



Action Item: Adoption of Subcommittees

Background

Historically, the California Water Commission utilized subcommittees on a variety of topics that came before the Commission, in order to allow a small group of members to do more in-depth work on specific issue, and make recommendations to the full Commission.

Rules governing subcommittees were as follows:

3. Committees, Subcommittees

- a. The Commission may form subcommittees to consider specific matters and report back to the full Commission.*
- b. Any member of the Commission, whether appointed to such committee or not, is authorized to attend such proceedings and participate therein. Such attendance shall be in performance of the member's official duties.*

At the January 2011 meeting, the Commission discussed the possibility of utilizing subcommittees and agreed that creating subcommittees would be beneficial to the work of the commission.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends the Commission adopt and appoint members to the following subcommittees:

Annual Review of State Water Project - The subcommittee on the State Water Project would review the Operations and Construction of the State Water Project and hold responsibility for the State Water Project Report, due to the legislature annually. The subcommittee would also make recommendations to the full Commission on other activities related to the State Water Project. (WC § 161.5, 165, 166)

Rules and Regulations - The Rules and Regulations Committee would have primary responsibility to review and make recommendations to the full Commission on all DWR rules and regulations that come before the Commission for approval. (WC § 161)

Quantification of Public Benefits of Storage Projects

The subcommittee on Quantification of Public Benefits of Storage Projects would be responsible for work on “Quantification of Public Benefits of Storage Projects” as required of the Commission in SBX7-2, The Safe, Clean and Reliable Drinking Water Act of 2012. (SBX7-2 §79740-79745)

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