



Briefing on DWR Groundwater Program and California Water Plan Groundwater Enhancements

Background

Department of Water Resources (DWR) Program Managers Dan McManus and Abdul Khan will brief the Commission on DWR's groundwater program and the groundwater content enhancement in the California Water Plan Update 2013.

DWR provides a variety of programs and services including California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring (CASGEM) a new groundwater monitoring system developed in response to the 2009 comprehensive water legislation. Other ongoing programs include Bulletin 118, a comprehensive report on California groundwater updated regularly and an online database that provides groundwater information to the public. DWR also provides local groundwater assistance grants, funded by the Proposition 84 bond, to local agencies to conduct groundwater studies or carry out groundwater monitoring and management activities.

As part of the Water Plan Update, DWR is providing new information about groundwater issues. Specifically, the objective of the Plan's groundwater content enhancement is to:

Expand information about statewide and regional groundwater conditions to better inform groundwater management actions and policies through compilation and summarization of data and analysis.

This effort will include compiling groundwater information, summarizing conditions and management activity, identifying data gaps, estimating annual change in groundwater storage and presenting case studies. DWR is also working to identify potential for conjunctive management of groundwater, groundwater banking and integrated flood management, and developing preliminary sustainability indicators.

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