

Water Conservation Bills: AB 1668; SB 606

Purpose: To advocate and provide input and feedback to DWR which will help the recommendations for the upcoming legislation be representative of our water District, the Regional Mountain, Rural water districts, and our County. To gather information for the District to keep us apprised of upcoming changes in guidelines, rules, procedures, policy, and planning which will need to be effected.

Some of the key workgroups I regularly attend and participate in with DWR/SWRCB-

- Water Use
- Landscape Area Management
- Water Supply and Demand Assessment (*District Stakeholder Representative*)
- UWMP Guidebook
- County Drought Advisory Group

Workgroup attendances:

Water Use Studies Workgroup

Reminder:

| DWR Studies | Legislated Deadlines |
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| Indoor Residential Water Use – Report to Legislature on current standard and recommendations | January 1, 2021 |
| Outdoor Landscape Area information (related) | January 1, 2021 |
| Outdoor Water Use Standard | October 1, 2021 |
| Variances | October 1, 2021 |
| CII Large Landscapes Dedicated Meters | October 1, 2021 |
| CII Classification and Performance Measures | October 1, 2021 |
| Objectives Guidelines and Methodology | October 1, 2021 |
| <i>Waterboard Regulations</i> | <i>June 30, 2022</i> |



Background:

- W.C. 10609.4 (a) sets indoor water use **standards** for **2025**, **2030**, and **beyond 2030**
- Authority to change the **Indoor Standard** resides with Legislature
- Water supplier sets their Objective:

Objective = (**IndoorR** + OutdoorR + Large Landscapes, Loss) + Variances + Bonus Incentives

but....

Is Water Code 10609.4(a) an appropriate standard?



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Covered: New Indoor Residential Water Use Study, including study scope, sampling strategy, and approach to the monthly, hourly, and end-use disaggregation analyses that will be used to develop estimates of baseline indoor residential water use.

Goal is to find an estimate of Gallons of water used per person per day indoors.

Key Methodology -

- Estimate based on Census tract data (so like - census areas will be matched)
- Currently there are very few meters that are for indoors and outdoors, so outdoor usage must be estimated and subtracted to yield indoor numbers
- Winter season is the best time period to use with less outdoor irrigation/water usage.

Information to share:

I had questions on the methodology of the study that impact the calculations of residential water use which may adversely affect our area.

The study continues to move forward and guidelines will come out of this workgroup with water use recommendations

ACWA Summer Conference:

Key Information:

1. Staff recommendation

Keep track of expenses related to Public Safety Power Shut Offs and COVID related expenses/losses Code them specifically if you can for tracking

There may be legislature coming forward with funding to help cover these costs

2. Emergency Management/Preparedness

This should be interwoven with everything we do in the District. Polices, budgeting , etc..

3. Vendor Information

Vendor exhibits are still continuing - report out on these next month.

Grant Committee

Information on grant opportunities for emergency preparedness from the US Bureau of reclamation was obtained at ACWA conference

Follow up with Adam Brown - re EDCWA grant funding

UWMP

Plan on having meetings with Adam this month to help work on the new legislative, State reporting, and information for our updated UWMP.