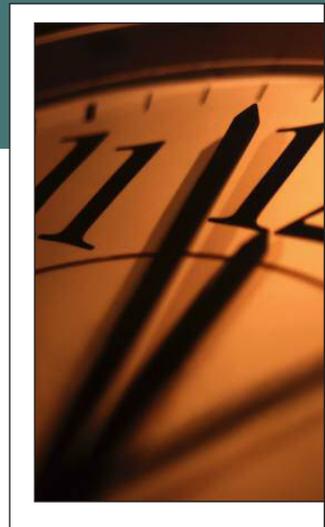


## HAPPY NEW YEAR

California's Water Year 2014  
Ended on September 30



## New Year's Resolution: Start Thinking About Your 2015 UWMP Now

As we begin the new 2015 water year (and hopefully a wet year), the realities of meeting the challenges of drought, new regulations and potential community growth impacts are looming for many California water providers. And like any new year, the tendency to procrastinate can be great. The good news for your water planning efforts is that recently signed legislation, while modifying the requirements for the upcoming UWMPs, has also extended the due date for 2015 UWMPs from December 31, 2015 to July 1, 2016. Here's a summary of recent legislation that will effect your 2015 plans:

**AB 2409, Nestande. Urban water suppliers: water shortage contingency analysis (passed July 6, 2010)** — Requires an urban water supplier, for purposes of developing a water shortage contingency analysis, to analyze and define water features that are artificially supplied with water, including ponds, lakes, waterfalls, and fountains, separately from swimming pools and spas.

**AB 2067, Weber. Urban water management plans (passed September 19, 2014)** — Requires an urban wholesale or retail water supplier to provide narratives describing the supplier's water demand management measures, as provided. For urban retail water suppliers, the narrative shall address the nature and extent of each water demand management measure implemented over the past 5 years and describe the water demand management measures that the supplier plans to implement to achieve its water use targets.

**SB 1420, Wolk. Water management: urban water management plans (passed September 19, 2014)** — Requires an UWMP to quantify and report on distribution system water loss.

**SB 1036, Pavley. Urban water management plans. (passed September 19, 2014)** — Provides for an urban water supplier to optionally include within an UWMP certain energy-related information, including, but not limited to, an estimate of the amount of energy used to extract or divert water supplies. Requires DWR to include in its guidance for the preparation of UWMPs a methodology for the voluntary calculation or estimation of the energy intensity of urban water systems.

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UWMPs extended from  
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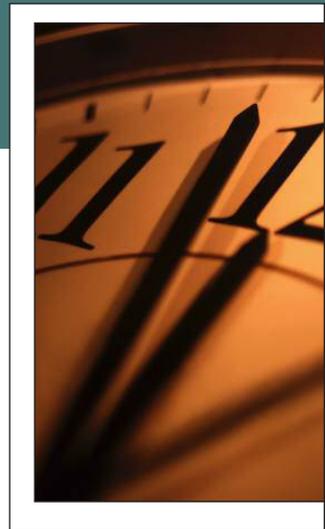
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### Summary of New Requirements

- Reporting on artificially supplied water features (ponds, lakes, fountains) separate from swimming pools and spas
- Narratives on demand management measures implemented over the past 5 years and descriptions of planned DMMs
- Reporting on distribution system water loss
- Optional/voluntary reporting on energy use

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## 2015 UWMP Update Continued

**AB 1739, Dickinson. Groundwater sustainability; SB 1168, Pavley. Groundwater management; and SB 1319, Pavley. Groundwater (passed September 16, 2014)** — A three-bill legislative package known as the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, requires the formation of new local groundwater sustainability agencies responsible for establishing long-term locally-based groundwater management plans and protecting groundwater quality within their jurisdictions. It is currently unknown what impacts this will have on 2015 UWMPs as the Sustainability Plans required by this new legislation are not due until 2020.

“I believe West Yost’s expertise preparing UWMPs and complying with the Water Conservation Act of 2009 (SBx7-7), is well demonstrated by the fact that all of the 2010 UWMPs prepared by West Yost were deemed “complete” by DWR with no required revisions or questions from DWR staff. We’re looking ahead to the 2015 UWMPs with the same commitment to quality, whether it’s managing the 2015 UWMP process and preparing the entire plan for our clients, or assisting on parts of their plans. West Yost can provide the expertise needed to efficiently add value to the process.”

- Elizabeth Drayer, Project Manager  
West Yost Associates

On line reporting of BMPs will still be a requirement. The California Urban Water Conservation Council (CUWCC) is in the process of beta testing Phase 2 improvements to the BMP reporting system. West Yost staff will be part of the beta testing team.

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*Target release date  
for the 2015 update  
to DWR’s UWMP  
guidebook is  
July 1, 2015*

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## For more information

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