

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 30

Introduced by Assembly Member Perea

December 3, 2012

An act to amend Section 13477.6 of the Water Code, relating to water quality.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 30, as introduced, Perea. Water quality.

Existing law, the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act, establishes the State Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund program pursuant to which state and federal funds are continuously appropriated from the State Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund to the State Water Resources Control Board for loans and other financial assistance for the construction of publicly owned treatment works by a municipality, the implementation of a management program, the development and implementation of a conservation and management plan, and other related purposes in accordance with the federal Clean Water Act and the state act. Existing law authorizes the board, until 2014, to assess a specified annual charge in connection with any financial assistance made pursuant to the revolving fund program in lieu of interest that otherwise would be charged and requires the proceeds generated from the imposition of the annual charge in lieu of interest to be deposited in the State Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund Small Community Grant Fund (grant fund), along with any interest earned upon the moneys in the grant fund. Existing law provides that the annual charge in lieu of interest remain unchanged until 2014, at which time it will terminate and be replaced by an identical interest rate, and prohibits the deposit of more than \$50,000,000 into the grant

fund. Existing law authorizes the board to expend the moneys in the grant fund, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for grants for eligible projects under the revolving fund program that serve small communities, as defined.

This bill would authorize the board to assess the charge in lieu of interest until 2019.

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 13477.6 of the Water Code is amended
2 to read:
3 13477.6. (a) The State Water Pollution Control Revolving
4 Fund Small Community Grant Fund is hereby created in the State
5 Treasury.
6 (b) The following moneys shall be deposited in the grant fund:
7 (1) Moneys transferred to the grant fund pursuant to subdivision
8 (c).
9 (2) Notwithstanding Section 16475 of the Government Code,
10 any interest earned upon the moneys deposited in the grant fund.
11 (c) (1) For any financing made pursuant to Section 13480, the
12 board may assess an annual charge to be deposited in the grant
13 fund in lieu of interest that would otherwise be charged.
14 (2) Any amounts collected under this subdivision shall be
15 deposited in the grant fund, not more than fifty million dollars
16 (\$50,000,000) shall be deposited in the grant fund.
17 (3) The charge authorized by this subdivision may be applied
18 at any time during the term of the financing, and once applied,
19 shall remain unchanged until ~~2014~~ 2019, at which point it shall
20 terminate and be replaced by an identical interest rate. The charge
21 shall not increase the financing repayment amount as set forth in
22 the terms and conditions imposed pursuant to this chapter.
23 (d) (1) Moneys in the grant fund, upon appropriation by the
24 Legislature to the board, may be expended, in accordance with
25 this chapter, for grants for projects described in subdivision (a) of
26 Section 13480 that serve small communities as defined in
27 subdivision (a) of Section 30925 of the Public Resources Code.

- 1 (2) For the purpose of approving grants, the board shall give
- 2 priority to projects that serve severely disadvantaged communities.

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