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SB-959 Water corporation: advice letters. (2017-2018)

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Senate Bill No. 959

CHAPTER 409

An act to add Section 2715 to the Public Utilities Code, relating to water corporations.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 959, Beall. Water corporation: advice letters.

Under existing law, the Public Utilities Commission has regulatory authority over public utilities, including water corporations, as defined.

This bill would require a water corporation with more than 10,000 service connections to maintain, for a certain period, on its Internet Web site an archive of all advice letters that are pending, approved, or rejected on or after January 1, 2019, in a specified manner.

Vote: majority Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: no Local Program: no

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 2715 is added to the Public Utilities Code, to read:

2715. (a) A water corporation with more than 10,000 service connections shall maintain on its Internet Web site an archive of all pending, approved, or rejected advice letters for a period of two rate case cycles from the date the advice letter is submitted or for six years, whichever is shorter, and shall do all of the following:

- (1) Provide a direct link from its Internet Web site to each advice letter, making the information contained there available to the public.
- (2) Maintain advice letters in numerical order. The advice letters may be retained as a stand-alone site. The water corporation may combine the list with a list of current advice letters that have been transmitted for filing, or are filed, pending, protested, or otherwise active.
- (3) Include a link to the commission's index of advice letters on the water corporation's Internet Web site.

(b) For the purposes of this section, "advice letter" means an advice letter pending, approved, or rejected on or after January 1, 2019, and includes its concurrently submitted cover sheets, attachments, service lists, and exhibits, to the extent they are not identified as confidential.