



Informational Item: Update on status of DWR's Industrial Process Water Regulations developed under SBX7-7, Water Conservation Bill of 2009

Background

In December 2010, the California Water Commission approved the Emergency Industrial Process Water Regulation. The regulation is necessary to implement the provision of SBX7-7 that "an urban retail water supplier that has a substantial percentage of industrial water use in its service area may exclude process water from the calculation of gross water use to avoid a disproportionate burden on another customer sector." (WC § 10608.24) The emergency regulation, which was submitted to the Office of Administrative Law, became effective on December 17, 2010 and will be in effect for 180 days (June 15, 2011).

In February 2011, the Commission adopted the draft Industrial Process Water Regulation package including, by incorporation by reference, the *Methodologies for Calculating Baseline and Compliance Urban Per Capita Water Use* and the Provisional Target Method known as Method 4. The rulemaking package was submitted to the Office of Administrative Law. Public hearings were held on April 13 and April 19, 2011.

Next Steps

DWR staff will now respond to public comments received and plan to present the regulation to the California Water Commission for final approval at the May 2011 meeting.

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