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Public Meetings for State Water Project Contract Amendment for the Proposed Bay Delta Conservation Plan

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) and the State Water Project (SWP) Contractors intend to negotiate proposed amendments to the SWP water supply contracts between DWR and the SWP Contractors. The proposed amendments will address allocation and payment of certain planning costs, financing for the implementation, and operation and maintenance of certain aspects of the proposed Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP), if approved. The objective of the negotiation is to develop terms and conditions for proposed amendments to the water supply contracts and define the rights and obligations of DWR and those SWP Contractors who would benefit from an implementation. This negotiation is focused only on those contractual aspects and is not a forum for making any other decisions regarding BDCP planning activities or approving the BDCP.

Public Meetings' Process:

DWR will open the negotiations to the public to allow the opportunity to observe and provide comments to DWR at the end of each negotiation session. Written comments may also be submitted within seven (7) calendar days following the negotiation. The process that DWR will follow to enable members of the public to observe and comment on the negotiations will be consistent with the "Principles Regarding Public Participation Process in SWP Contract Negotiations," which were approved as part of the settlement agreement reached in the case titled, *Planning and Conservation League et al. v. Department of Water Resources*, 83 Cal.App.4th 802 (2000).

How to participate:

Due to the frequency of negotiation sessions requiring quick turnaround of meeting material and meeting announcements, DWR requests that interested individuals sign up for placement on the e-mail distribution list. Interested individuals may sign up by sending an e-mail message to **swpcontractamendmentforbdcp@water.ca.gov**. Individuals may also visit the SWP Contract Amendment for the Proposed BDCP website (**www.water.ca.gov/swpao/swpcontractamendmentforbdcp**). This website provides information about the project, including advance notice of each negotiation session.

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Initial Session Announcement:

DWR has scheduled the initial session for December 10, 2014 at the California Natural Resources Agency Building, 1416 Ninth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, Room 1131, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Visitors must check in with the guard in the lobby of the California Natural Resources Agency Building. Seating in Room 1131 is limited but there will be a dial-in number. The dial-in information will be **1-719-359-9722**, passcode **138000#**. The initial session will focus primarily on ground rules and other negotiation related processes and not detailed negotiations. As such, it may adjourn early if agenda business is completed, or by mutual agreement between DWR and the SWP Contractors. Public parking is available in the parking garage on the corner of 10th and O Street (access on the 10th street side).

Please contact Ted Alvarez at (916) 653-6271 or by e-mail at Ted.Alvarez@water.ca.gov if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark W. Cowin', written in a cursive style.

Mark W. Cowin
Director