

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1434

Introduced by Assembly Member Friedman

February 19, 2021

An act to amend Section 10609.4 of the Water Code, relating to water.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1434, as introduced, Friedman. Urban water use objectives: indoor residential water use.

Existing law requires the Department of Water Resources, in coordination with the State Water Resources Control Board, and in collaboration with and input from stakeholders, to conduct necessary studies and investigations and authorizes the department and the board to jointly recommend to the Legislature a standard for indoor residential water use. Existing law, until January 1, 2025, establishes 55 gallons per capita daily as the standard for indoor residential water use. Existing law establishes, beginning January 1, 2025, 52.5 gallons per capita daily and, beginning January 1, 2030, 50 gallons per capita daily, as the standards for indoor residential water use, unless the department and the board recommend more appropriate standards for indoor residential water use.

This bill would establish, beginning January 1, 2023, until January 1, 2025, the standard for indoor residential water use as 48 gallons per capita daily. The bill would establish, beginning January 1, 2025, the standard as 44 gallons per capita daily and, beginning January 1, 2030, 40 gallons per capita daily. The bill would eliminate the requirement that the department, in coordination with the state board, conduct

necessary studies and investigations and jointly recommend to the Legislature a standard for indoor residential water use.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 10609.4 of the Water Code is amended
2 to read:

3 10609.4. (a) ~~(1) Until Beginning January 1, 2023, and until~~
4 January 1, 2025, the standard for indoor residential water use shall
5 be ~~55~~ 48 gallons per capita daily.

6 ~~(2)~~
7 (b) Beginning January 1, 2025, and until January 1, 2030, the
8 standard for indoor residential water use shall be ~~the greater of~~
9 ~~52.5~~ 44 gallons per capita ~~daily or a standard recommended~~
10 pursuant to subdivision (b): *daily*.

11 ~~(3)~~
12 (c) Beginning January 1, 2030, the standard for indoor
13 residential water use shall be ~~the greater of 50~~ 40 gallons per capita
14 ~~daily or a standard recommended pursuant to subdivision (b):~~ *daily*.

15 (b) ~~(1) The department, in coordination with the board, shall~~
16 ~~conduct necessary studies and investigations and may jointly~~
17 ~~recommend to the Legislature a standard for indoor residential~~
18 ~~water use that more appropriately reflects best practices for indoor~~
19 ~~residential water use than the standard described in subdivision~~
20 ~~(a). A report on the results of the studies and investigations shall~~
21 ~~be made to the chairpersons of the relevant policy committees of~~
22 ~~each house of the Legislature by January 1, 2021, and shall include~~
23 ~~information necessary to support the recommended standard, if~~
24 ~~there is one. The studies and investigations shall also include an~~
25 ~~analysis of the benefits and impacts of how the changing standard~~
26 ~~for indoor residential water use will impact water and wastewater~~
27 ~~management, including potable water usage, wastewater, recycling~~
28 ~~and reuse systems, infrastructure, operations, and supplies.~~

29 ~~(2) The studies, investigations, and report described in paragraph~~
30 ~~(1) shall include collaboration with, and input from, a broad group~~
31 ~~of stakeholders, including, but not limited to, environmental groups,~~

- 1 ~~experts in indoor plumbing, and water, wastewater, and recycled~~
- 2 ~~water agencies.~~

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