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AB-279 San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority: annual pumping right assessment. (2023-2024)

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Assembly Bill No. 279

CHAPTER 799

An act to amend Section 605 of the San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority Act (Chapter 776 of the Statutes of 1992), relating to water.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 279, Blanca Rubio. San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority: annual pumping right assessment.

Existing law, the San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority Act, establishes the San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority and provides for its powers and duties. Among other things, the act authorizes the authority to impose an annual pumping right assessment for specified purposes in an amount not to exceed \$10 per acre-foot.

This bill would increase the maximum allowable annual pumping right assessment to \$20 per acre-foot.

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

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

SECTION 1. Section 605 of the San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority Act (Chapter 776 of the Statutes of 1992), as amended by Section 1 of Chapter 192 of the Statutes of 2003, is amended to read:

Sec.605. The authority may impose an annual pumping right assessment, not to exceed twenty dollars (\$20) per acre-foot, to construct facilities and acquire property, to retire promissory notes, bond anticipation notes, bonds and certificate of participation and other evidences of indebtedness, to pay for administrative costs, and to pay for operations and maintenance of projects constructed by and for the authority. The authority shall impose an assessment pursuant to this section for operation and maintenance purposes only if, and to the extent that, money for operation and maintenance purposes is not received from other sources after reasonable efforts have been made to secure that funding. However, no assessment shall be imposed for water extracted pursuant to a conjunctive use storage agreement between the producer and the watermaster, which the authority has approved.