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Comments on: 20x2020 Water Conservation Plan DRAFT April 30, 2009 *in blue:*

Recommendations

Recommended actions to contribute toward a statewide strategic approach (as described in more detail in Chapter 3) fall into the following categories:

1. Establish a foundation for a statewide Conservation Strategy.
 - a. Establish targets and goals in statute.
 - b. Establish a state agency leadership and coordination framework.
 - c. Mandate uniform data collection and establish a statewide database.
 - d. Maintain existing programs and institutions.
2. Reduce landscape irrigation demand.
 - a. Support the implementation and enforcement of landscape design and irrigation programs and the development of new landscape programs.
 - b. Mandate the landscape irrigation BMP.
 - c. Require water-efficient landscapes at state-owned properties.
3. Reduce water waste.
 - a. Accelerate installation of water meters.
 - b. Establish a state standard for water meter accuracy. *What type of meters? There are already AWWA water meter standards for water utilities.*
 - c. Revise the water loss BMP to incorporate improved methodologies and accelerate coverage goals.
4. Reinforce efficiency codes and related BMPs.
 - a. Obtain authorization for state standards for high efficiency clothes washers.
 - b. Support landscape irrigation equipment standards.
 - c. Accelerate replacement of *non-efficient* showerheads, toilets and urinals.
 - d. Accelerate adoption of proven water saving technologies in new businesses.
5. Provide financial incentives.
 - a. Encourage or mandate conservation water pricing. *Mandating conservation pricing could be an incredible burden for non-residential accounts because of the variation in customers within each customer class, i.e. commercial, industrial, and institutional.*
 - b. Provide grants, loans, and rebates to wholesale and retail water suppliers. *Needs details.*
 - c. Establish a public goods charge for water. *How? Based on what? Need details.*
 - d. Fund the installation of water meters. *Why can't the utilities fund this themselves?*
6. Implement a statewide conservation public information and outreach campaign.
7. Provide new or exercise existing enforcement mechanisms to facilitate water conservation.
 - a. Require implementation of water conservation as a condition to receive state financial assistance.
 - b. Take enforcement actions to prevent waste and unreasonable use of water. *What is unreasonable?*
 - c. Provide additional enforcement tools for water suppliers.

Page 37 - What is the definition of non-efficient or inefficient?

Accelerate replacement of non-efficient toilets, showerheads, and urinals

Support legislation to require replacement of **non-efficient toilets**, showerheads, and urinals in both the residential and commercial/industrial sectors. Potential approaches include:

Replacement of **inefficient** fixtures upon resale (responsibility on property seller)

Replacement of **inefficient** fixtures upon change of water service (responsibility on new water customer)

Replacement of all **inefficient** fixtures by 2020 (implemented in early years by rebate programs and information campaigns)

Sincerely,

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