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**AB-1000 California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: Five-Mile Basin.** (2025-2026)

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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE— 2025–2026 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**NO. 1000**

Introduced by Assembly Member Gallagher

February 20, 2025

~~An act to amend Section 13001 of the Water Code, relating to water quality.~~ *An act to add Section 21080.65 to the Public Resources Code, relating to environmental quality.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1000, as amended, Gallagher. ~~Water quality: statewide program.~~ *California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: Five-Mile Basin.*

*The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires a lead agency, as defined, to prepare, or cause to be prepared, and certify the completion of an environmental impact report on a project that it proposes to carry out or approve that may have a significant effect on the environment or to adopt a negative declaration if it finds that the project will not have that effect. CEQA also requires a lead agency to prepare a mitigated negative declaration for a project that may have a significant effect on the environment if revisions in the project would avoid or mitigate that effect and there is no substantial evidence that the project, as revised, would have a significant effect on the environment.*

*This bill would exempt from the requirements of CEQA a project to remove sediment from the Five-Mile Basin in the City of Chico.*

*This bill would make legislative findings and declarations as to the necessity of a special statute for the City of Chico.*

~~The Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act designates the State Water Resources Control Board and the California regional water quality control boards as the principal state agencies with authority over matters relating to water quality. The act requires the state board and the regional boards to, among other things, coordinate their respective activities to achieve a unified and effective water quality control program in the state.~~

~~This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to the latter provision.~~

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

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

**SECTION 1.** *Section 21080.65 is added to the Public Resources Code, to read:*

**21080.65.** *This division does not apply to a project to remove sediment from the Five-Mile Basin in the City of Chico.*

**SEC. 2.** *The Legislature finds and declares that a special statute is necessary and that a general statute cannot be made applicable within the meaning of Section 16 of Article IV of the California Constitution because of the significant flooding risk present until a sediment removal project is complete within the Five-Mile Basin is unique to the City of Chico and the area that immediately surrounds it.*

~~SECTION 1. Section 13001 of the Water Code is amended to read:~~

~~13001. It is the intent of the Legislature that the state board and each regional board shall be the principal state agencies with primary responsibility for the coordination and control of water quality. The state board and regional boards shall, in exercising any power granted in this division, conform to and implement the policies of this chapter and shall, at all times, coordinate their respective activities in order to achieve a unified and effective water quality control program in the state.~~