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Summary Report to the Board of Directors Groundwater Basin Legislation

AB 1739 (Dickinson; Principal Coauthor – Senator Pavley; Coauthor Rendon) and SB 1168 (Pavley; Principal Coauthor – Assemblymember Dickinson) are the two groundwater sustainability bills that are moving through the Legislature. Governor Brown's office has convened a small group to reconcile the bills and the administration's proposal, and will be releasing language next week which will make the bills identical. The bills will be heard in the Senate Appropriations Committee the week of August 4th. The goal of the Governor and the legislators is to have final bills before the end of August when the legislative session adjourns.

AB 1179 is an act to amend Sections 65352 and 65352.5 of, and to add Section 65302.12 to, the Government Code, and to add Section 1242.1 to, and to add Part 2.74 (commencing with section 10720) to Division 6 of, the Water Code, relating to groundwater.

SB 1168 is an act to amend Sections 65352 and 65352.5 of, and to add Section 65350.5 to, the Government Code, and to amend Sections 10927 and 10933 of, to add Sections 113 and 10750.11 to, and to add Part 2.74 (commencing with Section 10720 to Division 6 of, the Water Code, relating to groundwater.

Related to the legislation is the Department of Water Resources *List of High and Medium Priority Groundwater Basins* (attached). The Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin (which encompasses the NSJWCD) is Basin #5-22.01 and is classified as "High Priority" and is "Fully Unmonitored." At the July meeting of the Board, Counsel Masuda and Special Counsel Spaletta will address the significance of this classification relative to the aforementioned legislation.