



Update on DWR's Federal Advocacy program

Background

The California Water Commission's statutory duties include presenting to the appropriations committees of Congress its views on flood control projects in California and conferring with the appropriate executive agencies regarding the planning, construction and operation of federal water development and flood control projects.

Prior to the appointment of the current Commission in 2010, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) staff had taken over many these responsibilities. In 2011, the Commission began coordinating with DWR on federal advocacy issues. Currently, DWR is reviewing its federal advocacy program. At this meeting, DWR will make presentation to the Commission on proposals to reorganize and strengthen the program.

WC § 12602. ...where the appropriations committees of the Congress are hearing requests for appropriations for flood control projects being planned or constructed in California under the jurisdiction of the United States Army Corps of Engineers, or reclamation projects being planned or constructed in California by the Bureau of Reclamation, United States Department of the Interior, the California Water Commission shall present its views. Prior to making such presentation, the commission shall consult with interested local, state, and federal agencies, and may on request report to the committees the views of any county, city, state agency, or public district regarding such appropriations. The commission may, on request, represent any local agencies before such committees.

WC § 12604.3. In matters concerning the coordination of planning, construction, and operation of federal water development and flood control projects in the State of California with state and local projects, the California Water Commission shall advise the department, and the Governor, and to this end may confer with the appropriate executive agencies of the United States.

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