



**Action Item:** Review Draft of Letter from Commission to Legislature and Administration on State Water Project operational issues and challenges and discussion with DWR Director

### **Background**

It is within the statutory responsibility of the California Water Commission to review and report on the construction and operation of the State Water Project annually (WC § 165).

At the January 2011 meeting State Water Project Deputy Director Ralph Torres briefed the Commission on the growing challenges facing the SWP including growing demands for water, aging infrastructure, environmental protection, job safety, and the need to recruit, retain and properly compensate highly skilled employees to operate and maintain the system. At the February 2011 meeting, the Commission heard an update from State Water Project staff on these issues.

The Commission directed the Interim Executive Officer to draft a letter supporting the State Water Project in finding a resolution to these issues. A letter to Secretary for Resources and the Director of the Department of Personnel Administration has been prepared for Commission approval.

*WC § 165. The California Water Commission shall conduct an annual review of the progress of construction and operation of the State Water Resources Development System, and shall make a report on its findings to the department and to the Legislature, together with whatever recommendations it deems appropriate.*

### **Staff Recommendation**

Staff recommends the Commission approve the letter to the Secretary for Natural Resources and the Director of the Department of Personnel Administration.

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