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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1210 without my signature.

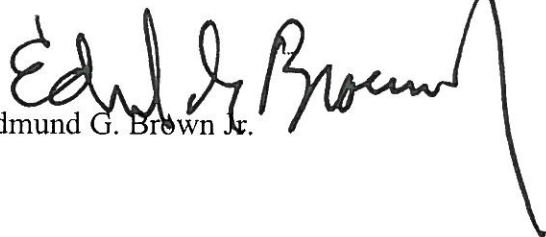
This bill would exempt licensed civil engineers from training requirements related to the preparation of Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plans.

Many of these storm plans are found to be deficient and those preparing them need a much better understanding of the necessary elements of a solid plan. It is not feasible to inspect every plan or every construction site but it is essential to have some process in place to ensure compliance in preparing complete and sound storm water plans.

The current process depends on a training education program for all professionals who prepare storm plans -- engineers, geologists, hydrologists, and landscape architects. This bill, a piecemeal approach, exempts only one profession, the civil engineers. A more comprehensive solution would be better.

I am directing the State Water Board to review the entire program and evaluate compliance alternatives that are more efficient and workable for all professionals.

Sincerely,

  
Edmund G. Brown Jr.