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DWR Requests Comments On SB 7's 20% Urban Conservation Mandate

The first session will take place Monday, March 8, in Sacramento. The second session will take place Wednesday, March 10, in Los Angeles. Each session is tentatively scheduled for 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) has scheduled two Public Listening Sessions regarding key elements of the Water Conservation Act of 2009 (Senate Bill "SB" 7). The first will take place Monday, March 8, in Sacramento. The second will take place Wednesday, March 10, in Los Angeles. Each session is tentatively scheduled for 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

During these Public Listening Sessions, DWR will take public comments on the development of the Urban Baseline Technical Methodologies under Water Code Section 10608.20(h), and a Method for Calculating Urban Water Use Reduction under Water Code Section 10608.20(b)(4). SB 7 tasks DWR with developing the Urban Baseline Technical Methodologies by October 1, 2010. DWR must develop the Method for Calculating Urban Water Use Reduction no later than December 31, 2010.

Both of these tasks will play an important role in implementing SB 7's goal of achieving a 20 percent reduction in per capita water use by December 31, 2020. Urban water suppliers must use the Urban Baseline Technical Methodologies to calculate baseline water use information. Many urban water suppliers may wish to use the Method for Calculating Urban Water Use Reduction to determine specific water reduction targets in lieu of one of the specific water reduction target methods set forth in SB 7. Urban water retail suppliers must include this information in their next Urban Water Management Plan updates, now due in mid-2011.

Given the short turn-around time for these important DWR processes, urban water suppliers should closely monitor and participate in the SB 7 implementation process. Please contact us if you have any questions about the SB 7 implementation process and how to comply with the 20 percent conservation mandate.

A summary of SB 7's requirements and other components of the 2009 omnibus state water legislation is available at: http://www.kmtg.com/data/rc_legal_alerts/alert.php?IDD=1181938319&IDDParent=0&useSpr.

Specific SB 7 meeting agendas and meeting summaries will be posted here when they become available. For more information, please see DWR's [announcement](#).

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