

BAY AREA WATER SUPPLY AND CONSERVATION AGENCY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Agenda Title: Water System Improvement Program (WSIP)

SFPUC Notice of Changes to the Water System Improvement Program: On July 12, 2011, the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) adopted a revised Water System Improvement Program (WSIP) which included revisions to the WSIP project scopes, schedules and budgets.

BAWSCA Chair Pierce and CEO Art Jensen testified at the July 12th SFPUC meeting. The Commission's action incorporated BAWSCA's recommendations summarized in a memorandum distributed to the Board on July 13th.

In accordance with AB 1823, the Wholesale Regional Water System Security and Reliability Act, the SFPUC has notified the Chair of the California Seismic Safety Commission and Director of the California Department of Public Health of this action. A copy of this notification was emailed to members of the Board on August 8th.

The Seismic Safety Commission and Department of Public Health are to review the changes and produce a written report within 90 days stating the significance of the changes with respect to public health and safety.

BAWSCA will keep the Board apprised of further communications and the State's comments on the SFPUC's report. Further information will be presented at the September 15th Board meeting.

SFPUC Annual Progress Report to the State: Pursuant to State Water Code, on September 1, 2011, the SFPUC submitted its FY 2010-11 Annual WSIP Progress Report to the Chair and Vice Chair of the Joint Legislative Audit Committee, the Chair of the California Seismic Safety Commission, and the Director of the California Department of Public Health. The purpose of the Annual Report is to describe the progress made on the implementation of the WSIP during the previous fiscal year. BAWSCA is reviewing the Annual Report and will document its findings and comments for the record.

SFPUC Report on Proposed Actions Affecting the WSIP Level of Service Goals: In February 2011, as part of its action to adopt the Calaveras Dam Environmental Impact Report, the Commission responded to comments by BAWSCA and directed its staff to report back by August 31, 2011, on what actions are proposed to replace the amount of water supply dedicated to in-stream flows pursuant to the environmental regulatory permits issued for the Calaveras Dam and Lower Crystal Springs Dam Improvements Project. This report has been slightly delayed but is expected this month. BAWSCA is interested in this report because the information presented in it will be critically important to the SFPUC's decisions about the WSIP and its ability to meet the Water Supply Level of Service Goals upon completion of the WSIP.