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Introduction

This report is submitted pursuant to California Water Code §10631.7 which directs the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to convene an Independent Technical Panel (ITP) to provide information and recommendations to DWR and the Legislature on new demand management measures, technologies, and approaches. This report outlines the ITP's recommendations for California landscape water use, and provides a framework for future water use efficiency.

Background

In February 2014, the ITP submitted its first report to the Legislature on urban water management plan (UWMP) demand management measures. The document was prepared to provide sufficient time for the implementation and inclusion of said recommendations in the requirements for the 2015 UWMP submissions. The ITP's recommendations were incorporated into several legislative actions that amended the Urban Water Management Planning Act (Act) during the 2014 legislative session.

In March 2014, the ITP reconvened to discuss the next focus of their work (having recently completed their first report). Several topics were discussed. A topic table prepared by the ITP is available for download from:

http://www.water.ca.gov/calendar/materials/copy_of_itp_dmm_topic_recommendations_2_7_14_17_257_17257.pdf.

The ITP continued their discussion about future topics in May and August of 2014 wherein the panel decided on landscape water use. The ITP convened in November 2014 and began to analyze challenges and solutions related to urban landscape water use.