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Senate Bill SBx7-7 2009

LATEST NEWS

Notice of Proposed Emergency Regulation on Industrial Process Water. On December 6th, DWR will submit a proposed emergency regulation on industrial process water to the Office of Administrative Law. The public comment period is December 6th through December 10th. For more information, [click here](#).

2010 Urban Water Management Plans Workshops

- **January 5, 2011 Webinar.** 9:30am - 12:00pm. Webinar log-in information will be available soon. This webinar will focus on [Methodologies for Calculating Baseline and Compliance Urban Per Capita Water Use](#).
- **December 16, 2010 Webinar.** 9:30am - 12:30pm. Webinar log-in information and meeting materials will be available soon. This webinar will focus on a suggested format for the UWMPs and changes in plan requirements since 2005.
- **November 30, 2010 Webinar.** [Click here](#) to listen to a recording of the webinar.

The UWMP workshop scheduled for December 15th has been postponed. More information in Urban Water Management Plans can be [found here](#).

Methodologies Document Released: The Department of Water Resources has released "*Technical Methodologies for Calculating Urban Water Use Targets*". [More information](#).

MEETING SCHEDULE CHANGES

Please note that there have been changes to the meeting schedule for the months of October, November, and December. The revised schedule is posted on the Public Participation Calendar, as well as all project pages.

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Senate Bill x7-7 was enacted in November 2009, requiring all water suppliers to increase water use efficiency. Below are the highlights of this legislation, divided into two sectors, Urban Water Conservation and Agricultural Water Conservation.

The bill also requires, among other things, that the Department of Water Resources, in consultation with other state agencies, develop a single standardized water use reporting form, which would be used by both urban and agricultural water agencies.

Urban Water Conservation

The legislation sets an overall goal of reducing per capita urban water use by 20% by December 31, 2020. The state shall make incremental progress towards this goal by reducing per capita water use by at least 10% by December 31, 2015.

- Each urban retail water supplier shall develop water use targets and an interim water use target by July 1, 2011.
- An urban retail water supplier shall include in its water management plan due July 2011 the baseline daily per capita water use, water use target, interim water use target, and compliance daily per capita water use. The Department of Water resources, through a public process and in consultation with the California Urban Water Conservation Council, shall develop technical methodologies and criteria for the consistent implementation of this part
- The Department of Water Resources shall adopt regulations for implementation of the provisions relating to process water.
- A Commercial, Institutional, Industrial (CII) task force is to be established that will develop and implement urban best management practices for statewide water savings.
- Effective 2016, urban retail water suppliers who do not meet the water conservation requirements established by this bill are not eligible for state water grants or loans.

Agricultural Water Conservation

- Agricultural water suppliers shall prepare and adopt agricultural water management plans by December 31, 2012, and update those plans by December 31, 2015, and every 5 years thereafter.
- On or before July 31, 2012, agricultural water suppliers shall:
 - Measure the volume of water delivered to customers. The Department of Water Resources shall adopt regulations that provide for a range of options that agricultural water suppliers may use to comply with the measurement requirement.
 - Adopt a pricing structure for water customers based at least in part on quantity delivered.

- > Implement additional efficient management practices.
- Effective 2013, agricultural water suppliers who do not meet the water management planning requirements established by this bill are not eligible for state water grants or loans.