



Briefing on Consideration of Climate Change in Water Resources Planning

Background

Climate change creates critical challenges for California water resources management. Because of this fact, climate change management is one of five core values of the California Department of Water Resources (DWR).

Since the late 1980's, DWR has analyzed climate change impacts to California's water resources. Currently, DWR performs a wide range of climate change activities, including support for climate change analysis and adaptation planning by local and regional water managers, funding for climate change monitoring and research, and the development of comprehensive water sector policies and management practices to. DWR is also addressing climate change for programs, projects, and other activities over which it has direct control through its Climate Action Plan.

At this meeting, DWR staff will brief the Commission on a variety of climate change topics. Specifically, Assistant Deputy Director John Andrew, will provide an overview of DWR's Climate Change Program and its interactions within State government and with external stakeholders. Elissa Lynn, Climate Change Program Manager, will focus on climate science and the impacts of climate change in California, and DWR's Climate Action Plan. Andrew Schwarz, Senior Engineer, will discuss some of the key tools and resources used by DWR in climate change analysis for planning purposes. This is an informational item.

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