STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD BOARD MEETING SESSION – DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY AGUST 2, 2016

ITEM 7

SUBJECT

REPORT FROM THE STATEWIDE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON COOLING WATER INTAKE STRUCTURES WITH RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULES CONTAINED IN THE ONCE-THROUGH COOLING WATER POLICY.

DISCUSSION

The Water Quality Control Policy on the Use of Coastal and Estuarine Waters for Power Plant Cooling (Policy) requires the Statewide Advisory Committee on Cooling Water Intake Structures (SACCWIS) to annually provide its recommendations to the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board). The committee is designated to advise the State Water Board on the implementation of the Policy to ensure that the implementation plans and schedules for the facilities covered by this Policy are realistic and will not disrupt the State's electrical power supply.

At the April 18, 2016 SACCWIS meeting, SACCWIS members heard a presentation on the Draft 2016 SACCWIS Report. The 2016 SACCWIS Report was adopted by the committee members. The purpose of this informational item is for the SACCWIS, represented by the California Energy Commission SACCWIS member Mr. Robert Oglesby, to present the 2016 SACCWIS Report to the State Water Board. The 2016 SACCWIS Report identifies SACCWIS' conclusions and recommendations regarding the Policy's implementation schedule. At this time SACCWIS does not recommend a change to the implementation schedule set forth in the Policy Report.

POLICY ISSUE

None. This is an informational item.

FISCAL IMPACT

None. This is an informational item.

REGIONAL BOARD IMPACT

None. This is an informational item.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

None. This is an informational item.

State Water Board action on this item will assist the Water Boards in reaching Goal 6 of the Strategic Plan Update: 2008-2012 to enhance consistency. In particular, approval of this item will assist in fulfilling Objective 6.1 to target consistency improvements in process and policy for Water Board enforcement activities to promote compliance.