



Case Study of the Public Benefits of a Proposed Water Storage Project

Background

SB X7-2, the Safe, Clean and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act, requires the California Water Commission to develop methods for quantifying and managing the public benefits associated with eligible water storage projects if the proposed water bond act is approved by voters in the November 4, 2014 election.

The Commission is continuing its work to consider the various options and quantification methods for public benefits including ecosystem, water quality, recreation, flood, and emergency storage benefits. At the July meeting, information regarding the anticipated public benefits of the proposed Sites Reservoir in Colusa County will be presented. The current draft definitions and methodologies to evaluate public benefits will be discussed in the context of this proposed project, but no final action will be taken at the meeting. The Commission plans to have additional presentations on other water storage projects in the future to help inform its decisions.

Thad Bettner, General Manager for Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District and DWR staff will discuss the proposed Sites Reservoir project including its anticipated public benefits.

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