

WRD's Program Prioritization Discussion



**Water Resources Commission Meeting
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Outline

- **Background**
- **Stakeholder Exercise**
- **Senior Staff Exercise**
- **Today's Discussion – Action Item**



Background

- **Program prioritization is part of our legislative biennial budgeting process.**
- **Helps to construct (de-construct) the budget when necessary.**
- **Traditionally, for WRD, watermaster corps has ranked most highly.**
- **Special instructions: do not rank administrative functions.**
- **Programs that are different this time around.**



“Starting” List of Priorities

- **Water Distribution**
 - **Water Right Transfers**
 - **Water Right Permitting**
 - **Adjudication**
 - **Public Safety (wells and dams)**
 - **Hydrologic Data Development**
 - **Water-Use Reporting**
 - **Water Resource Development and Conservation**
 - **Director’s Office**
 - **Integrated Water Resources Strategy**
 - **Hydroelectric Program**
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- **Fiscal**
 - **Information Services**



“Stakeholder” Exercise

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“Farm Bureau/Water” Exercise (1/23)

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“Senior Staff” Exercise

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Commission Discussion

The Department requests Commission guidance on the list of program priorities as it begins to prepare materials going into the 2013-15 Biennium.

Options on this action item follow (see p.5 of staff report):

- 1. Adopt Column #3 (staff results) as the priority list**
- 2. Adopt another column as the program priority list**
- 3. Create a new column as the program priority list**
- 4. Not adopt any program priority list; direct the Dept. to further evaluate the issues.**



Thank You