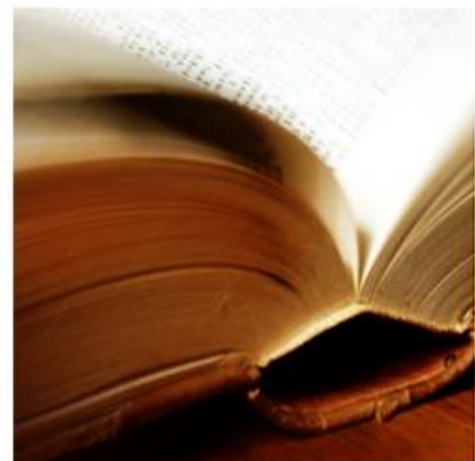


Assembly Bill 356

Oil and gas: groundwater monitoring

May 12, 2015



AB 356 Summary

- SWRCB provide written concurrence prior to aquifer exemption proposals being submitted DOGGR to U.S. EPA
- Requires that underground injection project operators submit a groundwater management monitoring plan
- Ensure that aquifer exemptions are thoroughly vetted by DOGGR and SWRCB with public input prior to submitting them to the U.S. EPA.
- Require that injection projects are regularly reviewed to ensure compliance with federal and state rules.
- Ensure oil and gas operators' injection projects utilize appropriate aquifers.
- Require monitoring plans to ensure underground injection does not pollute water that could be used for drinking water or other beneficial uses and that injections do not migrate into nearby protected aquifers.

Recommended Actions

Option 1:

- A. Take an advocacy position of support, watch, or oppose on AB 356 (Williams): Oil and gas: groundwater monitoring; and
- B. Direct staff to forward, and authorize the Chair to sign a letter stating the Board's decision to the legislative author, members of the legislature including, but not limited to, the county legislative delegation, and appropriate committee chairs; and

Option 2:

- A. Take no position on AB 356 (Williams): Oil and gas: groundwater monitoring