

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
CALIFORNIA NATURAL RESOURCES AGENCY
CALIFORNIA WATER COMMISSION

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 2012-27

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE PERMANENT AGRICULTURAL WATER
MEASUREMENT REGULATION

WHEREAS, pursuant to Water Code section 161, California Water Commission approval is required before any regulation adopted by the Department of Water Resources shall become effective; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Water Code section 10608.48(i), the Department of Water Resources is required to adopt a Permanent Agricultural Water Measurement Regulation following codification of the Emergency Agricultural Water Measurement Regulation; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Water Resources has conducted multiple agricultural stakeholder committee meetings in development of said Regulation and conducted a 45-day public comment period and subsequently five 15-day public comment periods in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act; and

WHEREAS, adoption of said Regulation is critical in order for agricultural water suppliers to implement efficient water management practices on or before July 31, 2012 as required by Water Code section 10608.48; and

WHEREAS, adoption of said Regulation is critical in order for agricultural water suppliers to submit agricultural water management plans to the Department of Water Resources by December 31, 2012 as required by Water Code section 10820; and

WHEREAS, following adoption by the California Water Commission and an additional 15-day public comment period, this Regulation may be submitted to the Office of Administrative Law for review and considered for acceptance into the California Code of Regulations, Title 23, Division 2, Chapter 5.1, Article 2, Sections 597, 597.1, 597.2, 597.3 and 597.4.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the California Water Commission:

Adopts the Permanent Agricultural Water Measurement Regulation, as approved at their meeting of June 20, 2012.

Additionally, if no additional substantive changes to those portions of the Permanent Agricultural Water Measurement Regulation that are the subject of the 15-day public comment period are necessary following the public comment period, the Commission expressly authorizes Department of Water Resources staff to proceed with submission of the final regulation to the Office of Administrative Law. Furthermore, if the Department of Water Resources determines additional processing time is required, staff is authorized to withdraw the rule for an additional 10 days and then resubmit it to OAL for an expedited review.

Signed:

Anthony Saracino, Chair
California Water Commission

Date

Attest:

Sue Sims, Executive Officer
California Water Commission

Date