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**AB-1432 Water shortage emergencies: declarations: wildfires.** (2019-2020)

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**Assembly Bill No. 1432**

**CHAPTER 19**

An act to amend Section 351 of the Water Code, relating to water.

[ Approved by Governor June 26, 2019. Filed with Secretary of State June 26, 2019. ]

**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

AB 1432, Dahle. Water shortage emergencies: declarations: wildfires.

Existing law requires the governing body of a public water supplier to declare a water shortage emergency condition if the supplier makes certain findings. Existing law requires a public water supply that declares the existence of an emergency condition of water shortage to adopt regulations and restrictions on the delivery and consumption of water to conserve the water supply for the greatest public benefit. Existing law requires the declaration to be made only after a public hearing except in the event of a breakage or failure of a dam, pump, pipeline, or conduit causing an immediate emergency.

This bill would additionally authorize a public water supplier to declare a water shortage emergency condition without holding a public hearing in the event of a wildfire.

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

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

**SECTION 1.** Section 351 of the Water Code is amended to read:

**351.** Excepting in the event of a wildfire or a breakage or failure of a dam, pump, pipeline, or conduit causing an immediate emergency, the declaration shall be made only after a public hearing at which consumers of the water supply shall have an opportunity to be heard to protest against the declaration and to present their respective needs to said governing board.