



Adopt Legislative Policy Principles on Stormwater Capture

Communications and Legislation Committee

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Overview

- Background
- Metropolitan policy history on stormwater
- Proposed Legislative Stormwater Policy Principle
- Recommendation

Stormwater – A Valuable Resource

- Captured stormwater is an integral part of the region's water supply.
- The region has been actively capturing stormwater for more than a century.



The Region Continues to Enhance Stormwater Capture

Water Supply Augmentation
(Groundwater/
Surface Reservoir)



Centralized

- Regional facilities (e.g., spreading basins)
- Subregional collections



Distributed

- Parcel-based projects (e.g., rain gardens)
- Green streets
- Site specific

Demand Management



Direct Use

- Rain Barrels
- Cisterns
- Non-potable uses

Metropolitan's Policy History on Stormwater

- Integrated Water Resources Plan
- Policy Principle on Watershed Management
- 2016/17 Legislative Principles/Priorities

Stormwater Capture

Legislative Policy Principle

- Encourage the beneficial use of stormwater
 - Recognize that the optimal use of stormwater may vary per region
 - Support local and regional primacy
- Promote state and federal financing and funding
- Facilitate efficient permitting
- Promote integrated, collaborative planning

Board Options

- Option #1

- Adopt the CEQA determination that the proposed action is not subject to CEQA and Adopt the Legislative Policy Principles on Stormwater Capture.

- Option #2

- Do not adopt the Legislative Policy Principles on Stormwater Capture.

Staff Recommendation

- Option #1

