

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS

AMENDMENT DATE: March 21, 2007
POSITION: Neutral, note concerns

BILL NUMBER: SB 8
AUTHOR: S. Kuehl

BILL SUMMARY: California Bay-Delta Authority Act

This bill would amend the California Bay-Delta Authority Act to include environmental justice as one of the California Bay-Delta Program's (CALFED Program's) required elements.

FISCAL SUMMARY

The Resources Agency has not determined whether there would be additional costs related to this bill, but Finance believes that any additional costs would be minor because environmental justice concerns are already incorporated into existing CALFED programs.

COMMENTS

Finance is neutral on this bill because it likely would have no or a minor fiscal impact on the Resources Agency. However, we note a concern that adding environmental justice as a program element would be inconsistent with the Record of Decision establishing the CALFED Program because environmental justice is not one of the program elements identified in the Record of Decision.

The CALFED Program was established in 1995 to address environmental concerns in the Delta while ensuring adequate water supplies for agricultural and urban users. Consistent with the Record of Decision, existing law defines 11 program elements within the CALFED Program, including ecosystem restoration, water storage, water quality, and water use efficiency.

The Resources Agency states it recently has published a draft Environmental Justice Framework for the CALFED Program, which may address concerns regarding how environmental justice considerations are incorporated into CALFED Program decisions.

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