

Amend Agreement with DWR to Streamline Future Purchases of YCWA Transfer Supplies

Water Planning and Stewardship Committee
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Background

- Yuba Accord - SWRCB settlement comprised of fishery flow release and transfer agreements
- YCWA sells DWR transfer supplies which are divided between SWP and CVP contractors
- 2007 – Board authorized an agreement with DWR to purchase YCWA transfer water
- 2009 and 2010 – Board authorized 1-year amendments to increase price for groundwater

Proposed Amendment

- Streamlines future groundwater purchases by:
 - Eliminating last-minute annual amendments by all YCWA Accord buyers; and
 - Requiring SWC, SLDMWA, and YCWA representatives on YCWA Accord management committee to agree to future price changes and Delta pumping priority
- Maintains MWD representation to influence future terms
- Maintains MWD Board approval authority for future groundwater purchases

Board Options

- Option #1
 - Adopt CEQA determination
 - Authorize amendment to agreement with DWR to streamline future purchases of YCWA water transfer supplies
- Option #2
 - No action

Recommendation

- Option #1