

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
BOARD MEETING SESSION – OFFICE OF RESEARCH, PLANNING AND
PERFORMANCE
JULY 3, 2024**

ITEM 5

SUBJECT

CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE PROPOSED REGULATION TO MAKE CONSERVATION A CALIFORNIA WAY OF LIFE.

DISCUSSION

On May 31, 2018, Governor Brown signed two bills, [Senate Bill 606 \(Hertzberg\)](#) and [Assembly Bill 1668 \(Friedman\)](#). Added by that legislation, Water Code section 10609 et seq. required the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to provide recommendations on and the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board or Board) to adopt standards for the efficient use of water, variances for unique uses that can have a material effect on water use, performance measures for commercial, industrial, and institutional water use, and guidelines and methodologies that identify how each urban retail water supplier will calculate an urban water use objective.

After conducting substantial pre-rulemaking outreach, the State Water Board initiated the formal rulemaking process on August 18, 2023, by releasing the Proposed Regulation Text for public comment. The Board held a Public Hearing on October 4, 2023, to explain the proposed regulation and solicit verbal comments during a 60-day written comment period that ended on October 17, 2023.

The second version of the Proposed Regulation Text was released on March 12, 2024, with a 15-day written comment period that ended on March 27, 2024. There was a Board Workshop on March 20, 2024, to explain the changes to the proposed regulation.

The third version of the Proposed Regulation Text was released on May 20, 2024, with a 15-day written comment period ending on June 4, 2024.

The fourth version of the Proposed Regulation Text was released on June 14, 2024, with a 15-day written comment period ending July 1, 2024, at noon.

Regulatory documents are available at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/conservation_portal/regs/water_efficiency_legislation.html#reg-docs.

POLICY ISSUE

Should the State Water Board adopt the proposed Resolution adopting the Proposed Regulation Text.

FISCAL IMPACT

To be addressed with existing and future budgeted resources.

REGIONAL BOARD IMPACT

None.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the proposed Resolution adopting the Proposed Regulation Text.