
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Anna Caballero, Chair
2025 - 2026 Regular Session

AB 1373 (Soria) - Water quality: state certification

Version: May 23, 2025

Urgency: No

Hearing Date: August 29, 2025

Policy Vote: E.Q. 8 - 0

Mandate: No

Consultant: Ashley Ames

Bill Summary: This bill would require the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to hold a public hearing before acting on an application for certification for a license to operate a hydroelectric facility.

***** ANALYSIS ADDENDUM – SUSPENSE FILE *****

The following information is revised to reflect amendments
adopted by the committee on August 29, 2025

Fiscal Impact:

- Unknown ongoing costs (Water Rights Fund) for the State Water Board to prepare for and hold hearings for hydroelectric project water quality certifications.

Author Amendments: These amendments would clarify that the required hearing may be part of regularly scheduled meetings, as provided. Specifically, these amendments specify that the public hearing may be conducted as part of a regularly scheduled State Water Board meeting, provided that the hearing is specifically noticed and allows for public comment on the certification application.

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