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DWR Schedules Workshops on Quantifying Efficiency of Agricultural Water Use

SACRAMENTO – Three workshops will be held this month to discuss the Department of Water Resources' (DWR) proposed methodology for quantifying the efficiency of agricultural water use.

Public input is sought at the workshops, to be held jointly with the Agricultural Water Management Council (AWMC). DWR is required by 2009 legislation (Senate Bill X 7-7) to develop efficiency of agricultural water use methodology in consultation with the AWMC, academic experts and environmental stakeholders.

More information on the process and the draft methodology report is available at http://www.water.ca.gov/wateruseefficiency/sb7

The workshops are scheduled as follows:

November 21 1 to 4 p.m. Veteran's Memorial Hall Board of Supervisors' Chambers - 2nd Floor 525 West Sycamore Street Willows, CA 95988

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November 30 1 to 4 p.m. Department of Water Resources 2nd floor Large Conference Room 901 P Street Sacramento, CA 95814 This workshop will be available on WebEx. Instructions for WebEx access are posted at DWR's website at http://www.water.ca.gov/calendar/)

Public input is sought on the proposed methodology, the plan of implementation, cost estimates, and data needs.

A workshop agenda, the draft methodology report, and summary of the methodology report are posted on DWR's website at <u>http://www.water.ca.gov/calendar/</u> as they become available.

The Department of Water Resources operates and maintains the State Water Project, provides dam safety and flood control and inspection services, assists local water districts in water management and water conservation planning, and plans for future statewide water needs.

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