

# Legislation – Making Water Conservation a California Way of Life

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# Governor's Executive Order B-37-16

- Issued May 2016
- Focus on long term water use efficiency
  - Use Water More Wisely
  - Eliminate Water Waste
  - Strengthen Local Drought Resilience
  - Improve Agricultural Water Use Efficiency and Drought Planning
- State Agencies with Urban Advisory Group

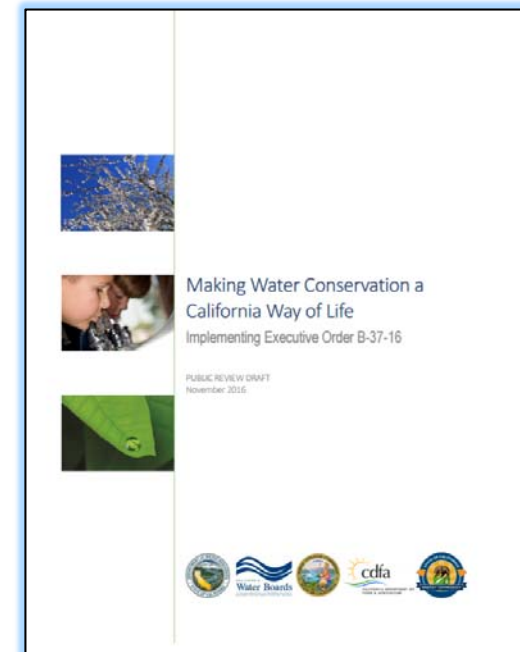


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- Draft report released November 2016
- Coalition of water agencies submit comments
- Final report April 2017
- AB 968 and 1654 (Rubio)



# Making Water Conservation a California Way of Life

- Competing bills to implement the framework
  - AB 968 and 1654 (Rubio)
  - SB 1668 and 1669 (Friedman)
- Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee
  - Amended the bills
  - Requested input from stakeholders

# Policy Principles

- **Long-Term Water Use Efficiency:**
- Preserve the Legislature's authority over long-term water use efficiency target setting.
- Ensure that any water use efficiency target setting approach is flexible to account for the diversity among California's communities and the urban retail water suppliers that serve them.
- Protect water rights and preserve a water supplier's ability to use water it has a right to access.
- Protect and create incentives for the further development of potable reuse and recycled water.
- Provide for appropriate, progressive enforcement authority that accounts for urban retail water suppliers' authorities and responsibilities relative to their customers. The focus should be on corrective action instead of cease-and-desist orders.

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- **Shortage Response Planning:**
- Preserve local decision-making to determine actions to avoid or mitigate shortages. The state should not dictate what actions are to be taken.
- Preserve and encourage investments in resilient water supplies. Potable reuse, recycled water, and desalination should all be considered fully reliable.
- Ensure that annual water supply and demand assessments are based on and accurately reflect local conditions.
- Maintain the existing legislative intent and challenge period for urban water management plans.
- Recognize that energy use is only one aspect of water supply planning.

# Recommendation

- It is recommended by the Water Department that the Council, by motion, submit a letter providing comments to the Legislature regarding the development of legislation implementing the Governor's "Making Conservation a California Way of Life" framework.
- Questions?