



Action Item: Adoption of Committees and proposed committee assignments

Background

On February 16, 2011, the California Water Commission adopted "[Internal Rules and Guidelines for Activities of the Commission.](#)"

Rules governing Committees are as follows:

3. Committees

- A. The Commission may form committees to consider specific matters and report back to the full Commission.
- B. Any member of the Commission, whether appointed to such committee or not, is authorized to attend such proceedings and participate therein. Such attendance shall be in performance of the member's official duties.
- C. Members shall be appointed annually to serve on committees at the time of the election of the chair and vice chair
- D. In 2011, the Commission created four committees:

State Water Project Review

This Committee conducts an annual review of the construction, operation and maintenance of the State Water Project. The Commission submits the review annually to the Legislature and the Department of Water Resources. The committee could also receive input, hold hearings and make appropriate recommendations to the Commission on other SWP issues, including the adoption of a resolution of necessity before the Department of Water Resources could commence an eminent domain proceeding or with regard to naming facilities. (Did not meet in 2011)

Rules and Regulations

This committee meets as necessary to consider requests by Department of Water Resources to approve regulations or take action on other significant issues. The committee could also make recommendations on the Commission's administrative and operational matters. (Met on May 11, 2011 and June 7, 2011)

Water Storage Projects

This committee investigates, receives public input, and makes recommendations to the full Commission regarding the regulations on the public benefits of water storage projects as required by SBX7-2, the Safe, Clean and Reliable Drinking Water Act. The committee may also gather information on various

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proposed storage projects. (Did not meet separately as a Committee, but did sponsor two public workshops on this issue on September 14, 2011 and October 25, 2011)

Federal Appropriations for California Water and Flood Control Projects

This committee considers information on matters of planning, construction and operation of federal water development and flood control projects in California. As part of its duties, the committee or its members may consult with federal and local agencies and officials, and participate in conferences and hearings. The committee is responsible for making recommendations to the full Commission, which advises the Department and the Governor, and present its views to Congressional committees hearing requests for appropriations for flood control projects. (WC § 12602, 12604.3) (Met on August 8, 2011)

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