



Informational Item: Consideration of task order for consultant for Quantification of Public Benefits of Storage Projects

Background

To provide technical support in developing regulations for methods of quantification and management of public benefits (§ 79744), the Commission may wish to consider a task order to an existing Department of Water Resources (DWR) contract with CH2M Hill to provide technical consulting services and economic analysis.

The proposed task order would provide support to the Commission, as well as the Department of Fish and Game, the State Water Resources Control Board, and the Department of Water Resources as they work together to develop these regulations and develop measures for future investments in projects. The task order would be divided into several parts and stages, outlined below. Funding for the Task Order will be identified from within the Department of Water Resources current budget.

Task Order Outline	
1. Assist the Commission in identifying available tools and methods for quantification of public benefits	Start: May 2011 Completed: 1. June 2011
2. Provide input on how the various tools can be applied to different: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ types of public benefits▶ types of projects▶ size of projects	2. October 2011
3. Provide input in development of language for regulations and guidelines	3. February 2012

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends the Commission direct the Interim Executive Officer to proceed with development and processing of the task order.

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