

DROUGHT WORKSHOP AGENDA

Public Workshop Regarding the Temporary Urgency Change Petition for the Central Valley and State Water Projects and State Water Board Water Availability Actions

February 18 & 19, 2014

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is holding a workshop to receive input on its drought-related activities affecting water rights holders. To assist workshop participants, below are some of the issues that the State Water Board is interested in receiving input on:

Temporary Urgency Change Order (Order) for the Central Valley Project and State Water Project

Is there additional information the Board should consider related to the following findings?

- 1) Is there an urgent need for the changes? Are the changes necessary to maximize the beneficial use of water? Are there any modifications to the Order that should be made to maximize the beneficial use of water?
- 2) Will the changes injure any other lawful user of water?
- 3) Will the changes have an unreasonable effect on fish, wildlife, or other instream beneficial uses?
- 4) Are the changes in the public interest?

In particular, the State Water Board is interested in the following questions:

- 5) Are there any additional modifications that should be made to the Order?
- 6) Is there additional information not provided in the TUCP that would better inform the State Water Board's findings?
- 7) What "triggers" (such as Delta salinity) would support opening the Delta Cross Channel Gates?
- 8) Should the method used to calculate Net Delta Outflow be adjusted during extended dry periods to better inform measures needed to protect Delta salinity (such as opening the Delta Cross Channel gates)? Specifically, should methods used to estimate in-Delta consumptive use during extended dry periods be adjusted?
- 9) How should the quantity of water conserved through changes authorized by the Order be calculated? How should the water be used?
- 10) Based on current reservoir storage and forecasted snowmelt, how much water will be available for Sacramento River temperature control, north of Delta settlement contractor deliveries, and carryover storage in the event of another dry year?
- 11) What other measures, such as barriers in the Delta, may be needed to protect health and safety and maximize the protection of beneficial uses?

Curtailment Notices

- 12) How should the Board prioritize its analysis of watersheds to determine whether to issue curtailment notices, and any subsequent enforcement activities?
- 13) How should the State Water Board determine, measure, and enforce Health and Safety limits for junior domestic water rights holders?
- 14) Are there other reasonable use exceptions that should be made in the application of the water rights priority system?
- 15) What minimum flows and reservoir levels are needed for health and safety throughout the summer months, and should this be factored into determinations on whether to curtail?
- 16) Should all water right holders in some watersheds be required to limit diversions to protect instream beneficial uses under the reasonable use and public trust doctrines? If so, how should the State Water Board determine what flows are necessary?

Agenda

Tuesday, February 18, 2014 – 9:00 a.m.

- Opening Remarks by State Water Board Chair and Board Members
- Opening Remarks by Gordon Burns, Undersecretary for California Environmental Protection Agency, and Janelle Beland, Undersecretary for California Natural Resources Agency
- State Water Board Staff Introduction (Staff Panel)
 - Temporary Urgency Change Petition (TUCP) for the Central Valley Project and State Water Project
 - Curtailment Notices
 - Other Requests for Transfers and Change Petitions (Russian River TUCP)
 - FERC Hydropower Project Flows
- Department of Water Resources and U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Presentation (Panel)
 - Statewide Hydrologic Conditions
 - TUCP for the Central Valley Project and State Water Project
 - Transfers
- Department of Fish and Wildlife, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Fisheries Presentation (Panel)
 - Statewide Issues
 - TUCP for the Central Valley Project and State Water Projects
- Real Time Drought Operations Team
- Comments from the Public (**parties with similar interests are encouraged to form panels**)

Wednesday, February 19, 2014 – 9:00 a.m.

- Comments from the Public to be continued, if necessary

A detailed agenda for the Wednesday, February 26, 2014, workshop will be available in the future.