

March 13, 2003

Madam President:

Your CONSERVATION COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

HOUSE AGRICULTURE AND WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE
SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL 260, as amended

has had it under consideration and reports same with recommendation that it DO PASS, amended as follows:

1. On page 1, between lines 17 and 18, insert the following new subsection:

"A. It is the intent of the legislature that the interstate stream commission, in collaboration with the office of the state engineer and the water trust board, prepare and implement a comprehensive state water plan."

2. Reletter the succeeding subsections accordingly.

3. On page 6, line 6, after the period insert "Members of the interstate stream commission and water trust board shall be notified of and are welcome to participate in all aspects of the planning process."

4. On page 6, between lines 22 and 23, insert the following new section:

"Section 2. A new section of the Water Project Finance Act is enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] IMPLEMENTATION OF STATE WATER PLAN. --

A. The board, in conformance with the state water plan and pursuant to the provisions of the Water Project Finance Act, shall prioritize the planning and financing of water projects required to implement the plan.

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B. The board shall identify opportunities to leverage federal and other funding.

C. The board shall utilize the resources of its member agencies and entities whenever possible in implementing the state water plan. "".

Respectfully submitted,

Carlos R. Cisneros, Chairman

Adopted _____ Not Adopted _____
(Chief Clerk) (Chief Clerk)

Date _____

The roll call vote was 6 For 0 Against
Yes: 6
No: 0
Excused: Duran, Gorham, Payne
Absent: None

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