



Action Item: Approval of Final Industrial Process Water Regulations developed under SBX7-7, Water Conservation Bill of 2009 (including Public Comment)

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 is 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

The California Water Commission’s Rules and Regulations Committee will meet on May 11, 2011 to review and discuss the Permanent Industrial Process Water Regulations and hear public comment. Supplemental materials will be provided to the Commission if necessary.

Recommended Action

The Rules and Regulations Committee will recommend action to the full Commission at the May 18 meeting.

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