

Briefing on State Water Project Organizational Structure

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DWR Establishment

- * 1956 DWR established by **Legislature**
- * 1960 Burns-Porter Act approved by **Voters**
- * 1961 Davis-Dolwig Act passed by **Legislature**

Mission: To manage the water resources of California in cooperation with other agencies, to benefit the State's people, and to protect, restore, and enhance the natural and human environments



DWR Responsibilities

- * Water delivery
- * Flood protection
- * Safety of dams
- * Recreation
- * Fish & wildlife enhancement
- * Local assistance
- * CERS



Considerations

- * Multipurpose project
- * Contracting constraints
- * Labor constraints
- * State administrative controls
- * Complex energy environment
- * Infrastructure age



Key Reports

- * Little Hoover Commission (Aug 2010)
- * Public Policy Institute of California (Feb 2011)
- * Others by SWP related organizations
- * Numerous other reports prior to Aug 2010



Models

- * Joint Powers Authority (JPA)
- * Public Benefit Corporation (PBC)
- * Special Legislative Authority (SLA)



Examples

- * CAISO
- * CalPERS
- * State Court System
- * UC System
- * California Medical Board
- * SLDM Water Authority
- * High Speed Rail Authority
- * Central Arizona Water Conservation District
- * Tennessee Valley Authority