

Advisory Panel Meeting #9

Item 5

Division of Drinking Water Update

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DDW Updates

- ▶ DDW Legislative Mandates
- ▶ Advisory Group Role
- ▶ Advisory Group Recommendations to DDW
- ▶ Plans for Public Workshop(s)

DDW Legislative Mandate

- ▶ By **December 31, 2016**, DDW must investigate and report to legislature on the feasibility of developing uniform water recycling criteria for direct potable reuse (DPR) with recycled water [Water Code section 13563(a)(1)]
- ▶ A draft DPR criteria feasibility report for public review is due **Sept. 1, 2016** [WC section 13563(a)(2)]
- ▶ A final DPR criteria feasibility report to legislature and the public is due **December 31, 2016** [WC section 13563(a)(3)]

Advisory Group Role

- ▶ Advise the Expert Panel regarding investigation of the feasibility of developing uniform water recycling criteria for DPR
- ▶ Make recommendations to DDW on the feasibility of developing regulations for DPR
- ▶ Make recommendations to DDW on any other relevant topics such as:
 - *Practical considerations for regulations that are protective of public health and achievable by project proponents*

Advisory Group Recommendations

- ▶ DDW has requested that the Advisory Group:
 - Provide a set of written recommendations regarding the feasibility of developing regulations that is protective of public health
 - Submit recommendations in a report before June 30, 2016

To meet DDW Legislative Mandate

- ▶ Prioritize issues that are most relevant to the feasibility of developing criteria for DPR
- ▶ Focus on the feasibility of developing criteria for DPR that is protective of public health
- ▶ Provide rationale for each recommendation:
 - explain how each recommendation is relevant to feasibility of developing criteria for DPR that is protective of public health

To meet DDW Legislative Mandate

- ▶ DDW will consider and incorporate the recommendations provided by Advisory Group in drafting the Feasibility Report
- ▶ Recommendations that not relevant to the feasibility of developing health-protective criteria for DPR will not have equal weight in the Feasibility Report
- ▶ Advisory Group Report on Recommendations to DDW will be included as attachment to the Feasibility Report

Wrap-Up

- ▶ The Advisory Group and the Expert Panel are integral part of process of developing the Feasibility Report
- ▶ The Feasibility Report will include as attachments:
 - The final Advisory Group report
 - The final Expert Panel report
- ▶ No Expert Panel or Advisory Group meetings are scheduled after final reports are submitted to DDW
- ▶ Review of draft Feasibility Report is outside of charge of Expert Panel and Advisory Group

DDW Milestones and Statutory Deadlines

Responsibility / Deliverables		Date
AG	Conduct meetings to discuss key topics and make recommendations to Expert Panel	Feb 2014 – June 2016
AG	Conduct meetings to prioritize key topics and draft recommendations to DDW	March – June 2016
AG	Final Report on Advisory Group Recommendations to DDW	June 30, 2016
DDW	Draft Report on Expert Panel Recommendations (focus on Research Needs identified by Panel)	June 30, 2016
DDW	INTERNAL DDW draft of DPR Feasibility Report	DDW Internal draft by July – August 2016
DDW	Public Review Draft Release of DPR Feasibility Report	September 1, 2016
DDW	End of Public Review Period (minimum 45 days)	October 15, 2016
DDW	Final Report to the Legislature	December 31, 2016

Plans for Public Workshop(s)

- ▶ Culmination of DDW, Expert Panel, and Advisory Group collaboration
- ▶ Inform the public on our process and anticipate scope of comments received
- ▶ Tentative plan:
 - September or October 2016
 - Board workshop and/or Staff workshop
- ▶ More details to follow