



Assembly Bill (AB) 2890

- » **Intent:** To update certain provisions, delete unused and unnecessary provisions, and better align Drinking Water and Wastewater Operator Certification for efficiency, reduced costs, and protect public health, safety, and the environment.



» **What are the effects of AB2890?**

» ***Wastewater Operator Certification Program***

- » Increases the renewal period from two years to three years.
- » Adds an operator at a water recycling treatment plant position to the Wastewater Advisory Committee.
- » Allows the Wastewater program to accept for-profit providers for education courses.
- » The state board may establish reduced fees for the issuance or renewal of a wastewater certificate for applicants who hold a valid, unexpired water treatment operator certificate or a valid, unexpired water distribution operator certificate.



- » What are the effects of 2890?
- » Drinking Water Operator Certification (DWOCP)
 - > Deletes the Operator-In-Training language from DWOCP ONLY.
 - > Structures the Drinking Water Stakeholder's Committee, sets standards for its membership and requires the State Water Board to appoint the members.
 - > Adds administrative civil liability provisions.
 - > Deletes statutes on distribution grandfathering (Interim certification) and the section on evaluating the American Water Works Association (AWWA) distribution operator program as both sections are now obsolete.
 - > Amends reciprocity provision to allow operators certified by the United States, prescribed territories or tribal governments, or any unit thereof.



- » The state board may establish reduced fees for the issuance of, and renewal of, a water treatment operator certificate for applicants who hold a valid, unexpired water distribution operator certificate or a valid, unexpired wastewater certificate.
- » Adds a definition section to the Drinking Water statutes (Health and Safety Code), and amends the Wastewater statutes (Water Code) for clarity and to make the definitions consistent with regulations.



- » What's Next for Office of Operator Certification?
- » Time – Effects of AB2890 – January 1, 2017
- » Calculation of Fiscal Impact
- » Update of the regulations – in the near/distant future.
- » Direct Potable Reuse, Advanced Water Treatment, Recycled Water Operator?



Questions??????

