

Statewide Advisory Committee on Cooling Water Intake Structures

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Item 4: Consideration of a Proposed Resolution addressing the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power's proposed changes to the Implementation Schedule in the Policy

The Statewide Advisory Committee on Cooling Water Intake Structures (SACCWIS) was created by the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to advise the State Water Board on the implementation of the Statewide Water Quality Control Policy on the Use of Coastal and Estuarine Waters For Power Plant Cooling (Cooling Water Policy) to ensure that the implementation schedule takes into account local area and grid reliability, including permitting restraints.

At the State Water Board's December 14, 2010 meeting, the State Water Board requested that the SACCWIS prioritize review of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power's (LADWP's) implementation plan.

The Interagency Working Group, acting as staff to the SACCWIS, has reviewed the implementation plans submitted by LADWP. The implementation plans submitted by LADWP include changing the compliance from a plant-by-plant basis to a unit-by-unit basis and modifying the dates of compliance, moving some units forward in time and some units further back. The implementation plans do not contain sufficient information to determine if the compliance dates in the current Cooling Water Policy are infeasible from a reliability perspective, or if proposed dates are as soon as possible, as required by the policy.

The draft resolution includes two options for the final resolve. After hearing from staff, LADWP and interested parties, the SACCWIS will need to decide on which option they will forward to the State Water Board. These two options are either that the proposed schedule does not negatively impact local area or grid reliability, or that there is insufficient information and that the State Water Board should delay making any modifications to the compliance schedule.

Recommendation:

The Interagency Working Group recommends that the SACCWIS adopt the proposed draft resolution, after deciding which option it prefers.