

Central Valley Project Municipal and Industrial Water Shortage Policy

Stakeholder Workshops

The Central Valley Project (CVP) is operated under Federal statutes authorizing the CVP and by the terms and conditions of water rights acquired pursuant to California law. During any year, certain water supply and/or operational conditions may limit the availability of CVP water. CVP water contractors have expressed concerns related to the reduction in CVP water delivery. In response, the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) initiated development of a Municipal & Industrial (M&I) Water Shortage Policy (WSP) in 1992. There were several proposals prepared by Reclamation in 1993, 1996, 1997, 2000, and 2001. The 2001 draft M&I WSP outlined the following purposes:

- Define water shortage terms and conditions applicable to CVP M&I water contractors, as appropriate;
- Establish CVP water supply levels that, together with the CVP M&I water contractors' drought water conservation measures and other water supplies, (a) would sustain urban areas during droughts, and (b) during severe or continuing droughts would assist the M&I contractors in their efforts to protect public health and safety; and
- Provide information to M&I contractors for development of drought contingency plans.

Reclamation is convening four sequential Stakeholder Workshops over the course of four months in Spring/Summer 2010 on the CVP draft M&I WSP. The purpose of the workshops is to discuss and receive input from CVP water contractors, local and regional agencies, interest groups, and others on the existing draft M&I WSP and to formulate a path for moving forward on the potential modification of the existing policy or development of a new policy.



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Representatives of the of CVP water contractor community have indicated their willingness to participate in the M&I WSP review process. Reclamation sought a balanced mix of participants who represent the various viewpoints and interests of the CVP Divisions, Units, and Water Contractor groups that could be potentially be affected by the M&I WSP.

All workshop participants are expected to attend all four workshops held over the course of four months in Spring/Summer 2010. Each workshop will be 4 to 6 hours long. These sequential workshops are intended to allow for facilitated dialogue and interaction with regard to the M&I WSP. It is hoped that the workshop participants will brief other water contractors, agency board members, water users, and others, as appropriate, in their respective regions on the progress of the workshops.

The workshops will be open to the public and other stakeholders who are interested in observing and providing input to be considered by the representatives.

