California WaterFix Update

Imported Water Committee
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WaterFix abandoned 50-year environmental permit; seeks year-by-year permits
WaterFix EIR/EIS

- December 22, 2016: Final EIR/EIS for California WaterFix was released
  - 90,000 pages
  - Addresses comments received on the Draft EIR/EIS

- Water Authority staff are undertaking a comprehensive review of the responses to comments
  - Summary at Board’s February meeting
San Diego County Water Authority Support for Fixing the Bay–Delta

- Water Authority and San Diego regional interests support a Bay–Delta fix
  - Water Authority and San Diego regional leaders worked together to pass 2009 legislation that established coequal goals:
    - Water Supply Reliability
    - Ecosystem Restoration

- Water Authority Board of Directors
  - In 2012, adopted Bay–Delta Policy Principles to guide review of a Delta fix
  - Has not endorsed a specific conveyance project

- Water Authority has produced the most comprehensive public review of any water district in California
  - More than 36 public meetings and workshops since 2011
  - [http://www.sdcwa.org/bdcp#bdcp-resources](http://www.sdcwa.org/bdcp#bdcp-resources)
Big Questions Go Unanswered

How much will San Diego County pay?

Will costs hamper local supply development?

How much water will San Diego County get?

Which agencies will commit to pay for the project?

How will San Diego County be protected from paying an unfair share?
WaterFix Projected Timeline

- **March/April 2017**
  - ESA authorizations – USFWS, NMFS, DFW
    - Biological Opinion for ESA Section 7 for federally-listed species
    - Section 2081 Permit for state-listed species

- **Mid-2017**
  - Cost allocation negotiations/financing plan
  - ROD/NOD
  - Water agencies’ Board actions

- **Later in 2017 – 2018**
  - Additional permits – Clean Water Act – SWRCB

- **2018–Beyond**
  - Construction
Questions?