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### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Water Resources Commission

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**SUBJECT:** Agenda Item D, January 13, 2006  
Water Resources Commission Meeting

### Development of 2007 Legislative Concepts

#### I. Issue Statement

This report provides an overview of the process and anticipated timelines for the Department to develop and submit legislative concepts for the 2007 Legislative Session. At meetings throughout 2006, the Department will seek Commission input as it develops and refines its ideas.

#### II. Background

Over the next two months, staff will collect internal suggestions concerning agency issues and needs requiring legislative consideration in 2007. The Department's Agency Coordination Team (ACT) will help refine those legislative ideas. Following this internal process, the Department will schedule a meeting with stakeholders to seek feedback on Department legislative ideas and to discuss issues that may need to be addressed in the 2007 session. Based on this internal process and stakeholder input, the Department will develop draft legislative proposals to discuss with the Commission. To meet Department of Administrative Services (DAS) timelines, the Department will need to schedule a conference call with the Commission prior to its May 2006 meeting for a discussion of the substance and policy implications of draft legislative proposals. Based on this discussion and continued refining of draft concepts, staff will submit legislative proposals to DAS on April 15, 2006.

Upon submittal, the legislative concepts will be reviewed by DAS and the Governor's Office. Concepts approved by DAS and the Governor's Office will be submitted to Legislative Counsel in May 2006. The Department anticipates that the deadline for submitting detailed concepts to Legislative Counsel for final drafting will be mid-July 2006. The date for the Governor to pre-session file agency bills will likely be mid-December 2006. Several Commission discussions about the concepts (and ultimately bill language) will occur prior to the December 2006 filing.

#### III. Discussion

At Commission meetings throughout 2006, Department staff will present issues, concepts, and draft language for discussion with the Commission. Staff will brief the Commission at each meeting, seek guidance on how to further develop the concepts, and ultimately request approval of concepts for pre-session filing.

#### IV. Recommendation

This report is for informational purposes only.

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