

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1839

Introduced by Assembly Member Machado

February 3, 2000

An act to add Chapter 27 (commencing with Section 15200) to Division 7 of the Water Code, relating to water.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1839, as introduced, Machado. California Bay-Delta Commission.

Under existing law, certain state and federal agencies with management and regulatory responsibilities in the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary participate in the CALFED Bay Delta Program for the purposes of improving ecosystem quality, water supply reliability, water quality, and the integrity of the levees and channels in the bay-delta.

This bill would create the California Bay-Delta Commission, consisting of 9 members. The bill would require the commission to adopt and submit to the Legislature and Congress an annual report summarizing the commission's decisions in the previous calendar year, and identifying issues relevant to the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. The bill would make related findings and declarations relative to the need to provide program-wide oversight with regard to the implementation of the plan adopted by CALFED.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

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The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 27 (commencing with Section
2 15200) is added to Division 7 of the Water Code, to read:

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4 CHAPTER 27. CALIFORNIA BAY-DELTA COMMISSION

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6 Article 1. Findings and Declarations

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8 15200. (a) This chapter shall be known as and may be
9 referred to as CALFED Bay-Delta Act.

10 (b) The Legislature finds and declares both of the
11 following:

12 (1) A cooperative interagency group comprised of
13 state and federal agencies has been developing a
14 comprehensive plan to restore ecological health and
15 improve water management for beneficial uses of the
16 water in the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin
17 Delta.

18 (2) To implement this plan, there is a need for one or
19 more entities to provide program-wide oversight and
20 coordination, develop and manage the various individual
21 programs, and implement the individual actions within
22 each of the individual programs.

23 (c) It is the intent of the Legislature that the California
24 Bay-Delta Commission created by this section will
25 provide program-wide oversight and coordination, but
26 that the commission will not develop or manage the
27 individual programs.

28 (d) The Legislature finds and declares that the
29 California Bay-Delta Commission needs to represent
30 multiple interests. The principal interests that need to be
31 represented are all of the following:

32 (1) The state agencies, whose departments,
33 commissions, or conservancies develop and manage the
34 individual programs.

35 (2) The federal agencies, whose departments,
36 bureaus, and commissions develop and manage the
37 individual programs.

1 (3) The broad public interests most affected by the
2 development and management of the individual
3 programs.
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5 Article 2. California Bay-Delta Commission
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7 15201. There is hereby created the California
8 Bay-Delta Commission.
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10 Article 3. Organization
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12 15202. The commission consists of nine members.
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14 Article 4. Powers and Duties
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16 15203. The commission shall appoint an executive
17 director who serves at the pleasure of the commission.
18 The executive director shall receive the salary established
19 by the Director of Finance for exempt officials.

20 15203.2. The executive director shall administer the
21 affairs of the commission as directed by the commission
22 and shall direct the staff of the commission.
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24 Article 5. Annual Report
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26 15204. The commission shall adopt and submit to the
27 Legislature and Congress, on or before _____ of each
28 year, an annual report summarizing the commission's
29 decisions in the previous calendar year, and identifying
30 timely and relevant issues relevant to the San Francisco
31 Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

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