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Governor Releases 2016-17 Proposed Budget

Yesterday, the Brown Administration released details of the Governor's 2016-17 proposed Budget. While California's overall Budget picture remains positive, Governor Brown continues to urge Budget constraint in anticipation of the next economic recession. While unveiling his proposed State Budget for 2016-17, the Governor opined "...it would be short-sighted in the extreme to now embark upon a host of new spending only to see massive cuts when the next recession hits."

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The Water Rundown

Basin Boundary Modification Request Submission Period Now Open

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) has announced that the initial basin boundary modification request submission period is now open through March 31, 2016. This is the first basin boundary modification request submission period. Future submission periods will correlate with updates to Bulletin 118 in years ending with 0 or 5, with 2019 being the next identified submission period for the 2020 Bulletin 118 update. There may be an additional submission period in 2018 based upon demand from local agencies. Only local agencies are eligible to request basin boundary modifications, but the process is open to the public for review and comment.

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Federal Update

U.S. EPA Proposes Storm Water Rule for Small Cities

On Wednesday, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published a proposed rule to revise the permit process for Phase II municipal separate storm sewer systems serving jurisdictions of fewer than 100,000 in an urbanized area. The proposed rule would also apply to small cities outside an urban area where the State has determined that a storm water discharge causes or could cause an adverse impact on water quality. Military bases, universities, large hospital or prison complexes, and highways are also subject to the proposed rule. Public comments on the proposed rule are due March 21, 2016.

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