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The Wait...

After a bill is introduced, there is a required 30-day waiting period before it can be amended or acted on (except in certain circumstances), so this week is relatively slow on the legislative front. Next week we will begin to see meat put on the bones of many of those “spot bills” that were introduced two weeks ago.

Water

The Department of Water Resources will now be required to inspect dams on a prescribed schedule. [AB 1270](#) (James Gallagher, R-Yuba City) was signed by the Governor and ensures thorough dam safety inspections and requires the department to work with independent dam safety and risk management organizations to update dam safety protocols. Additionally, the department will now be required to inspect all dams at least once per fiscal year that are classified as “significant” hazard, and dams that would not jeopardize lives or property in the event of a failure, classified as “low” hazard at least once every two fiscal years. Farm Bureau supports. *Staff contact: Danny Merkley at dmerkley@cfbf.com or (916) 446-4647.*

Gaps in the stream gage network could be filled to provide essential information about flows in key California streams if [SB 919](#) (Bill Dodd, D-Napa) becomes law. The measure would require the State Water Resources Control Board to develop a plan to deploy a network of stream gages that includes determining funding needs and reactivating existing gages. The measure was amended this week and will be heard in the Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee March 13th. Farm Bureau is discussing the measure with the author. *Staff contact: Danny Merkley at dmerkley@cfbf.com or (916) 446-4647.*