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Water Code § 1201 – Compiled March, 2011

Our review of the annotated history of this statute reveals the following legislative history (every “c.” below represents a separate legislative bill):

Water Code § 1201 – 4 bills total

Prior History: 1913, c. 586 § 11, 2nd sent; amended 1919, c. 310; 1923, c. 62
Current: Added 1943

As enacted in 1913, the 2nd sentence of former uncodified section 11 stated:

Sec. 11. ... And all waters flowing in any river, stream, canyon, ravine or other natural channel, excepting so far as such waters have been or are being applied to useful and beneficial purpose upon, or in so far as such waters are or may be reasonably needed for useful, and beneficial purposes upon lands riparian thereto, or otherwise appropriated, is and are hereby declared to be public waters of the State of California and subject to appropriation in accordance with the provisions of this act.

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