Executive Order B-37-16
Agricultural Advisory Group
Charge
August 8, 2016

Background

On May 9, 2016, Governor Brown issued Executive Order B-37-16 (EO B-37-16). EO B-37-16 builds on temporary statewide emergency water restrictions to establish longer-term water conservation measures, including permanent monthly water use reporting, new permanent water use standards in California communities and bans on wasteful water use practices. EO B-37-16 calls for the Department of Water Resources (DWR), the California State Water Resources Control Board (Water Board), and the California Department of Food and Agricultural (CDFA), in coordination with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), and California Energy Commission (CEC) (collectively "EO State Agencies") to seek input from stakeholders on implementation of EO B-37-16.

Agricultural Advisory Group Purpose:

The EO State Agencies formed the Agricultural Advisory Group (AAG) as part of the EO B-37-16 public process. The AAG shall provide input and advice on EO State Agencies' recommendations and approaches regarding EO Directives applicable to Agricultural water use.

Scope of AAG

The EO B-37-16 directs the EO State Agencies to consult with agricultural stakeholders in improving agricultural water Use efficiency and drought planning.

AAG Membership

The AAG membership was determined by the EO State Agencies and approved by the Office of the Governor. See Attachment 1 for a list of AAG members.

Roles and Responsibilities

<u>EO State Agency Team (AT)</u>: The AT consists of EO State Agencies management-level representatives. The purpose of the AT is to ensure consistent agency coordination and continuity in implementation of the EO B-37-16 requirements and make final EO implementation decisions.

<u>Project Leads Team (PLT)</u> –The PLT consists of agency representatives responsible for overall Project work plan. The PLT provides guidance to Project Teams, updates the AT of progress, and develops documents for AT and AAG review.

<u>Project Teams and Subprojects</u> – Project Teams and Subproject teams provide project oversight, develop initial drafts of recommendations for review by PLT and AT. Project

Teams manage day-to-day operations, and may help with authoring portions of the EO Final Report sections.

AAG Members -- will consult and advise EO State Agencies on draft recommendations and EO implementation materials. They will provide honest perspectives, representing a broad scope of California interests impacted by EO B 37-16 requirements. AAG members will participate in AAG meetings consistently.

Technical Workgroups -- The EO State Agencies may need to meet in smaller groups between AAG meetings about a certain topic or issue. Such groups will be known as "Technical Workgroups." Technical Workgroups will work with Project Teams on their topics. In order to ensure an acceptable range of perspectives on the Technical Workgroups, members outside the AAG may be specifically invited to serve on the Technical Workgroup by the Project Teams, AT or facilitators. In lieu of Technical Workgroups, Project Teams may hold Technical Workshops that will be open to the public.

Facilitators -- Serve as professional neutrals and will manage dialogue in meetings and oversee the provisions of this Charge. They will design, implement and refine (as needed) the collaborative process; and facilitate AAG meetings and technical workgroup meetings as necessary.

AAG Input

The AAG shall consult with and provide input to the EO State Agencies at the AAG meetings. Facilitator will periodically ask for an informal "straw poll" of the group's perspective. Answers to this straw poll are used for the purpose of developing the dialogue and are not binding. EO State Agencies will benefit from the review comments and information exchange as they prepare implementation of the EO B-37-16. The EO State Agencies may accept, modify, or seek an alternate direction from the advice of the AAG as they prepare documents or final products.

Open Process

All AAG meetings shall be open to the public and offer a designated time for public comment. Members of the public are expected to adhere to the same ground rules as AAG members.

ATTACHMENT 1
AAG Membership List

Alta Irrigation District	Chad Wegley
Association of California Water Agencies	David Bolland
CA Association of Resource Conservation Districts	Karen Buhr
CA State Association of Counties	Diane Dillon
Cal Poly State University	Charles Burt
California Agricultural Irrigation Association	Dave Davis
California Agricultural Irrigation Association	Mike Grundvig
California Climate and Agriculture Network	Jeanne Merrill
California Farm Bureau Federation	Daniel Merkley
California Farm Water Coalition	Mike Wade
California Water Institute	David Zoldoske
Environmental Defense Fund	Christina Babbitt
GEI Consultants, Inc.	Larry Rodriguez
Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District	Thad Bettner
Imperial Irrigation District	Anisa Divine
Irrigation Association	Erin Field-Huston
MBK Engineers	Marc Van Camp
Merced Irrigation District	Hicham Eltal
Modesto Irrigation District	John Davids
Natural Resources Defense Council	Johnathan Gelbard
Oakdale Irrigation District	Eric Thorburn
Reclamation District 108	Lewis Bair
Rural County Representatives of CA (RCRC)	Mary-Ann Warmerdam
San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority	Daniel Nelson
Solano Irrigation District	Kevin King
Sustainable Conservation	Stacey Sullivan
TerraNova Ranch, Inc.	Don Cameron
Tulare Irrigation District	Aaron Fukuda
Tule Farms	Fritz Durst
Turlock Irrigaton District	Debra Liebersbach
University of California ANR	Doug Parker
Western Canal Water District	Ted Trimble
Western Growers	Dave Puglia
Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District	Sheridan Nicholas