

Governor's Water Augmentation, Innovation, and Conservation Council Post-2025 AMAs Committee

October 8, 2020



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Overview of October 8th Meeting

1. Welcome & Committee's Progress and Objectives
2. Development of Issue Brief for CAGR D and the Assured Water Supply Program
 - a) Review of identified challenges
 - b) Discussion of draft Issue Brief Outline
3. Post-2025 AMA Management Structure
4. Next Steps



Review of August 26th Meeting

August 26th Discussion on CAGRD and the Assured Water Supply Program

- ADWR provided background on the history of the AWS Program and function of the CAGRD
- Discussion questions on CAGRD and AWS Program were provided to maintain focus on improving groundwater management post-2025, ensuring regulations and institutions are sustainable.

Issues identified centered around several major themes



Challenges Identified

Major Themes

- Physical Availability of Groundwater
 - Serves as an indirect limit to CAGR D enrollment
 - Primary restriction to AWS groundwater use
- Renewable Supplies
 - Competition among CAGR D, its members, and other users
 - Future availability of renewable supplies
- Groundwater in the Assured Water Supply Program
 - Lack of a 'bridge' to reduce reliance on groundwater and replenishment services
 - No requirement or incentive to transition to renewable supplies
- Need for Data
 - Issues have been identified yet to be quantified
 - Anecdotal evidence of issues
 - Scope & extent of data will be defined in the next phase



Develop Draft Issue Outline

- As with previous issues, drafted an issue outline – to generate feedback and further conversation
- Develop an issue statement from which the identified themes can be addressed
- Acknowledgement of the issue and challenges
 - Not proposing strategy or solutions to address the issue in the issue outline

Draft Issue Outline

Today – Discuss initial feedback on the Draft Issue Outline

Written comments are encouraged –

Send by October 16, 2020

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Draft Issue Outline

Issue Statement:

The Assured Water Supply Program and the CAGRDR may not provide sufficient requirements nor inducements for certain communities and the water providers that serve them to reduce their reliance on groundwater and transition to the use of long-term renewable supplies.

Background:

Issue Description:



Feedback Requested

Send comments by
Friday, October 16, 2020

Send to Zacary Richards
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Discuss Issue Brief at Nov. 2, 2020 meeting



AMA Management Structure

Issue Statement:

In 1980, the Legislature set 2025 as the target date for meeting the goals of the AMAs. There is no clear statutory provision regarding goals or additional management periods and plans after 2025. The fifth management plans will remain in effect until statutory changes designate otherwise.

What aspects of the AMA Management Structure should be looked at?

- Management Periods & Plans
- Management Goal
- Conservation Requirements
- Others?



Next Steps

October 16, 2020 – Provide Comments

November 2, 2020 – Committee Meeting

December 1, 2020 – GWAICC Meeting



Closing Remarks

Co-Chairs

