



**FACT SHEET**  
AB 1244 (Gray)  
~Small Irrigation Ponds~

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## **SUMMARY**

AB 1244 seeks to expand small irrigation use registrations in a manner that ensures protection of senior water rights and environmental water needs.

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## **PROBLEM**

Heading into the fourth year of a drought and increasing pressures on water supply means that California needs efficient means to allow farmers to utilize small scale on farm storage to collect excess flows when water is available, for later use during dry periods.

By creating general conditions the registration process can ensure protection of senior water rights and environmental water needs while also allowing rapid processing of these very low impact projects.

Good irrigation practices in California include the application of water at sufficient intervals in order to never induce significant stress to landscape or plants.

The crisis of lack of water affects all of California and creating these general conditions where other conditions are already in place, such as Small Domestic Use (SDU) and Livestock Stockpond Use (LSU) registrations, the state can take steps towards mitigation where money cannot be used as a means to end this ongoing issue.

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## **SOLUTION**

AB 1244 would direct the State Water Resources Control Board to adopt general conditions in consultation with the California Department of Food and Agriculture, University of California Cooperative Extension, and others for small irrigation use.

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## **SUPPORT**

- California Farm Bureau Federation

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