



Follow-up Discussion on the Staff Draft Regulations and Guidelines for the Quantification and Management of Public Benefits of Water Storage Projects

Issue

At the March 2014 meeting, DWR and its consultants reviewed the public comments received to date on the staff draft regulations and guidelines for the Quantification and Management of Public Benefits of Water Storage Benefits. The Commission requested additional discussion and recommendations for the composition and roles of expert technical panels that would evaluate proposed water storage proposals for consideration by the Water Commission. At this meeting, DWR will present additional information and options to the Commission on this subject.

Background

The Safe, Clean and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2009 (Water Code Section 74744), requires the California Water Commission to develop and adopt, by regulation, methods for the quantification and management of public benefits associated with eligible water storage projects. Although this section of the Water Code will not become operative unless and until a water bond is approved by California voters, the Commission has begun evaluating existing research and analytical work, and discussing a variety of associated policy issues on the subject. It is intended that the Commission's work on this issue will also provide useful information, policy guidance, and direction that could support other future State activities and investments related to water storage projects. In November 2013, the Commission solicited public comment and suggestions on the current staff draft of the regulation and guidelines and received several comment letters that are available for review on the Commission's website. This was not part of a formal rulemaking process but an opportunity to get additional input for consideration.

Attachment

Staff Recommendations

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