



Public Benefits Workshop: Strategies for Future State Investments in the Public Benefits of Water Projects

Background

The purpose of the public workshop is to hear additional information regarding methods to evaluate the public benefits of water projects and discuss how this information could support strategies for future state investments. The workshop will also provide an opportunity to hear public comment and input on water projects investments and benefits, and other related issues.

Scheduled speakers are:

Dale Hoffman- Floerke, Chief Deputy Director, Department of Water Resources will speak on the importance of public investments to for projects that improve ecosystems, water quality, flood protection and other public benefits.

Steve Piper, Natural Resource Economist, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation will present information on how his agency analyzes the complexity of benefits quantification and cost allocation when considering federal investments in water projects. *Note: Because of recently-imposed travel restrictions due to federal budget issues, Dr. Piper's presentation will be via webcast from the Bureau of Reclamation's office in Denver, Colorado.*

Tim Quinn, Executive Director, Association of California Water Agencies will discuss the need for investments in California's water infrastructure and strategies for funding public and non-public benefits.

Dave Cogdill, Former Senator and Water Commission member and current Stanislaus County Assessor, authored SBX7-2 the proposed water bond bill and will provide perspective on water storage projects and their public benefits.

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