

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

### RS19969

This proposal pertains to lapsed water right permits. It requires a beneficial use field report prepared by a certified water right examiner to be submitted when a proof of beneficial use statement is submitted more than 60 days after the lapse notice. The proposal also requires a reinstatement fee of \$250 to be submitted to the department.

Currently the holder of a lapsed permit can seek reinstatement by providing clear evidence demonstrating that beneficial use of water occurred during the authorized development period. The evidence can be submitted by the permit holder directly or it can be included in a beneficial use report prepared by a certified water right examiner. Reinstating a lapsed permit based on a report prepared by a certified water right examiner is far more efficient because it provides more complete information about the established beneficial use, eliminates the need for Department personnel to conduct a field inspection to quantify the beneficial use, and allows a water right license to be issued at the same time reinstatement is granted. The proposal eliminates the inefficient option in favor of the more efficient option.

A reinstatement fee would cover the Department's cost of reviewing the examiner's report for compliance with the Beneficial Use Examination Rules and regenerating the paper records and computer database records needed to resume administration of the water right.

### FISCAL NOTE

No impact on the General Fund. An estimated increase of \$3500 would be generated for the water administration account in FY2012, depending on the number of reinstatement requests received.

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