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Read It Now: The Report on Reports, Studies and Whatnot (e.g., Legislative Intent)!

In case you're looking for things to do while the Legislature is on its summer recess, the *Supplemental Report of the 2006 Budget Act* is now available.

To add to the more than 1,000 pages of the budget bill and trailer bills that you have to read, take a look at the Legislative Analyst's *Supplemental Report* located here:

http://www.lao.ca.gov/2006/supp_report/supp_rpt_2006.pdf

This report is 117 pages of various study mandates and statements of legislative intent. Want to know how the trial court funds are allocated? Read this summary. Want to know all of the various reports poor Mike Chrisman, Secretary of the Resources Agency (and all his other peers too), has to submit to the Legislature over the next few years? Read this report.

Personally, we love to read stuff about legislative attempts to micro-manage the spending of money for various programs. Sometimes they do it in general ways in the budget bill. Other times they add intent language. For example, "It is the intent of the Legislature that total expenditures for the CALFED Bay-Delta Program (state funds and federal reimbursements in 2006-07) are allocated among the program's elements as follows....." (pp. 6-9). You have to love this stuff.

Most of our readers yawn when they think of studies and legislative intent language. Normally we join you in snoozing our way through the pages. In this case, however, a fast read of sections that interest you might give you some indication of what is headed your way in the months to come.

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