

ITEM: 6

SUBJECT: **2015 Board Meeting Calendar**

BOARD ACTION: ***Consideration of dates and locations for regular Board meetings in 2015***

BACKGROUND: The California Water Code requires that the Regional Board conduct at least six regular meetings each calendar year. The proposed schedule plans for six, two-day regular Board meetings spread throughout the year, plus one special Board meeting in March for a Climate Change workshop.

ISSUES: Frequency of Board meetings. For several years the Board has scheduled six meetings per year, with additional meetings added to deal with special workloads or the need to hold meetings in specific geographic areas. More Board meetings can allow the Board to be more responsive to certain issues, but additional Board meetings also create additional commitments for voluntary Board members and additional workload for Board staff. Fewer Board meetings, however, mean that more agenda items are scheduled for each meeting, making the individual meetings longer.

Board meeting locations. In recent years most Board meetings have been held in Rancho Cordova. Holding meetings in Rancho Cordova generally reduces the total cost of the meeting by minimizing the number of staff who travel to the Board meeting. Rancho Cordova is also relatively centered in the Region, reducing the maximum distance people have to travel to the Board meetings. Also, meetings in Rancho Cordova are now webcast, allowing people to view the meeting without travel. However, Rancho Cordova is still a considerable distance from northern and southern parts of the Region, making it difficult for some people to attend meetings. The proposed schedule includes meetings in Fresno and Redding areas primarily to address the issue of public access to Board meetings.

All proposed dates are for Thursday/Friday meetings except for the proposed March 12 Climate Change workshop, which is Thursday only.

The exact dates and locations can be adjusted as the year progresses by the Chair and Executive Officer to address Board quorum, workload and other issues.

RECOMMENDATION Approve the proposed 2015 Board meeting schedule.

**PROPOSED DATES AND LOCATIONS FOR REGIONAL BOARD MEETINGS IN 2015**

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>February 5, 6</b>	<b>Rancho Cordova</b>
<b>March 12</b>	<b>Sacramento, Climate Change workshop i</b>
<b>April 9, 10</b>	<b>Fresno</b>
<b>June 4,5</b>	<b>Rancho Cordova</b>
<b>July 30, 31</b>	<b>Rancho Cordova</b>
<b>October 1, 2</b>	<b>Redding</b>
<b>December 10, 11</b>	<b>Rancho Cordova</b>