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TO: Honorable Robert Puente, Chair, House Committee on Natural Resources

FROM: John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB2663** by Puente (Relating to the establishment of quantifiable goals for drought contingency plans.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would require drought contingency plans of wholesale and retail public water suppliers and irrigation districts to include quantified targets for water. The bill would also require the Commission on Environmental Quality and the Water Development Board to jointly identify target goals and develop best management practices to be used by water suppliers during periods of water shortages and drought. Any additional costs to the agencies are not expected to be significant and are expected to be absorbed within existing agency budgets.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Local governments already participate in drought contingency planning.

Source Agencies: 580 Water Development Board, 582 Commission on Environmental Quality

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