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Descriptive Summary
Title: California State Senate Agriculture and Water Resources Committee Records
Dates: 1972-2004
Collection number: See series descriptions for LP numbers.
Creator: Senate Agriculture and Water Resources Committee
Collection Size: 40 cubic feet, including audiovisual material and electronic resources.
Repository: California State Archives
Sacramento, California

Abstract: The Senate Agriculture and Water Resources Committee is the most recent Senate committee to oversee legislation affecting agriculture and water resources. The Senate Agriculture and Water Resources Committee Records consist of forty cubic feet of textual, audiovisual, and electronic records reflecting the activity of the committee in investigating and introducing legislation related to agriculture and water resources.

Physical location: California State Archives
Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English

Access
While the majority of the records are open for research, any access restrictions are noted in the record series descriptions.

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Acquisition and Custodial History
The State Archives received these records in accordance with California Government Code 9080(b) which requires legislative committees to transfer their records to the State Archives when they are no longer needed by the committee.

Committee History
The Senate Agriculture and Water Resources Committee is the most recent Senate committee to oversee legislation affecting agriculture and water resources.

The first committee to have agriculture under its purview was the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Missions and Mission Lands created during the fifth session of the legislature on January 5, 1854. In 1862, this committee changed to the Senate Committee on Agriculture. A list of the standing committees of 1907 indicates the modification of the committee name to Senate Committee on Agriculture and Dairying. The committee name changed once again during the 1911 legislative
session to the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Fruit and Vine Interests before taking the title of Senate Committee on Agriculture from 1915 to 1971 (Senate Journals, January 2, 1854, p. 53; Senate Journal, January 6, 1962, p. 131; Legislative Handbook, 1907-1915, p. 24).

The first committee that had responsibility for water resources issues was the Senate Committee on Water Resources. Following the passage of Senate Concurrent Resolution 11 the Senate Rules Committee provided for the appointment of a California Joint Committee on Water Resources in 1941. The charge of this new committee was to investigate and report on the water problems of the state (Statutes of California, January 25, 1941, p. 317).

In their Report of Standing Committees on March 8, 1972, the Senate Rules Committee announced the abolishment of the Water Resources Committee, “with its subject matter to be assigned to a single committee on agriculture and water resources.” Appointed as a standing committee, the nine members of the newly formed were assigned to conduct, in addition to agriculture issues, needed studies and public hearings to resolve policy issues necessary to administer the San Francisco Bay Area Wastewater Management Plan (Senate Journal, March 9, 1972, p. 586).

According to Senate Resolution 4, enrolled on December 6, 2004, this committee was reorganized as two separate committees: the Senate Agriculture Committee and the Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee.

The chairs of the Senate Agriculture and Water Resources Committee from 1972 to 2004 were:

*Way, Howard (Rep.), 1972-1976
*Ayala, Ruben S. (Dem.), 1977-1992
*McCorquodale, Dan (Dem.), 1993-1994
**Costa, Jim (Dem.), 1995-2002
*Machado, Mike (Dem.), 2003-2004

*Legislator’s papers available at the California State Archives.

**All files removed from the California State Archives as of September 2002. Contact Central Valley Political Archives, Henry Madden Library, CSU, Fresno.

**Scope and Content**

The Senate Agriculture and Water Resources Committee Records consist of forty cubic feet of textual, audiovisual, and electronic records reflecting the activity of the committee in investigating and introducing legislation related to agriculture and water resources. The records cover the years 1972-2004, and are composed of bill files, hearing files, subject files, correspondence files, and committee records of bills.

The strength of the collection can be found in the committee’s subject files. The majority of these reflect water issues relating to canals, dams, river parkways, water transfers and management, and additional subject matter pertaining to state water policy. Of particular interest to the researcher are files concerning Senate Bill 900. Commonly known as the CALFED Bay-Delta program and brainchild of Senator Jim Costa, Senate Bill 900 (1996) was designed to provide a more reliable water system for the state of California, with emphasis on the water supply and environmental problems confronting the San Francisco Bay and Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

**Accruals**

No further accruals are expected.

**Indexing Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library’s online public access catalog:

Agriculture - California
Water - California
Water rights - California
Pesticides - California
Dairy laws - California

**Related Material at the California State Archives**

Ruben S. Ayala Papers
Dan McCorquodale Papers
Howard Way Papers
Mike Machado Papers
Assembly Agriculture Committee Records
Assembly Water, Parks, and Wildlife Committee Records
Senate Agriculture Committee Records

Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee Records

**Oral Histories**

**Note to Researchers**
Researchers interested in this committee are advised to check the papers of its Chairs. Committee Chairs often kept materials relating to committee operations among their personal files. For Chair papers available at the California State Archives or other repositories, this information can be found in the committee history.
Series 1 Bill Files 1972-2004

Physical Description: 293 file folders, 2 videotapes (VHS)

Arrangement
Arranged chronologically by legislative session, then numerically by bill number.

Access Information
Access to audiovisual material requires the production of use copies.

Scope and Content Note
Bill files created by the Senate Agriculture and Water Resources Committee may include analyses, amendments and resolutions, author's statements, testimony, press releases, newspaper clippings, correspondence, and committee statements. Of particular interest are those bills relating to water use, water rights, water transfers, or municipal water quality control. Many bills also covered topics such as environmental protection, the San Joaquin and Colorado River, San Francisco Bay-Delta Estuary, the CALFED Bay-Delta Program, the Federal Central Valley Project, and State Water Project. Other issues include food labeling and genetically modified organisms (GMO), dairy regulations and standards, and pesticide regulation and pest control.

1973-1974 SB8-SB2459; SJR6-SJR48, SR31; AB60-AB4486, ACR67-ACR225, AJR7-AJR116 (3ff) LP254:12-14
1977-1978 SB51-SB2215, SJR4; AB127-AB3834, ACR11-ACR134, AJR63, AJR100 (2ff) LP254:17-18
1977-1978 SB66 (1ff) LP259:69
1979-1980 SB26-SB2053, SCA24, SCR67, SCR79; AB64-AB3464, ACA90, ACR80, AJR58 (2ff) LP254:19-20
1981-1982 SB70-SB2359, SCR61, SCR79; AB197-AB3743, ACR6-ACR108 (2ff) LP254:21-22
SB569, SB755, SB791, SB1545; AB801-AB3672 (3ff) P259:70-72
1983-1984 SB117-SB2320, SCA16, SJR51; AB112-AB4044, ACR31, ACR126, AJR7 (9ff) LP259:81-89
1987-1988 SB8-SB2891, SCA24, SCR21, SJR30, SJR43; AB34-AB4604, ACR60-ACR153 (13ff) LP278:199-211
1993-1994 SB7-SB2096; AB97-AB3744, AJR36-AJR52 (18ff) LP329:32-49
1995-1996 SB29-SB2062, SCR20, SR9, SB11X; AB201-AB3038, ACR59, AJR15-AJR39 (38ff) LP329:50-87
1999-2000 SB60-SB2164, SJR38, SR24; AB260-AB2796 (57ff) LP329:460-516
2001-2002 SB23-SB2070; AB11-AB2981, ACR126-ACR188 (37ff) LP329:517-553
2003-2004 SB21-SB1911; AB105-AB3046, ACR69, AJR65-AJR69 (34ff) LP329:554-587
Series 2 Hearing Files 1974-2004

Physical Description: 225 file folders, 160 audiocassettes, 13 videocassettes (VHS), 1 computer disc (CD)

Arrangement
Arranged chronologically by date of hearing.

Access Information
Access to audiovisual material requires the production of use copies.

Scope and Content Note
Hearing files for the Senate Agriculture and Water Resources Committee may contain agendas, audiotapes, transcripts, testimony, background, and working files for regular session hearings as well as interim hearings and select joint hearings. Of particular interest are those files pertaining to California's long-term water supply needs, water marketing, and agricultural drainage. More information can be found on water supply issues in the subject files. Videotapes and audio cassettes have been separated to a cold-storage vault for preservation purposes and separation sheets are located within the hearing files to alert the researcher to the existence of such tapes. See Appendix A for a complete listing of hearing dates and subjects.

Additional Series Information
Appendix A: List of Hearing Files

Series 3 Subject Files 1972-2001

Physical Description: 300 file folders, 1 audiocassette, and 16 videocassettes (VHS)

Arrangement
Subject files processed previous to August 2003 (LP259) are arranged chronologically by year. Subject files from 1988-2001 (LP329) are arranged alphabetically by subject and within subject alphabetically by topic. See attached appendix for exact subject folder titles.

Access Information
Access to audiovisual materials requires the production of use copies.

Scope and Content Note
Subject files created by the Senate Agriculture and Water Resources Committee may include correspondence, background materials, notes, reports, and newspaper clippings. Subject files include information relating to water bonds, CALFED Bay-Delta program, Central Valley Project, Club Fed, dams, floods, groundwater, proposed legislation, Proposition 204, reservoirs, the River Parkway, the State Water Resources Control Board, the State Water Project, water related associations, water authorities, water conferences and water transfer. Videotapes have been separated to a cold-storage vault for preservation purposes and separation sheets are located within the subject files to alert the researcher to the existence of such tapes. See Appendix B for a complete listing of subject file titles and dates.

Additional Series Information
Appendix B: List of Subject Files
### Series 4 Correspondence 1975-2004

**Physical Description:** 17 file folders  
**Arrangement**  
Arranged chronologically by date of correspondence.  
**Access Information**  
The following correspondence files are restricted: LP329:754 is restricted under the Public Records Act, California Government Code, sec 6254 (c), because it contains personnel information.  
**Scope and Content Note**  
Correspondence files from the period 1975-1984 contain incoming and outgoing correspondence from the committee chairs and consultants. Files from 1995-2004 contain similar material with various interest groups, committee members, and consultants.  

- **February, 1975-December, 1980 (1ff)** LP259:96  
- **January, 1981-December, 1982 (1ff)** LP259:97  
- **January, 1995-December, 1995 (1ff)** LP329:452  
- **January, 1996-December, 1996 (1ff)** LP329:453  
- **January, 1997-August, 1997 (1ff)** LP329:454  
- **September, 1997-March, 1998 (1ff)** LP329:455  
- **April, 1998-July, 1998 (1ff)** LP329:456  
- **August, 1998-April, 1999 (1ff)** LP329:457  
- **May, 1999-April, 2000 (1ff)** LP329:458  
- **May-December, 2000 (1ff)** LP329:459  
- **January, 2001-December, 2001 (1ff)** LP329:750  
- **January, 2001-January, 2002 (1ff)** LP329:751  
- **February, 2003-September, 2003 (1ff)** LP329:752  
- **October, 2003-December, 2004 (1ff)** LP329:753  
- **February, 2001-March, 2002 (1ff)** LP329:754  

### Series 5 Committee Record of Bills 1985-1988, 1995-1996

**Physical Description:** 5 file folders  
**Arrangement**  
Arranged chronologically by year.  
**Scope and Content Note**  
Committee Records of Bills describe the history of bills and include bill number, author, date bill received by committee, date considered by committee, hearing date, and committee action.  

- **1972-1978 (1ff)** LP259:92  
- **1979-1980 (1ff)** LP259:93  
- **1981-1984 (1ff)** LP259:95  
- **1985-1988 (1ff)** LP259:99  
- **1995-1996 (1ff)** LP329:755