

ITEM: 7

SUBJECT: Adopting the Human Right to Water as a Core Value in Central Valley Water Board Programs and Activities

BOARD ACTION: *Resolution*

BACKGROUND: On 25 September 2012, the California Legislature adopted Assembly Bill 685, which added section 106.3 to the Water Code, declaring that every human has the right to clean, affordable, and accessible water for consumption, cooking and sanitary purposes (generally referred to as the “human right to water”). The State Water Board adopted Resolution No. 2016-0010 on February 16, 2016, identifying the human right to water as a top priority and core value of the state and regional water boards, and affirming the State Water Board’s commitment to consider how its activities impact and advance the human right to safe, affordable and clean water to support basic human needs.

The proposed Resolution affirms the responsibility of the Central Valley Water Board to consider the human right to water when establishing policies, regulations, or grant criteria when such actions are pertinent to water for human consumption, cooking, and sanitary purposes. (Wat.Code § 106.3, subd. (b).). The proposed Resolution does not expand the legal scope of the human right to water as described in Water Code section 106.3, alter the Central Valley Water Board’s authority and obligations under applicable law, or impose new requirements on the regulated community.

RECOMMENDATION Staff recommends adoption of the proposed Resolution.

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