STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD BOARD MEETING SESSION – DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY SEPTEMBER 19, 2023

ITEM 6

SUBJECT

WATER SUPPLY STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE.

DISCUSSION

The Governor's <u>Water Supply Strategy</u>, "Adapting to a Hotter, Drier Future," published in August 2022, outlines California's strategy and priority actions to adapt and protect water supplies based on new data and accelerated climate change. The Water Supply Strategy establishes new 2030 and 2040 targets for water conservation, production and use of recycled water, brackish groundwater and seawater desalination, and stormwater capture and use, as well as specific actions to promote water security to prepare California for its new climate reality. To achieve these goals, the Water Supply Strategy directs state agencies, including the Water Boards, to implement actions centered around the following four themes:

- Develop new water through recycling and desalination.
- Reduce use of water in cities and on farms through more efficient water use and conservation.
- Improve all water management actions with better data, forecasting, conveyance, and administration of water rights.
- Capture and save more stormwater, above ground and below ground.

State Water Board and Department of Water Resources staff will provide an overview of specific actions and targets, implementation progress, outreach, and upcoming milestones for the Water Supply Strategy.

POLICY ISSUE
None.
FISCAL IMPACT
None.
REGIONAL BOARD IMPACT
None.
STAFF RECOMMENDATION

None.