

**SUBJECT:** DEVELOPMENT OF THE CENTRAL VALLEY DRINKING WATER POLICY

**Affected Water Quality Control Plan(s):**

Sacramento and San Joaquin River Basins

**Agency/organization:**

Central Valley Water Board

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**Committee:**

Technical Advisory Committee

**Meeting Date**

19 November 2009

**Item:**

Update of Drinking Water Policy

**Project Summary:**

A multi-year effort is currently underway to develop a drinking water policy for surface waters of the Central Valley. The Record of Decision for the CALFED Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) requires the California Bay-Delta Authority (CBDA), with the assistance of the Department of Public Health (DPH) to coordinate a comprehensive source water protection program. One element of this source water protection program is to “establish a comprehensive State drinking water policy for Delta and upstream tributaries by the end of 2004.”

The Central Valley Drinking Water Policy Workgroup (Workgroup), comprised of interested stakeholders and technical experts, has initiated the technical work that will lead to adoption of a policy. Many technical studies have been completed including: data gathering, database development, conceptual models, research of water quality objectives, standards, goals and policies, and some work on analytical modeling and evaluation of control strategies. However, in December 2008, the Governor issued a stop work order on all proposition funded work. This in turn halted the technical work outlined in the Workgroups Work Plan.

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