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**AB-1811 Local flood protection: planning: climate change.** (2021-2022)

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**Assembly Bill No. 1811**

**CHAPTER 176**

An act to amend Section 8201 of the Water Code, relating to water.

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**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

AB 1811, Mike Fong. Local flood protection: planning: climate change.

Existing law authorizes a local agency to prepare a local plan of flood protection and prescribes that a plan include, among other components, a strategy to meet the urban level of flood protection, including planning for residual flood risk and system resiliency.

This bill would require this strategy, if a plan is prepared by a local agency, to also include planning for climate change and rainwater and stormwater management. The bill would require the plan to additionally include an update on the status of coordination with water suppliers on how the management of flood waters can bolster local water supplies.

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

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

**SECTION 1.** Section 8201 of the Water Code is amended to read:

**8201.** (a) A local agency may prepare a local plan of flood protection in accordance with this chapter.

(b) A local plan of flood protection shall include all of the following:

- (1) A strategy to meet the urban level of flood protection, including planning for residual flood risk, system resiliency, climate change, and rainwater and stormwater management.
- (2) Identification of all types of flood hazards.
- (3) Identification and risk assessment of the various facilities that provide flood protection for flood hazard areas, for current and future land uses.
- (4) Identification of current and future flood corridors.
- (5) Identification of needed improvements and costs of those improvements to the flood protection facilities that are necessary to meet flood protection standards.
- (6) An emergency response and evacuation plan for flood-prone areas.

(7) A strategy to achieve multiple benefits, including flood protection, groundwater recharge, ecosystem health, and reduced maintenance costs over the long term.

(8) A long-term funding strategy for improvement and ongoing maintenance and operation of flood protection facilities.

(9) An update on the status of coordination with water suppliers on how the management of flood waters can bolster local water supplies.

(c) A local agency that is not a city or county that prepares a plan pursuant to this chapter shall consult with the cities and counties that have jurisdiction over the planning area to ensure that the local plan of flood protection is consistent with local general plans.

(d) Plans prepared pursuant to this chapter, within the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley as defined by Section 9602, shall be consistent with the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan pursuant to Section 9612.