

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS

AMENDMENT DATE: May 12, 2009
POSITION: Neutral
SPONSOR: Alameda County Water District

BILL NUMBER: SB 133
AUTHOR: E. Corbett

BILL SUMMARY: Groundwater: Wells, Exploratory Holes, Excavations

This bill would authorize the Alameda County Water District (ACWD), within its jurisdiction, to establish a groundwater permit program, and to take related actions, with regard to the construction, operation, decommissioning, abandonment, or destruction of wells, exploratory holes, or other excavations.

FISCAL SUMMARY

Any local government costs resulting from the requirements of this bill would not result in a reimbursable state mandate because the bill is being requested by the affected local agency. We also note that the ACWD has the authority to charge fees.

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

The amendment to this bill since our analysis of the May 4, 2009 version is minor and does not alter our position. The amendment revises the definition of the term "well."

COMMENTS

This bill would have no fiscal impact and concerns a policy matter on which we are neutral.

Existing law establishes the ACWD for the purpose of protecting the groundwater basin and conserving the waters of the Alameda Creek watershed and developing supplemental water supplies, primarily for agricultural use. It appears that this bill would provide additional authority to the ACWD to further protect groundwater.

| Code/Department Agency or Revenue Type | (Fiscal Impact by Fiscal Year) | | | | | | | | Fund Code | |
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| | SO | (Dollars in Thousands) | | | | | | | | |
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