



## COMMITTEE REPORT

**Committee:** Basin Water Management Committee

**Meeting Date:** February 8, 2017

**Present:** D. Michalko (CH), D. Ahlen, D. Arrighi, D. Berry, S. Chapman, T. Cherry, O. Chi, G. Crudgington, D. Davies, D. De Jesus, P. DiMaggio, R. DiPrimio, C. Feilen, A. Fellow, XX. Foster, G. Galindo, W. Goehring, C. Gott, F. Heldman, E. Hills, E. Hitchman, G. Hofer, B. Lewis, J. Macias, T. Mortenson, M. Na, L. Noriega, S. Patton, J. Prior, R. Rich, M. Rogers, D. Schickling, T. Tait, K. Tcheng, A. Tesfaye, C. Venegas and P. Zampiendo

**Staff Present:** T. Zampiendo, S. Johnson, R. Serna and K. Smead

---

### I. Discussion Regarding Water Resource Development Assessment (RDA)

Committee Chair, David Michalko provided the Committee with background information on the Committee and Producer discussions regarding the proposed RDA. He deferred to Mr. Zampiendo, Executive Officer, who explained how the Basin groundwater levels got so low and the impacts of the drought. He also reported on the various discussions he has had with municipal representatives and elected officials regarding purchasing potential and timing of assessments. He commented that recent discussions have shown that a majority of Producers understand the need to purchase this water, and now center on how best to schedule payments.

Mr. Zampiendo summarized two different proposals for “ramping” the RDA over three to five years in order to purchase as much imported water as becomes available. He noted that there may be additional opportunities to deliver water to the Basin in light of the record rainfall in Northern California, stating that he has scheduled a meeting with representatives from the Metropolitan Water District to discuss opportunities.

Following a lengthy discussion amongst the group, the Committee recommended that Watermaster instruct staff to continue preparing the required report and proceed with adopting modifications to the Water Resource Development Assessment Policy.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That Watermaster staff proceed under Scenario 2, 5-year schedule to increase the RDA (2016-17 - \$40, 2017-18 - \$70, 2018-19 - \$105, 2019-20 - \$140, 2020-21 - \$175), with the understanding that a final schedule will be adopted in May.

## **II. Other**

None.