



## Discussion of Potential Next Steps Regarding Small Water Systems Workshop

### Background

On March 3, 2014 in San Diego, the Commission held a Workshop on Small Water Systems focusing on the challenges facing small water systems in rural, urban, and disadvantaged communities. Many state agencies are working diligently on drought response actions this year, and the Commission is particularly interested in addressing the disproportionate impact of the drought on some small communities. At the workshop, representatives from DWR and the National Integrated Drought Information System (NIDIS) Drought Pilot discussed current drought conditions, the effect of drought on community water systems, and projects to provide communities with better drought information. Representatives of small, rural, and disadvantaged community water systems discussed the challenges faced by these systems, the work they are doing to address these challenges, and how the Commission, DWR, and the State could help.

At this meeting, the Commission will discuss potential next steps on the issues discussed at this workshop. Potential next steps include:

- Small Water Systems Workshop in Northern California
- Discussion with DWR and stakeholders on the implementation of the next round of IRWM grant funding
- Summary of workshop proceedings, to share the discussions and information from the Workshops with a broader audience
- Identify and support opportunities to provide funding and/or technical assistance to disadvantaged communities, and small urban and rural communities

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