



**Update on DWR activities regarding Quantification of Public Benefits of Storage Projects**

At the February 16 and March 16 Commission meetings, DWR provided information on its work to develop technical information and economic analysis that could support future activities to quantify public benefits of storage projects and develop measures for future investments. Staff also provided a schedule for the work activities, which includes participation by the Department of Fish and Game, the State Water Resources Control Board, and other agencies and individuals.

DWR will give a status report on its work to identify methods to quantify public benefits of water storage projects and provide an update on the progress made by the Department of Fish and Game, and the State Water Resources Control Board to develop a list of priorities for ecosystem and water quality improvements.

**Background**

In consultation with the Department of Fish and Game, the State Water Resources Control Board and the Department of Water Resources, the Commission is required to develop and adopt regulations for methods for quantification of public benefits by December 15, 2012.

The information and analytical work being developed by DWR is expected to help develop tools and methods that will have broad applicability to evaluate public benefits of water storage and future investments. Two Commission workshops – held September 14 and planned for October 25 -- are further examining the needs, options and outlook for water storage in California, including criteria for evaluating public benefits.

**Recommended Action**

Informational item. No action needed.

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