

Opinion: Water bond proposal full of leaks

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Anthony Rendon, a first-term Democrat from Southern California who chairs the Assembly's water committee, is proud of a water bond issue that he wrote after eight public hearings around the state, calling it "an open and transparent process" in contrast to the backroom deals that had marked previous water bonds.



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On Monday, his office touted it as "the only current bond proposal that has made it out of its house of origin ..." and declared that Tuesday's hearing in the Senate's water committee was the "perhaps final" airing before it reached the Senate floor.

Fat chance.

As soon as Rendon took his seat in the hearing room, he found his handiwork on the receiving end of sharp criticism from the Senate water committee's chairwoman, Sen. Fran Pavley, other senators and representatives of stakeholders in the notoriously fractious issue.

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