

STAFF REPORT

To: Coastside County Water District Board of Directors

From: David Dickson, General Manager

Agenda: May 13, 2008

Report

Date: May 5, 2008

Subject: CCWD Letter of Support for AB 2437 (Ruskin)

Recommendation:

Authorize the Board President to send the attached letter in support of AB 2437 on behalf of CCWD.

Background:

BAWSCA has requested that its members send letters in support of AB 2437. This bill would extend to 2015 the State's oversight of San Francisco's Water System Improvement Program (WSIP). This oversight is critical to BAWSCA's goal of ensuring that San Francisco continues to execute the WSIP in a timely manner.

In addition to the proposed support letter, I have attached the AB 2437 Legislative Counsel's Digest.

Fiscal Impact:

None.

May 14, 2008

The Honorable Ira Ruskin, Assembly Member
State Capitol
P.O. Box 942849
Sacramento, CA 94249-0021

Reference: Support of AB 2437 (Ruskin)

Dear Honorable Mr. Ruskin:

Coastside County Water District supports your bill AB 2437, co-authored by Assembly Members Beall, Coto, Hayashi, Lieber, Mullin, Swanson, and Torrico, and Senators Alquist, Corbett and Simitian.

The important bill amends sections of the California water code to ensure ongoing State oversight of San Francisco's program to rebuild the earthquake prone Hetch Hetchy water delivery system. Two-thirds of the cost of this program is paid by Bay Area water customers, and this legislation asks for no State money.

Coastside County Water District supports this valuable legislation to protect the health and safety, and economic well-being of the Bay Area and the State.

Yours truly,

Everett Ascher, Board President
Coastside County Water District

cc: The Hon. Elaine Alquist, Senator
The Hon. Ellen Corbett, Senator
The Hon. Joseph Simitian, Senator
The Hon. Jim Beall, Assembly Member
The Hon. Joe Coto, Assembly Member
The Hon. Mary Hayashi, Assembly Member
The Hon. Sally Lieber, Assembly Member
The Hon. Gene Mullin, Assembly Member
The Hon. Sandre R. Swanson, Assembly Member
The Hon. Alberto Torrico, Assembly Member

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2437

Introduced by Assembly Member Ruskin
(Principal coauthor: Assembly Member Lieber)
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Beall, Coto, Hayashi, Mullin,
Swanson, and Torrico)
(Coauthors: Senators Alquist, Corbett, and Simitian)

February 21, 2008

An act to amend Sections 73502, 73504, 73510, 73512, and 73514 of the Water Code, relating to regional water systems.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2437, as introduced, Ruskin. Regional water systems.

The Wholesale Regional Water System Security and Reliability Act (the act) requires the City and County of San Francisco (city) to adopt a specified program of capital improvement projects designed to restore and improve the bay area regional water system, as defined, and to submit a report, on or before September 1 of each year, to various entities describing the progress made on the implementation of the capital improvement program during the previous fiscal year. The act authorizes the city to determine that the completion dates for projects contained in the program should be delayed or that different projects should be constructed.

The act imposes various other requirements on regional wholesale water suppliers, as defined, including a requirement that these suppliers submit an annual report to the Legislature and the State Department of Public Health describing the progress made on securing supplemental sources of water to augment existing supplies during dry years.

Existing law makes inoperative these and related provisions on December 31, 2010, or on the date on which the State Director of Public Health makes a specified notification and certification, whichever is earlier, and repeals those provisions on the January 1 following that earlier date.

This bill would require the city to identify in its progress report, any project that is behind schedule, and, for each project so identified, to describe its plan and timeline for making up the delay or adopting a revised implementation schedule.

This bill would delete the December 31, 2010 repeal date, and would instead, repeal the act on January 1, 2015, and would make certain technical changes to the act. By extending the period of time to January 1, 2015, during which certain requirements would apply to regional wholesale water suppliers, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 73502 of the Water Code is amended to
2 read:
3 73502. (a) The city, on or before February 1, 2003, shall adopt
4 the program of capital improvement projects designed to restore
5 and improve the bay area regional water system that are described
6 in the capital improvement program report prepared by the San
7 Francisco Public Utilities Commission dated February 25, 2002.
8 A copy of the program shall be submitted, on or before March 1,
9 2003, to the State Department of Health Services. The program
10 shall include a schedule for the completion of design and award
11 of contract, and commencement and completion of construction
12 of each described project. The schedule shall require that projects
13 representing 50 percent of the total program cost be completed on
14 or before 2010 and that projects representing 100 percent of the
15 total program cost be completed on or before 2015. The program