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TO: Honorable Robert Puente, Chair, House Committee on Natural Resources

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB714 by Fraser (Relating to reports regarding certain water wells required by a groundwater conservation district.), Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Water Code to make permissive whether a groundwater conservation district requires that records be kept and reports made of the drilling, equipping, and completing of water wells and of the production and use of groundwater.

A district would be authorized to adopt rules that would require an owner or operator of a registered or permitted water well to report groundwater withdrawals using reasonable and appropriate reporting methods and frequency.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2007.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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