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Bill Analysis

HB 2503 provides that if a final action of the Water Resources Board is appealed, the applicant may take and use groundwater outlined in the application while any appeals are pending with the Board, in district court, or in the appellate courts. Additionally, the measure provides that if the statutory requirements for groundwater permits are fulfilled and the Board approved the application, any appeal to prohibit the use of such groundwater based solely on the industry or entity applying to use the water shall be presumed to have no genuine issue as to any material fact and shall be dismissed. The court is further authorized to impose sanctions against the appellant, the appellant's attorney, or both for filing such claims.

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