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AB1234 Report
ACWA Water Quality Committee
Virtual Meeting
June 7th, 1:30 PM

5.1 billion water bond – ACWA asking for increases in some areas. Money for Dam safety improvements, IRWMP, PFAS, recycled water, more

DWR Update –

4 Decisions released on local SIGMA Plans, 2 accepted, 2 sent back for more work

Drought Relief funding – Gov designated 200 million.

DWR Funding Efforts :

Round 2, SGM Implementation Grant Program

•~\$70M for the construction of projects that support GSP implementation; will begin in 2022

•**January Budget**

•\$60M for that support GSP development and implementation in the COD basins

•**May Revise**

•\$300M for SGMA implementation, including:

Infrastructure projects to improve water supply, water quality, and/or the reliability of drinking water wells

-Technical assistance grants to ensure engagement of underrepresented communities

-Provide underrepresented communities with direct and tangible drinking water quality and supply benefits where analysis and mitigation are needed

Gov Drought Executive order – DWR and SWRCB developing strategies – listening session 6-29, 6-30

Register here: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/15628873390024975>

SWCB Update

Leslie reported on development of a Micro plastics definition, standards and methodology, part of SB1263 –a strategy to protect coastal waters.

David Kimbrough reported on ELAP – new lab accredit labs

Water Resilience Portfolio Implementation: Inter-Basin Water Trading presentation (can forward presentation to anyone that is interested)

Groundwater Policy Principles (Michael Marcus) – Discussion & Vote – a few words changed around climate resiliency issues. It most opposed to any changes to ground water rights, don't want to be forced to electrify their fleets. Policy approved.

Clean Water changes around 401 Cert – Biden repeal of Trump changes

EPA extended the LCRR effective date from March 16, 2021 to June 17, 2021. EPA then opened a 30-day comment period seeking input on extending the effective date further to December 16, 2021 and extending the compliance deadline from January 16, 2024 to September 16, 2024.

Here is the 401 Cert information: <https://www.epa.gov/cwa-401/upcoming-outreach-and-engagement-cwa-section-401-certification>

Ryan Bezeera talked about fisheries issues, especially on the Klamath. Now curtailing water on Russian River due to drought under Stanford Vina decision.