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500 W. Temple St., Los Angeles

Subject - The Draft Water Resiliency Portfolio and Setting Priorities for a November Water Bond

Governor Newsom's draft Water Resiliency Portfolio is a suite of over 100 recommended actions to help the state cope with extreme drought and floods, aging infrastructure, declining fish populations and other challenges.

This month's Water Dialogue explored the process of finalizing the Portfolio, proposed stakeholder revisions, the potential impact of actions on Southern California, and how the Portfolio may shape a proposed November water bond.

Erik Ekdahl talked about what was in the proposal. Rich Nagel discussed how Water resiliency will attempt to use recycled water to ensure reliability. He said he thought that 1.6 million acre feet could be obtained through recycling, but that the portfolio had not included wildlife needs. The best place to add recycled water without the environmental issues was from plants that are currently releasing to the ocean. He also talked about the push for grant funds for recycled water in upcoming bonds. Jenna Voss spoke about Organize County's successes with recycled water. Deidre des Jardins spoke about the Resiliency proposal and additional areas that might need to be addressed.

Speakers:

Erik Ekdahl, Deputy Director, Division of Water Rights, State Water Resources Control Board

Rich Nagel, President, WaterReuse California and V.P., Jacobs Engineering

Jenna Voss, South Orange County Watershed Manager, County of Orange and South OC IRWM Group

Deidre Des Jardins, Director California Water Research