

HISTORY PAGE

CHAPTER 297  
WATER RIGHTS, SUBSTANTIVE

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Diversion and Discharge Zones for Maine Seawater Desalination Plants  
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Rule Project No. 2017-034-295-OW  
HB 1600 and SB 567 (83rd), HB 1648, HB 3735, SB 864, SB 1430 (85th): Water Rights – Expedited Amendments, Notice, & Conservation, and PUC Transfer  
Amendment to: §297.46  
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Rule Project No. 2015-029-295-OW  
HB 2031 and HB 4097: Marine Seawater Desalination  
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HB 655: Aquifer Storage and Recovery  
Amendments to: §§297.1, 297.13, and 297.19  
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Rule Project No. 2013-055-295-OW  
HB 3233: Interbasin Transfers of Surface Water  
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Rule Project No. 2012-039-297-OW  
Chapter 297 Definition Change for the Term "Municipal use"  
Amendment to: §297.1  
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Rule Project No. 2011-039-293-OW  
HB 2694 (4.23, 5.02, 6.04 and Art. 9), HB 3002, SB 1361: Aquaculture Definition,  
Water Fee Repealer, Water District Financial Reporting, and Water Rate Notice  
Amendment to: §297.1  
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Rule Project No. 2009-040-295-OW  
HB 4231: Imported Water  
Amendments to: §297.16 and §297.18  
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Rule Project No. 2009-031-297-PR  
SB 1711: Water Rights Sediment Control Pond Exemption  
Amendment to: §297.27  
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Rule Project No. 2005-057-297-PR  
HB 1225 and HB 2140: Water Right for Nonuse  
Amendments to: §297.46 and §297.71  
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Rule Log No. 2001-031-297-WT  
HB 247 and SB 2, §§2.01 - 2.13, 2.15, 4.03, and 4.17: Surface Water  
Amendments to: §§297.1, 297.15, 297.18, 297.21, 297.41 - 297.43, 297.51, 297.52, 297.61, 297.71, 297.73, 297.74, and 297.104  
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SB 658: Water Plan Development  
Amendments to: §297.21 and §297.41  
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Rule Log No. 97146-297-WT  
SB 1: Water Rights/Groundwater Management  
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Amendments to: §§297.1, 297.11, 297.13 - 297.15, and 297.17 - 297.19  
Repeal of: §§297.16, 297.20, 297.21 - 297.29, 297.41 - 297.56, and 297.71 - 297.74  
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Emergency and Temporary Orders  
Repeal of: §297.57  
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Suspension of Permit Conditions  
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Permit Endorsements  
Repeal of: §297.62  
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Aquifer Storage & Recovery-2nd Phase  
Amendment to: §297.1  
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Rule Log No. 95160-295-WT  
Aquifer Storage, Permit Exemptions for Surface Mining Sediment Ponds and  
Historical Cemeteries  
Amendments to: §§297.1, 297.13, and 297.19  
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