CGA Convention Taking Shape

Plans for CGA’s 68th annual Convention and Trade Show are rapidly coming together as we move into the summer months. This year’s show, to be held at the Peppermill in Reno, Nevada on October 20 through 22, promises to have something for everybody.

Thursday will provide a combination of fun and learning, with the annual golf tournament returning to Lakeridge Golf Course, a full slate of seminars, a meet and greet on the trade show floor, and culminating with a new event – Game Night at the Edge.

Game Night, to be held in the Edge Nightclub, will be family oriented event designed to appeal to all ages. We encourage all to join in this fun new event.

Details will be forthcoming soon, so watch for new information.

The Trade Show will be open on Friday from 8:30am to 4:00pm, with lunch served on the floor. The annual banquet will be held Friday evening and will include our principal speaker, Laura Perry, and the always popular silent auction.

A series of valuable seminars are scheduled for Saturday, with highlights including the NGWA McEllhiney lecture by Peter Cartwright, an hour of the always entertaining Jesse Richardson, and a local microbrew beer tasting class.

Saturday will also feature the General Membership meeting and lunch, as well as the CGAA luncheon and activity. CGA’s annual Texas Hold’em poker tournament will be held on Thursday evening, with the blackjack tourney as the final event late Saturday afternoon.

NEW ADDITION

CGA is happy to announce that the ever-popular Wagon Raffle on the trade show floor will have a new ticket seller joining the Guardino team. Layla Grace will be on the floor with sisters Alexis, Melania, and Natalia. Congratulations Mike and Nicole. When you see them selling tickets, make sure you buy many. Make Layla Grace feel right at home in the CGA family!
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Doubletree by Hilton Golf Resort Palm Springs, Cathedral City, CA

SEPTEMBER 9-10 - BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Doubletree by Hilton Golf Resort Palm Springs, Cathedral City, CA

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The pace continues in our industry and between our work and attending the CGA board meeting and keeping on top of all the legislation we have our job cut out for us. California Groundwater is here to support us. Thank You for continued support to your association.

The years second board meeting in Fresno was productive and fun with a trip to Lakos Manufacturing plant to see firsthand machinist equipment and led through the processes from beginning to end. Thank you Lakos for extending your day and hosting the group! Thank you to our diligent hard working volunteers - it is a tremendous undertaking and it’s amazing how the year unfolds as scheduled.

We have lots in store and preparing for the convention at Peppermill Resort Spa Casino in Reno in October. The Education Committee has planned a great schedule of seminars in support of our industry, take advantage of those opportunities to learn whenever you can.

As always, a pleasure to serve you!

Ron

Our most recent Executive Board meeting was well attended. At the CGAA meeting on Saturday, we diligently worked through a productive agenda. We followed our meeting with an activity and I confirm everyone had a great time. Ladies, we must do it again. Fresno offered much in regards to hospitality, great restaurants and ease of travel. Our next board meeting is way down south, come and join us!!!

I know it is a very busy time and want you all to know that we appreciate your attendance and support at all CGA/CGAA functions. Associations require volunteers and if you are thinking about joining you are welcome to contact Ron or I with any questions or concerns. We welcome you always.

Vicky

We are well on our way to another successful year. CGAA is major support in attending committees and improving with convention in mind to always be the best yet. The booths are being reserved by our suppliers, planning started months ago making changes and creating a better experience based on feedback.

The Convention committee is running smooth and Fundraising Committee is working to create some never before offered fun stuff at Peppermill. I can guarantee you will want to join in on the fun. Live and Silent Auction items are on the schedule and appreciate any and all donations. See you there, please share your feedback!
Much has transpired since I last corresponded in March. Senator Fran Pavley’s bill SB-995, requiring the state to update the water well standards (Bulletin 74), was passed by the Senate and headed to the Assembly. The bill will now proceed to a series of committee hearings, as was the case in the Senate. Apparently, the main stumbling block will be from the Governor’s Department of Finance because of the $1.7 million price tag set by DWR to complete the update. Although many in CGA agree that this cost is excessive, the merits of the bill far outweigh the associated costs.

CGA members will need to be proactive in their support of the bill by contacting their assemblypersons by phone, email, letter, or in person. The Senate passage was the first step in a long process. We must now renew efforts to push our bill through the Assembly, and then urge Governor Brown to sign the bill into law. Accomplishing this goal will be a huge feather in CGA’s cap, and will lend our association much needed credibility in Sacramento.

John

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TO ALL CGA MEMBERS

I am 87 and confined to a wheelchair. Your long-time dispatcher, La Verne, is 86 and is doing OK.

CGA members were a huge help to our small firm. We always believe in CGA and supported it 110 percent for many years. Friend, you too must support CGA. It is the only source to stop dum-dums.

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LEGISLATIVE REPORT
By Pete Conaty
Legislative Advocate

SB 995 by Senator Fran Pavley (D-Agoura Hills) is the Bulletin 74 well standards update bill sponsored by the California Groundwater Association. On June 1, the bill passed the Senate on a 39-0 vote.

The bill had been hung up in the Senate Appropriations Committee on the Suspense File because of the $6.7 million cost associated with the advisory committee. Working with the author’s office and the committee, and conferring with the CGA Legislative Committee; we were able to get the bill moving again by removing the provisions of the bill regarding the advisory committee. This removed the large cost that had been placed on the bill. The bill passed as proposed to be amended and went to the Senate Floor. Now that SB 995 has passed the Senate, it heads to the Assembly where it will go through the same type of policy and fiscal committees that it did in the Senate.

Also, SB 1317-Wolk; groundwater extraction permit, passed out of the Senate on June 2 by a narrow margin. The vote was 21-17. We will need to work on killing the bill in the Assembly.

Going forward, the bill will face opposition from the Governor’s Department of Finance because of the $1.7 million General Fund cost.

Letters of support for SB 995 are now needed from individual CGA companies, suppliers, etc. Please cc me on all letters. Letters of support should be addressed to the author. The following sample can be utilized.

DATE
The Honorable Fran Pavley
California State Senate
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814
Re: SB 995-SUPPORT

Dear Senator Pavley:

Jones Well Drilling supports your bill, SB 995; well standards………………………….

Sincerely,
YOUR NAME/COMPANY
Cc: Pete Conaty & Associates

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CGA Welcomes New Members

Since the last issue, CGA has added 3 new or returning members:

**Crown Drilling Services**, Bakersfield, CA  
**H & B Drilling and Sons**, Fowler, CA  
**Mad Max Drilling LLC**, Los Altos, CA

When you meet any of these folks, please extend some CGA hospitality!

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**CGA Announces Convention**  
**Red, White, and, Blue / Americana Theme**

This year’s 68th annual Convention and Trade Show will have a patriotic red, white, and blue theme. Though inspired by an election year, it is not intended to be political but rather a celebration of our country.

Exhibitors, join in the fun and decorate your booths. Attendees, wear your primary colors.

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**DRILL-RIGS**

- 2008 S&S Crown Duke 750: Det Eng, 750 HP, 350,000#/...$750K  
- 2007 GEFCO 185K: Top drive, 62' Mast, New Sl Swivel...$645K  
- 2003 Taylor SS 5000: 225,000#, Top Drive, Cat C-15...$525K  
- 2007 V-2000 NG Versa Drill: 80,000#, 1250/350 A/C,...$417K  
- GD 15W-44M: Cumm BC 400, 61' Mast, 10' RT, 3' Swiv...$354K  
- Cooper LTO 550: 300,000#, Det Ser 60', 17.5' RT, Kelly...$330K  
- 2008 Maxidrill 24: CAT C4.2 Acert, Track Mntd, 1K hrs...$325K  
- GD 3000: Tophead, 250,000 Lb. Pull Cap, JD 8.1 L Eng...$175K  
- 1973 GD 14W: Cumm 400 BC, 10' Rot Table, Air&Mud...$118K  
- 1987 Reichdrill C700: 28' Mast, Track Rig, 1100/150 Air,...$78K  
- Franks 50: Double DD, Cumm NTC 2.50, 2xGD 5x6 Pumps...$68K  
- Hughes LDH60 Caissen/Auger: 50' Mast, 60' EMDR...$38K

**COMPRESSORS**

- 2008 Sulair 1150x500 XXH: 750 Hrs, Trailer Mntd...$108K  
- Sulair 1250x350: Cumm Q5X15, Trailer Mntd...$98K  
- Ingersoll Rand XHP 1170x350, CAT C-15, Skid Mntd...$35K  
- Sulair 1150x350 XH: CAT C-15, Truck Mntd...$31K  
- (3) Quincy Joy 1100 x 200: Det Ser 60, Skid Mntd...$15K  
- GD 1100x125: P/b CAT 3408, 8'x20' Skid Mounted...$39K

**MUD-PUMPS**

- EWCO W440 Triplex: Detroit w/5 Speed Trans...$45K  
- Sky Brew B-750: 7 1/4"x16"Cat 379, Skid Mntd...$35K  
- GD FO FXO 7 1/4" x 10": Detroit, Trailer Mntd...$43K  
- Continental Emsco D-1000 8"x18"Bare Pump...$16K  
- GD FO-FXO 7 1/4" x 10" Bare Pump, No Bull Wheel...$18K

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- 1500' 6.5/8"F.H rng II, 4 1/2" ID, Bottle Neck, RC...$42/ft  
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It’s summer and daylight savings time! More time on the jobsite and you hopefully have no more claims.

2016 is seeing some changes in support of CGA from the insurance world. Ryan Deane, Clarion Pacific, has joined the Property and Casualty broker team to support our members with under $100,000 in total premium (may be less). He is working with me to make certain, our members get the best local service through our Association. You may have met Ryan at the convention last year and he will be in the booth next to mine in Reno this year again. Come by and see us both in 104 and 106. I’m the one with hair 😊

We will be working together on developing the best coverage and pricing for all members; and Ryan will be consulting with me on any issues to respond to CGA member needs. Your Insurance and Safety Committee has reviewed and approved this extension of service at the last Board meeting, and we want to make sure all our members are aware that this change is to provide the best options to all.

No, I’m not going anywhere; nor is Teresa Rose by the way. We have been providing the level of customer service that CGA members require for over 25 years. This improvement is to avoid out-of-state service center versus local California broker response and have another CGA member working with you. We will continue to provide an admin fee to CGA based on all revenue generated from insurance. Yeah!

The last bit of good news is that all workers’ compensation base rates will be down 5% overall effective July 1st on new and renewal business. This won’t be a midterm change; but it is GOOD NEWS!

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Risk Alert: Exempt Employee Threshold

Under federal and state wage and hour laws, Non-Exempt employees are required to be paid overtime and Exempt employees are not. Non-Exempt employees are typically paid by the hour for each hour worked in a pay period and receive overtime pay in accordance with applicable overtime rules. Exempt employees are paid a salary, are not compensated based on the number of hours worked, and do not receive overtime pay. The Federal Department of Labor [DOL] recently announced a substantial change in the overtime exempt salary threshold under the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act [FSLA].

To be classified as exempt, an employee must:

1. Meet a minimum salary threshold
2. Be paid the same salary every week
3. Meet one of the duties tests: professional, executive or administrative

In California, the current minimum threshold is $800/week or $41,600/year. The current federal minimum threshold is $455/week or $23,660/year.

The rule is that the higher of the state or federal threshold applies - which means that currently, in California, an exempt employee’s salary must be at least $41,600/year.

The new federal threshold, effective December 1, 2016, is $47,476/year.

When the new federal threshold goes into effect, it will, for the first time, be higher than the California threshold. Currently, nonprofits should assume that the new federal threshold of $47,476 will apply in California, effective December 1, 2016, and plan accordingly.

The unusual circumstance is that California is the only state that requires paying nonexempt employees overtime pay for working over 8 hours in a day, or 40 hours in a week, whichever is greater. If California determines that the 8 hour overtime rule makes a difference in applying the federal threshold requirement, we will send out an update with that information.

Download a fact sheet from the Department of Labor at: https://www.dol.gov/whd/overtime/final2016/.

In order to prepare for the updated threshold:

- Analyze which employees are affected
- Decide whether to raise affected employee salaries or reclassify their jobs to nonexempt
- Consider whether this may provide a hidden opportunity to reclassify some positions
- Focus on job duties and update job descriptions

When notifying employees, directly reference the DOL amended rules:

“The DOL has changed the threshold salary for exempt positions. For that reason, (fill in nonprofit name here) is changing the employee’s classification.”

FLASH REPORT!

Big Rate Cut For State Fund

The State Compensation Insurance Fund announced that it is cutting its workers' comp rates by an average of 9.5% effective Sept. 1, 2016. The price cut is nearly double the Bureau’s overall recommended decrease. The carrier says it is also changing its pricing structure moving forward, but has not released details at this time. Workers’ Comp Executive will bring you details once we confirm them.

State Fund says the rate reduction is in recognition of its improvement on claim costs. The carrier reported that its losses were down 11% when compared to the first quarter last year. State Fund also revealed at the time that it has lost some business to other carriers. Its policy count drop by 5% in 2015 and its premium was down 6% in the first quarter this year due to a decline in new business.
CGA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETS IN FRESNO

Last April, the CGA Board of Directors convened in Fresno for the second meeting of 2016. The Board reviewed the status of more stringent air emissions requirements that had been proposed for 2017. CARB has planned a series of workshops, scheduled in April and May, designed to allow interested stakeholders to have input in the development of the new realistic standards. CGA will participate in the workshops, and two members of the Air Emissions Task Force will attend each meeting. The Board directed CGA staff to contact Jeff Williams, NGWA President, to enlist the assistance of the national organization. The Board unanimously passed a motion to reimburse attendees at Task Force meetings for expenses.

Ron Hedman reported to the Board about the Executive Committee’s efforts to replace John Hofer as Executive Director. They are looking into management consultants based in Sacramento as an alternative to hiring a new full-time director. The Executive Committee will be scheduling a meeting with a prospective firm that also represents GRA.

The Executive Committee reiterated its desire to relocate the CGA office to Sacramento. It is their contention that, in order to advance CGA’s legislative goals a Sacramento address is necessary. The Committee feels that if Pete Conaty believes that CEU legislation is a viable goal, then the association location in Sacramento is important. If, on the other hand, the proposed legislation is not considered realistic, then the office location may not be as important. The Executive Committee will contact Pete Conaty to get his views.

Committee Reports

**Executive:** Ron Hedman reported that the committee is continuing to work on the Executive Director transition and the office relocation.

**Budget:** Dave Fulton reported that CGA is prepared to outsource the bookkeeping and accounting services to his bookkeeper. He will have her review the books and get back to the Committee with a proposal and cost for her services.

**CalTrans:** Larry Rottman reported that either he or Dave Landino has attended the trucking committee informational meetings. He also noted that one issue the committee discussed was the new prevalence of roundabouts, that causes complications with big rig transportation.

**CGA Standards:** Dave Fulton reported that Paul Funston will spearhead a paper on appropriate seals for a variety of conditions. Once completed, the Committee will visit counties throughout the state to deliver the document and attempt to convince them to accept bentonite seals.

**Convention:** Mike Meyer reported that the eight rig spaces at this year’s convention have all been sold, and there are 18 booths left. Texas Hold’em has been moved back to Thursday night. Laura Perry will speak at the banquet on Friday, and Jesse Richardson will give a seminar on Saturday. It was suggested that we should pledge cards at registration and in the CGA booth to try to solicit money for CARB activities. Staff will work with the Air Emissions Task Force to develop a display for the CGA Booth.

**Education:** Tim Guishard reported that the committee is planning to raise prices slightly for the next Water Well Construction Workshop. Seminar speakers are set for the convention. They are planning a local microbrew beer tasting seminar.

**Fundraising and Activity:** Erik Lowe reported that the Bowling is still being considered for the Thursday night event. Payouts have been established for the cash prize events. After expenses, CGA will retain half, and the remainder will be paid to event winners – 50 percent for first place, 30 percent for second, and 20 percent for third.

**Insurance:** Kelly Doherty reported that the Colonial program is designed to fill holes in medical coverages. Medical Bridge is designed to help pay deductibles. Bob Murphy reported that Wells Fargo is moving its centers to Arizona and Minnesota. Ryan Deane will handle CGA affairs. Workers Comp coverage will now be available to all members.

**Legislative:** Larry Rottman reported that the committee did not actually meet. It was recommended that CGA direct Pete Conaty to oppose any legislation that changes the intent of the SGMA by altering the setup and operation of water basins.

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One such Voluntary benefit is Accident Insurance. Accident Insurance can help employees cope with the Out of pocket Medical and Non-Medical expenses and lost wages due to an accidental injury. Because Accident insurance is not a Medical plan, but instead personal indemnity coverage, the plan pays the insured when something goes wrong - not the doctor, hospital or provider. Accident plans provide cash to the insured to offset any costs or expenses due to their accident. Plans are available for Employees and their families and can also be offered for just dependents.

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Membership: Kelly Doherty reported that the committee is targeting contractors that are not members. They will be using Constant Contact for email blasts.

Scholarship: The committee had 18 applications and selected 5 finalists.

Website: Tylor McMillan reported that the committee will develop plans to revamp the webpage.

CGA LEGISLATIVE ACTION LIST

The following represents those bills that the Pete Conaty and the Legislative Committee have been tracking during this legislative session. Friday, June 3, was the deadline for 2016 bills to be passed from their House of Origin or die. Legislation that is still alive must get through the committee process and pass the other House by the end of the session, August 31, or it will die. Bills that pass both Houses will go to the Governor for signature or veto. Bills that are sent to the Governor during the last couple weeks of session have until September 30th to be acted upon. Both the Assembly and the Senate Appropriations Committees killed many of bills by holding them in their committee.

AB-453 – Senate Natural Resources and Water Comm. - WATCH

Authorizes, until a groundwater sustainability plan is adopted, a local agency that has adopted a groundwater management plan to impose fees on the extraction of groundwater from a groundwater basin to fund costs of groundwater management and to collect groundwater extraction information, as long as a groundwater management plan adopted before a specified date, is in effect. Authorizes the Semitropic Water Storage District to impose fees and collect groundwater extraction information.

AB-647 - Senate Natural Resources and Water Comm. - WATCH

Declares that the diversion of water to underground storage constitutes a beneficial use of water if the water so stored is thereafter applied to the beneficial purposes for which the appropriation for storage was made, or if the water is so stored consistent with a sustainable groundwater management plan, statutory authority to conduct groundwater recharge, or a judicial degree and is for specified purposes. Requires applying for a permit or petition for a change. Requires including specified conditions.

AB-938 - Senate Natural Resources and Water Comm. - WATCH

Amends the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. Authorizes a watermaster or local agency administering an adjudicated basin to elect that the basin be subject to the provisions of the Act. Authorizes a court with jurisdiction over the basin to issue and order to set a hearing to determine if the basin shall be subject to the Act. Requires written notice to the Department of Water Resources that the basin is subject to the Act. Requires the notice to be posted on the Department's Web site.

AB-1242 – Senate Rules Comm. - WATCH

Provides provisions of law requiring a specified increase in statewide water storage capacity, and updating water strategies and implementation plans. Requires the Water Resources Control Board, in formulating policy for water quality control and adopting or approving a water quality control plan for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, to take into consideration any applicable groundwater sustainability plan or alternative and available information on impacts of groundwater use and beneficial uses of water.

AB-1647 – Assembly Natural Resources Comm. - DEAD

Exempts from the Environmental Quality Act a project to expand the storage capacity of an existing surface water storage facility, or to replace an existing surface water storage facility, that is owned and operated by a public entity if that public entity adopts, by resolution, findings and declarations that the project meets specified criteria.

AB-1649 – Senate - WATCH

Requires the Department of Water Resources to develop a State water policy giving priority to the formation of joint powers authorities to address critical surface water storage needs and to funding of surface water projects. Provides that specified projects will meet statewide goals and provide specified public benefits to the greatest extent.

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**AB-1694** – Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Comm. - **DEAD**

Requires the State Water Resources Control Board to establish a grant program for grants to public elementary and secondary schools to improve access to, and the quality of drinking water. Specifies various types of projects for which the grants could be awarded. Provides the priority for such grants. Requires the establishment of grant application procedures. Appropriates funds therefor. Provides such funds would supplement not supplant other state funds apportioned to these local agencies.

**AB-1749** – Senate - **WATCH**

Amends the California Environmental Quality Act which exempts projects that provide for the expansion of recycled water pipeline and directly related infrastructure within existing rights of way, and directly related groundwater replenishment, if the project does not affect wetlands or sensitive habitat where construction impacts are mitigated and undertaken to mitigate drought conditions for which an emergency was proclaimed. Exempts construction of recycled water treatment facilities and pipelines.

**AB-1755** – Senate - **WATCH**

Enacts the Open and Transparent Water Data Act. Requires the Department of Water Resources to create, operate, and maintain a statewide integrated water data platform that integrates existing water and ecological data information from multiple databases and provide data on completed water transfers and exchanges. Creates a related fund to provide money to specified entities for the improvement of water data and for certain other purposes of the Act.

**AB-1787** – Senate Environmental Quality Comm. - **WATCH**

Requires the cross-media enforcement unit of the California Environmental Protection Agency to prioritize the state's most disadvantaged communities for certain investment opportunities based on geographic, socioeconomic, public health, and environmental hazard criteria.

**AB-1816** – Senate Governance and Finance Comm. - **WATCH**

Authorizes the Board of Directors of the Tulelake Irrigation District to adopt a resolution that authorizes a person to be a Director, if specified conditions are met. Authorizes the registered voters in the District to request and require that a director be a voter, landowner, and resident in the division of the District the Director represents.

**AB-1882** – Assembly Appropriations Comm. - **DEAD**

Requires the Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources to provide an opportunity and the information necessary for the State Water Resources Control Board and the appropriate regional water quality control board to review, comment on, and propose additional requirements for Class II underground injection well projects.

**AB-2099** – Senate - **WATCH**

Requires the State Department of Social Services to convene a workgroup to develop recommendations for delivering a water benefit to supplement that purchase of drinking water for low-income households with inadequate access to safe drinking water. Requires a plan for identification of eligible households and the delivery of the benefit to those households. Requires the submission of a report with the recommendations to specified entities.

**AB-2124** – Senate - **WATCH**

Requires the State Water Resources Control Board to establish a grant program to public elementary and secondary school to improve access to, and the quality of, drinking water. Specifies the various types of projects for which the grants could be awarded. Provides application priority. Requires the Board to develop procedures for the submission of grant applications and application evaluation criteria. Appropriates moneys from the General Fund therefor. Requires reports with related data.

**SB-20** – Assembly Water, Parks, and Wildlife Comm. - **WATCH**

Creates the State Water Resiliency Investment Fund. Provides that moneys in the Fund are available for the purpose of providing a more dependable water supply in the State. Creates various accounts within the Fund for prescribed purposes.

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SB-248 – Assembly Appropriations Comm. - WATCH

Provides for an inspection program for all activities regulated pursuant to provisions concerning drilling, operation, maintenance, and abandonment of oil and gas wells and certain tanks and facilities. Requires inspections to be reported and posted, and the recording of information in a well history, including fluid injection, chemical composition, and waste disposal injection. Provides for shutdown. Requires updating related regulations. Requires notification and clearance of chemical injection.

SB-919 – Assembly Utilities and Commerce Comm. - WATCH

Requires the Public Utilities Commission to address the oversupply of renewable energy resources through a tariff or other economic incentive for electricity purchased by customers operating facilities that create or augment local water supplies to reduce the cost of electricity to those facilities.

SB-995 – Assembly – CGA SPONSORED

Requires the Department of Water Resources to update well standards for water wells, monitoring wells and cathodic protection wells based on existing knowledge and to submit these standards to the State Water Resources Control Board. Includes abandonment ordinances. Requires the state board to revise the model ordinances upon receipt of the standards.

SB-1164 – Senate Rules Comm. – DEAD

Makes a nonsubstantive change to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act that requires all groundwater basins designated as high- or medium-priority basins that are designated as basins subject to critical conditions of overdraft to be managed under a groundwater sustainability plan or coordinated groundwater sustainability plans.

SB-1262 – Assembly Water, Parks, and Wildlife Comm. – WATCH

Requires a city or county that determines a project is subject to the California Environmental Quality Act to identify any water system whose service area includes the project site and any water system adjacent to the project site. Provides that hauled water or groundwater from a probationary basin are not sources of water for the purposes of an assessment. Revises the definition of sufficient water supply.

SB-1317 – Assembly – OPPOSE

Requires a city or county overlying a basin designated as a high- or medium-priority basin to establish a process for the issuance of a groundwater extraction permit for the development of a groundwater extraction facility that requires an applicant to demonstrate the extraction from a proposed facility will not contribute to or create an undesirable result. Provides a city or county overlying such basin does not have to have a permit process under specified conditions.

SB-1469 – Senate Rules Comm. – DEAD

Makes a nonsubstantive change to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, that requires all groundwater basins designated as high- or medium-priority basins by the Department of Water Resources that are designated as basins subject to critical conditions of overdraft to be managed under a groundwater sustainability plan or coordinated groundwater sustainability plans.
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