

Department of Planning and Budget

2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB673

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Mason

3. Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

4. Title: Nonagricultural irrigation wells prohibited outside surficial aquifer.

5. Summary: Prohibits any person from constructing a well in a ground water management area for nonagricultural irrigation purposes except in the surficial aquifer. The bill authorizes the State Water Control Board (the Board) to adopt regulations to develop a general permit for the regulation of irrigation withdrawals from the surficial aquifer greater than 300,000 gallons in any one month. The bill directs the Board to promulgate regulations establishing criteria for determining whether the quantity or quality of the ground water in a surficial aquifer is adequate to meet a proposed beneficial use.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: It is anticipated that any expenditure impact this bill may have on the Department of Environmental Quality can be absorbed.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Environmental Quality;
State Water Control Board

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.