

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2629**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Mayes**

February 20, 2020

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An act relating to irrigation districts.

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AB 2629, as introduced, Mayes. Imperial Irrigation District: retail electric service.

Existing law, the Irrigation District Law, with certain exceptions, requires a director on the board of an irrigation district that provides electricity for residents of the district to be a voter of the district and a resident of the division that the director represents. Existing law authorizes an irrigation district to sell, dispose of, and distribute electricity for use outside of the district's boundaries.

This bill would require the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission (Energy Commission), the Imperial County Local Agency Formation Commission, and the Riverside County Local Agency Formation Commission to meet to determine the sphere of influence of the Imperial Irrigation District and options for electrical service to the Coachella Valley at the end of a certain lease of electrical rights and would, on or before June 30, 2021, require the Imperial Irrigation District to submit any requested documents and information to the Energy Commission for these purposes. The bill would, on or before June 30, 2022, require the Energy Commission to submit a report to the Legislature on the determination and options, as specified. To the extent the bill would impose new duties on the Imperial Irrigation District or local agency formation commissions, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

This bill would make legislative findings and declarations as to the necessity of a special statute for the Imperial County Local Agency Formation Commission, the Riverside County Local Agency Formation Commission and the Imperial Irrigation District.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to the statutory provisions noted above.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: yes.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. (a) (1) The State Energy Resources Conservation  
2 and Development Commission, the Imperial County Local Agency  
3 Formation Commission, and the Riverside County Local Agency  
4 Formation Commission shall meet for the purposes of determining  
5 the sphere of influence of the Imperial Irrigation District and  
6 options for electrical service to the Coachella Valley at the end of  
7 the 99-year lease of electrical rights in the 1934 Compromise  
8 Agreement between the Imperial Irrigation District and the  
9 Coachella Valley Water District.

10 (2) Notwithstanding any other law, no later than June 30, 2021,  
11 the Imperial Irrigation District shall submit to the State Energy  
12 Resources Conservation and Development Commission any  
13 documents and information requested by the commission for the  
14 purposes of paragraph (1).

15 (b) (1) On or before June 30, 2022, the State Energy Resources  
16 Conservation and Development Commission shall report to the  
17 Legislature on the determination and options described in  
18 subdivision (a).

19 (2) The requirement for submitting a report imposed under  
20 paragraph (1) is inoperative on June 30, 2026, pursuant to Section  
21 10231.5 of the Government Code.

22 (3) A report to be submitted pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be  
23 submitted in compliance with Section 9795 of the Government  
24 Code.

1     SEC. 2. The Legislature finds and declares that a special statute  
2 is necessary and that a general statute cannot be made applicable  
3 within the meaning of Section 16 of Article IV of the California  
4 Constitution because of the unique circumstances surrounding the  
5 provision of electrical service to the Coachella Valley.

6     SEC. 3. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that  
7 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to  
8 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made  
9 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division  
10 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

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