
  - Allows for 10% of landowners to petition LAFCO, or San Luis Obispo County, or affected local agency
  - 9 member board. Six will be landowners in District, three will be registered voters.
    - Large (>400 acres), Medium (40 – 400 acres), and small (<40 acres)
Next Steps:

- Governor’s signature
- Petition to LAFCO
- LAFCO – Boundary & Powers
- Landowner creation vote
- Proposition 218
- Board of Directors election
Three bills: SB 1168, SB 1319 & AB 1739

Awaiting Governor’s signature

Requires High and Medium Priority Basins (from Bulletin 118) to adopt a Groundwater Sustainability Plan by 1/31/20 or 1/31/22 (if not subject to critical conditions of overdraft)

Plans must achieve sustainability within 20 years over a 50 year time horizon
“Sustainability” = implementation of one or more Groundwater Sustainability Plans that achieve sustainable groundwater management by ensuring the applicable basin is operated within the sustainable yield.

“Sustainable Yield” = maximum quantity of water that can be withdrawn over a period of years without causing an undesirable result.

“Undesirable Result” = one or more of the following effects caused by groundwater conditions occurring throughout the basin:

- (1) chronic lowering of groundwater levels,
- (2) significant and unreasonable reduction of groundwater storage,
- (3) significant and unreasonable seawater intrusion,
- (4) significant and unreasonable degraded water quality,
- (5) significant and unreasonable land subsidence that substantially interferes with surface land uses, and
- (6) depletions of interconnected surface water that have significant and unreasonable adverse impacts on beneficial uses of the surface water.
Bulletin 118 Basins
High & Medium Priority Basins

- Salinas Valley/Paso Robles
- San Luis Obispo Valley
- Santa Maria
- Los Osos Valley
- Cuyama Valley
10720.8. (a) Except as provided in subdivision (e), this part does not apply to the following adjudicated areas or a local agency that conforms to the requirements of an adjudication of water rights for one of the following adjudicated areas:

2. Brite Basin.
3. Central Basin.
5. Cucamonga Basin.
7. Goleta Basin.
8. Lytle Basin.
9. Main San Gabriel Basin.
10. Mojave Basin Area.
12. Raymond Basin.
15. San Bernardino Basin Area.
17. Santa Margarita River Watershed.
18. Santa Maria Valley Basin.
22. Six Basins.
23. Tehachapi Basin.
24. Upper Los Angeles River Area.
26. West Coast Basin.

(d) The Los Osos Groundwater Basin at issue in Los Osos Community Service District v. Southern California Water Company [Golden State Water Company] et al. (San Luis Obispo County Superior Court Case No. CV 040126) shall be treated as an adjudicated basin pursuant to this section if the superior court issues a final judgment, order, or decree.
Pavley-Dickinson
Groundwater Management

* Groundwater Management Powers:
  * Well registration
  * Measurement of extractions
  * Well spacing requirements
  * Extraction limits
  * Extraction allocations

* No uncovered areas:
  * The entire basin must be managed
  * JPA’s for agency coordination
Water Bond – Proposition 1

- Water Quality, Supply and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014
- On November 4, 2014 ballot – Simple Majority
- Proposes $7.12 billion in new bond debt for projects
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