

Summary of 2007-2008 Legislation Affecting the Lower Bypass

The following list contains links to key legislation from the 2007-2008 California Legislative session. Each link includes bill summaries, analysis, and a history of legislative actions.

California State Senate Bills:

SB 5 (Machado): Initiates the Central Valley Flood Protection Planning Process and requires local plans to provide 200-year flood protection for urbanized areas.

LINK: http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/cgi-bin/postquery?bill_number=sb_5&sess=CUR&house=B&author=machado

SB 17 (Flores): Reforms and renames the Reclamation Board to improve proficiency, and requires development of State Plan of Flood Control for the Central Valley

LINK: http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/cgi-bin/postquery?bill_number=sb_17&sess=CUR&house=B&author=flores

California State Assembly Bills:

AB 5 (Wolk): Reforms the Reclamation Board, adjusts statutory framework for State flood control projects in the Central Valley. Corrects errors in three other bills that are part of this year's flood package - AB 156 (Laird), SB 5 (Machado) and SB 17 (Flores).

LINK: http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/cgi-bin/postquery?bill_number=ab_5&sess=CUR&house=B&author=wolk

AB 70 (Jones): Provides that a city or county may pay for a reasonable share of the flood damage caused by the unreasonable local approval of developments following the failure of a state flood control project, under specified conditions.

LINK: http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/cgi-bin/postquery?bill_number=ab_70&sess=CUR&house=B&author=jones

AB 156 (Laird): makes changes to flood protection and emergency flood response related to Central Valley flood protection and the management of the system by the Department of Water Resources, the Reclamation Board, and local agencies

LINK: http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/cgi-bin/postquery?bill_number=ab_156&sess=CUR&house=B&author=laird

AB 162 (Wolk): Requires cities and counties to increase their attention to flood-related matters such as floodplain mapping in the land use, conservation, safety, and housing elements of their general plans.

LINK: http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/cgi-bin/postquery?bill_number=ab_162&sess=CUR&house=B&author=wolk