



Federal Appropriations Committee report
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Background

The Federal Appropriations Committee met on August 8, 2011 in Sacramento. Topics discussed included 1) federal funding and crediting for flood and water management projects and programs including Section 104 credit for flood control and Section 408 approval for flood control projects; 2) the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' policy of levee vegetation; and 3) federal appropriations for California water and flood projects. Committee Chair Paul Kelley will report back to the Commission on these discussions.

Commission Member Kelley identified several actions that could be taken by the full Commission in response to various federal policy and appropriations issues including:

- 1) Receive ongoing briefings from DWR staff on key issues;
- 2) Support DWR's efforts to support California flood and water projects and activities and, when appropriate, advise the Director on other possible actions;
- 3) Engage with local entities and other state agencies to identify issues and impacts of federal policies, and provide support for other partner and coalition efforts;
- 4) Respond to policies, issues or proposals directly and/or as signatory on correspondence to Congress and the Administration;
- 5) Direct role for CWC members to contact or meet with Congress, the Administration and other appropriate entities

Executive Officer Sue Sims will work with DWR staff to keep the Commission informed of these issues and to identify areas of opportunity for the Commission to make its views known to the appropriate individuals and agencies.

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