



**Briefing on Joint Powers Agreement Relating to the  
Operation and Maintenance of the East Branch Extension**

**Background**

The Commission has expressed great interest in opportunities, projects, and programs that can improve the efficiency and cost-effective operations of the State Water Project, including meaningful discussion and evaluating all options for organizational changes and improvements to the project's operational practices.

For example, in 2012 and 2013, the Commission urged action to address a serious recruitment and retention crisis because of significant salary gaps between many SWP job classifications and their counterparts in other public and private utilities. Issues of worker and public safety at SWP facilities have been another Commission focus. At several Commission meetings, members have also requested that SWP officials provide information on and evaluate a range of options for organizational changes and improvements to the SWP construction, operations, maintenance, and governance practices.

At this meeting, SWP Deputy Director Carl Torgersen will update the Commission members on the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) between the SWP, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District, and San Geronio Pass Water Agency.

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