



## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

SEP 30 2023

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1631 without my signature.

This bill requires the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to issue a notice for public participation for certain water right applications if it has not rendered a final determination within 30 years from the date the permit was filed. This would impact a single, current application for a project in the author's district that is long delayed.

While I appreciate the author's attempt to provide an opportunity to comment on the water right application in question, the State Water Board formally stated its intent to re-notice the application by the end of this year, rendering this bill unnecessary.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,



Gavin Newsom

