



Briefing on Article 21 Water

Background

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) manages the State Water Project (SWP) to deliver water to contractors throughout California. The amount of water received by each contractor each year is determined by multiple factors, including the contractor's maximum allotment (referred to as Table A amounts) and available water supply. In many years, SWP contractors only receive a portion of their Table A amounts because there is not enough water available to fulfill all Table A requests. However, during years when water supply exceeds SWP contractors' total entitlements, Article 21 water may be made available. "Article 21" refers to Article 21 of the SWP long-term water supply contracts, which states that DWR will offer to sell and deliver surplus water during the year in which the surplus is available.

At the Commission's December 2017 meeting, Water Storage Investment Program (WSIP) applicants presented overviews of their proposed projects to the Commission. During those presentations, some applicants referred to Article 21 water as a potential water source for their projects. In response, the Commission requested further information on Article 21 water and its relation to new water storage projects.

At this meeting, Tasmin Eusuff, with DWR's SWP Analysis Office, will provide an overview of Article 21 water, how it is allocated, and its potential availability for water storage projects.

This is an informational item.

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