Potential Updates to Water Rights Fees for FERC Projects

Water Rights Fees Stakeholder Meeting July 31, 2025

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Follow Up to Potential Fee Updates for Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Projects

- Three conceptual proposals introduced at June 11th meeting:
 - Increasing Fees for Amendments
 - Creating a New Fee for When the Board is California Environmental Quality Act Lead Agency
 - Temporary Suspension of Fees during pre-licensing phase
- Board received positive feedback on proposal for temporary suspension of fees during pre-licensing phase when:
 - A Notice of Intent (NOI) has been filed; and
 - A draft or final license application is not submitted within five years of the NOI

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- Plan to proceed with proposal for the temporary suspension
- May consider other two proposals at a future time