

# Advisory Panel Meeting #8

## Item 5

### Division of Drinking Water Update

January 19, 2016

Mark Bartson, Supervising Sanitary Engineer  
SWRCB – Division of Drinking Water

- ▶ December Update to SWRCB Board

  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-kjB818Zkqk>

- ▶ December 18<sup>th</sup> letter from DDW to Advisory Group members

- ▶ Recap of overall schedule

# DDW 12/18 Letter to Advisory Group



**State Water Resources Control Board**  
Division of Drinking Water

December 18, 2015

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Dear Mr. Brown:

## **DDW ADVISORY GROUP UPDATE AND DELIVERABLES TO STATE WATER BOARD**

This letter is to follow up on our recent discussions with you regarding the coordination of the work of the Advisory Group. As you know, the California Water Code requires the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to investigate the feasibility of developing uniform water recycling criteria for direct potable reuse (DPR). A report resulting from State Water Board's investigation is to be provided to the public by September 1, 2016, with a final report subsequently submitted to the Legislature by December 31, 2016, after consideration of the public comments.

As part of this process, the State Water Board Division of Drinking Water (DDW) convened a 15-member Advisory Group in January 2014 comprised of representatives of water and wastewater agencies, environmental organizations, environmental justice organizations, public health non-governmental organizations, ratepayer or taxpayer advocate organizations, the business community, local public health officers, the United States Environmental Protection Agency, and the State Water Board. To ensure public transparency, the Advisory Group is subject to the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act.

The Advisory Group completed its first task, approving the slate of proposed Expert Panel members, at its first meeting in February 2014. As we enter 2016, the State Water Board would like to review with the Advisory Group its responsibilities in this process, so that we can best meet the statutory mandates in a timely manner:

## DDW 12/18 Letter to Advisory Group 9 (excerpt 1)

The State Water Board is required to consider information from many sources during our investigation on the feasibility of developing water recycling criteria for DPR, among them the recommendations of the Advisory Group and the Expert Panel. The State Water Board must complete the following tasks by the statutory deadlines:

Task	Due Date
Draft Report on Expert Panel Research Recommendations	June 30, 2016
Draft Feasibility Report for Public Review	September 1, 2016
End of Public Review Period (minimum 45 days)	October 15, 2016
Final Feasibility Report to Legislature	December 31, 2016

## DDW 12/18 Letter to Advisory Group (excerpt 2)

The State Water Board's feasibility report must undergo an internal review process prior to being released for public comment. In order to meet the tight deadlines specified in the Water Code, the Advisory Group must complete the following by the dates below:

1. The Advisory Group must provide any advice it wishes to make to the Expert Panel in writing before June 30, 2016.
2. Recommendations that the Advisory Group wishes to make to the State Water Board for consideration and inclusion in the State Water Board's September 2016 feasibility report must be submitted in writing to the State Water Board before June 30, 2016. Please note that the State Water Board plans to include the Advisory Group's recommendations in the appendix of the report, as part of the record.
3. A representative from the Advisory Group may be asked to appear before the State Water Board at a public workshop to address any questions by the public after September 1, 2016, as part of the public review process.

The State Water Board is tasking the Chair of the Advisory Group, with the assistance of NWRI, to streamline its activities and structure the meetings in 2016 so as to best expedite the review, discussion and documentation of the Advisory Group recommendations to the State Water Board by June 30, 2016. We look forward to working with the Advisory Group in the coming year.

# DDW Milestones and Statutory Deadlines

	Responsibility / Deliverables	Date
EP	Conduct meetings to address key topics	Dec 2015 – April 2016
EP	Additional conference calls and meetings to finalize Briefing Papers and Final Report	May – June, 2016
EP	Briefing Papers Findings and Recommendations to DDW and Advisory Group	January – June, 2016
DDW	<b>Draft Report on Expert Panel Recommendations (focus on Research Needs identified by EP)</b>	<b>June 30, 2016</b>
DDW	INTERNAL DDW draft of DPR Feasibility report	DDW Internal draft by mid-June, 2016
DDW	<b>Public Review Draft Release of DPR Feasibility Report</b>	<b>September 1, 2016</b>
DDW	End of Public Review Period (minimum 45 days)	October 15, 2016
DDW	<b>Final Report to the Legislature</b>	<b>December 31, 2016</b>