

ITEM: 18

SUBJECT: Update of Drinking Water Policy Development

BOARD ACTION: This is an informational item.

BACKGROUND: The Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta provides drinking water for two thirds of the people in California. The 2000 CALFED Record of Decision identified the need for a Drinking Water Policy (Policy) for the Delta and upstream tributaries. In the 2002 Implementation MOU for the CALFED Drinking Water Quality Program, the Central Valley Water Board (Board), in consultation with DPH, SWRCB and USEPA, was given primary responsibility for developing the Policy. A Central Valley Drinking Water Policy Workgroup was formed, comprised of federal and state agencies, drinking water agencies, and wastewater, municipal storm water and agricultural interests. Workgroup members have provided funding as well as received grant funding to conduct technical studies and analytical modeling to support Policy development.

The Board committed to development of the Policy in Resolution R5-2004-0091 and later in Resolution R5-2010-0079. The 2010 Resolution also documented progress to date, provided direction for future actions and set deadlines for interim deliverables associated with Policy development by July 2013.

Since the 2010 Resolution, staff has coordinated with the Workgroup to complete the grant funded technical studies and analytical modeling. Staff is now coordinating the completion of a Workgroup Synthesis Report of work done since the initiation of the Workgroup to support Policy development.

Staff has worked closely with the Workgroup to develop the draft Policy Outline and Work Plan/Funding Proposal as required by the 2010 Resolution. The following issues will likely be highlighted by Workgroup members:

- Need for MOU between Water Boards and DPH regarding source water quality protection
- Need to refine analytical models
- Need for scientific process to evaluate pathogen levels

RECOMMENDATION: This is an informational item.

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