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# Legislative Update



Delta  
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# Delta Reform Act Refinement Trailer Bill

- Establishes 60-day statute of limitations period for challenges to the Council's adoption or amendment of the Delta Plan or its appeals procedures, in addition to, the Council's decisions on appeals;
- Establishes that the remainder of the Delta Plan remains in effect, even if portions are invalidated by a court;
- Establishes that once the quorum requirement is met, a majority of a Council present at a meeting duly called and held, can carry out the powers vested in it, including determinations on appeals;
- Extends the timeframe for the Council's decision on a certification of consistency appeal from 60 to 90 days from the date of the hearing

# SB 231 (Hurtado)

## Water measurement. —→ DWR: Water Supply Forecasting

**SB 231** (**Hurtado D**) Department of Water Resources: water supply forecasting.

**Current Analysis:** 05/25/2023 [Senate Floor Analyses](#) (text 4/20/2023)

**Last Amend:** 6/19/2023

**Status:** 6/19/2023-From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on W., P., & W.

**Location:** 6/8/2023-A. W., P. & W.

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**Summary:** Would require the Department of Water Resources, on or before December 31, 2025, to establish a formal process for annually evaluating and improving the accuracy of its water supply forecasts, adopt a new water supply forecasting model that better addresses the effects of climate change, implement a formal policy and procedures for documenting its operational plans for the state's water supply and its rationale for its operating procedures, and develop a comprehensive, long-term plan for mitigating and responding to the effects of drought. The bill would require the department to prepare, and submit to the Legislature, quarterly reports on its progress toward meeting these requirements. The bill would require the department to review and update the plan for mitigating and responding to the effects of drought on or before December 31, 2026, and annually thereafter. The bill would require the department, commencing in 2026 and annually thereafter, to present specified information at an open and public meeting, including the department's operational decisions and their rationale for the state's water supply during the preceding water year. The bill would require the department to include the information presented at the meeting in a report, make the report publicly available on the department's internet website, and submit the report to the Legislature.

# SB 544 (Laird)

## Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act: teleconferencing.

[SB 544](#)

**(Laird D) Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act: teleconferencing.**

**Current Analysis:** 05/10/2023 [Senate Floor Analyses](#) (text 4/27/2023)

**Last Amend:** 4/27/2023

**Status:** 5/26/2023-Referred to Com. on G.O.

**Location:** 5/26/2023-A. G.O.

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**Summary:** The Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act, requires, with specified exceptions, that all meetings of a state body be open and public and all persons be permitted to attend any meeting of a state body. The act authorizes meetings through teleconference subject to specified requirements, including, among others, that the state body post agendas at all teleconference locations, that each teleconference location be identified in the notice and agenda of the meeting or proceeding, that each teleconference location be accessible to the public, that the agenda provide an opportunity for members of the public to address the state body directly at each teleconference location, and that at least one member of the state body be physically present at the location specified in the notice of the meeting. This bill would amend existing law that will remain operative after July 1, 2023, to remove indefinitely the teleconference requirements that a state body post agendas at all teleconference locations, that each teleconference location be identified in the notice and agenda of the meeting or proceeding, and that each teleconference location be accessible to the public. The bill would require a state body to provide a means by which the public may remotely hear audio of the meeting, remotely observe the meeting, or attend the meeting by providing on the posted agenda a teleconference telephone number, an internet website or other online platform, and a physical address for at least one site, including, if available, access equivalent to the access for a member of the state body participating remotely.

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