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MEMORANDUM

TO: Water Resources Commission

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SUBJECT: Agenda Item L, November 19, 2010

Water Resources Commission Meeting

Anticipated Rulemaking Activity for 2010 – 2011

I. Issue Statement

This is a periodic update to advise the Commission of ongoing and anticipated rule making activity in 2010 - 2011. This is an informational report and no action is needed.

II. Discussion

Rulemaking activity is initiated as a result of legislation, suggestions by staff and commissioners, and periodic review and petition by the public. Attachment 1 is a table of anticipated rulemaking activity for the remainder of 2010 and 2011.

Proposed rules associated with Division 95 are the result of HB 3369 passed by the 2009 Legislature. This set of rules addresses provision of the Water Development Loan Fund. The remainder of the proposed rulemaking activity is the result of staff suggesting changes to improve processing of water right actions, to make consistent with legal advice and to provide guidance such as Divisions 230 - 240 for ground source heat borings.

A rule modification process was initiated involving five Coastal Basins. This activity is presently on hold while staff consider comments received during the public comment period. Based on the comments received, these draft rules may be referred back to the Rules Advisory Committee for further consideration and discussion.

III. Conclusion

This is an informational report, no formal Commission action is necessary.

Attachment 1: Anticipated Rulemaking (2010-2011)

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