

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY FEBRUARY 8, 2023

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2023–24 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 279

**Introduced by Assembly Member Blanca Rubio
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Rodriguez)**

January 24, 2023

An act to amend Section 605 of the San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority Act (Chapter 776 of the Statutes of 1992), relating to water.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 279, as amended, Blanca Rubio. San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority: annual pumping right assessment.

Existing law, the San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority Act, establishes the San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority and provides for its powers and duties. Among other things, the act authorizes the authority to impose an annual pumping right assessment for specified purposes in an amount not to exceed \$10 per acre-foot.

This bill would increase the maximum allowable annual pumping right assessment to \$20 per acre-foot on and after July 1, 2025, to \$23 per acre-foot on and after July 1, 2030, and to \$27 per acre-foot on and after July 1, 2035. *acre-foot.*

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

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 605 of the San Gabriel Basin Water
- 2 Quality Authority Act (Chapter 776 of the Statutes of 1992), as

1 amended by Section 1 of Chapter 192 of the Statutes of 2003, is
2 amended to read:

3 Sec. 605. ~~(a)~~The authority may impose an annual pumping
4 right assessment, not to exceed ~~ten~~ *twenty* dollars ~~(\$10)~~ (\$20) per
5 acre-foot, ~~only until July 1, 2025, and not to exceed the amount~~
6 ~~specified in subdivision (b) on and after July 1, 2025,~~ to construct
7 facilities and acquire property, to retire promissory notes, bond
8 anticipation notes, bonds and certificate of participation and other
9 evidences of indebtedness, to pay for administrative costs, and to
10 pay for operations and maintenance of projects constructed by and
11 for the authority. The authority shall impose an assessment pursuant
12 to this section for operation and maintenance purposes only if, and
13 to the extent that, money for operation and maintenance purposes
14 is not received from other sources after reasonable efforts have
15 been made to secure that funding. However, no assessment shall
16 be imposed for water extracted pursuant to a conjunctive use
17 storage agreement between the producer and the watermaster,
18 which the authority has approved.

19 ~~(b)~~ The annual pumping right assessment imposed by the
20 authority shall not exceed the following amounts:

21 ~~(1)~~ On and after July 1, 2025, and before July 1, 2030, twenty
22 dollars (\$20) per acre-foot.

23 ~~(2)~~ On and after July 1, 2030, and before July 1, 2035,
24 ~~twenty-three dollars (\$23) per acre-foot.~~

25 ~~(3)~~ On and after July 1, 2035, ~~twenty-seven dollars (\$27) per~~
26 ~~acre-foot.~~

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