

# Delta Independent Science Board Educational Briefing Questionnaire

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Please provide short written responses to the following:

1. Program Title:  
Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP)

2. Lead Agency/Department for Program:

California Resources Agency/ California Department of Water Resources/ Water Use and Efficiency Branch

3. Brief Description of Program:

Urban water suppliers are required to prepare and adopt an urban water management plan in years ending in 0 and 5. DWR's UWMP program develops a guidebook and holds workshops to assist water suppliers in preparing water management plans. Adopted plans are submitted to DWR, plans are read to assess whether the required elements of the water code have been addressed. For grant eligibility, DWR requires suppliers to have adopted UWMPs that have addressed all the elements of the code. DWR reports to the legislature after each five year cycle on the status of plans submitted. For the 2010 cycle, DWR was directed by the legislation to develop guidelines for water use baseline calculation and to develop a 4<sup>th</sup> method (option) for suppliers to use in calculating 2020 water use reduction targets. There are roughly 470 urban water suppliers who are a required to submit UWMPs.

4. Purpose and Objectives of Program:

- a. To assist urban water suppliers in preparing and adopting plans that meet the requirements of the water code and provide useful information to the public about the supplier and it's current and future water management programs.
- b. To review plans for grant eligibility and for reporting to the legislature on the status of plans
- c. To collect urban water use data from the plans for use in regional and statewide planning

5. Timeline for Program Objectives:

The UWMP Act directs suppliers to submit UWMPs to DWR by December 31<sup>st</sup> in years ending in five and zero. For the 2010 cycle, the deadline was extended to August 1<sup>st</sup> to allow additional time for suppliers to comply with the requirements established by Senate Bill 7-(2009)-Water Conservation.

6. Current Status of Program:

As of October 4<sup>th</sup>, DWR has received 343 plans. DWR has completed initial reviews on roughly 45 plans and finalized the review on 12 plan.

7. Contact Information for Lead Staff of this Program:

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8. Associated Total Annual Budget for Program:

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Total annual budget for the program is roughly \$970,000. The amount spent increases during years when plans are being prepared, submitted and reviewed and then decreases as the review of plans is completed.

9. URL, if a Website is Available:

<http://www.water.ca.gov/urbanwatermanagement/>

10. How does adaptive management play a role in your program?

Most of the requirements of the UWMP program are from the UWMP Act and SBx7-7 so DWR does not have a lot of flexibility to make changes or adaption. DWR was directed by the SBx7-7 legislation to develop a 4<sup>th</sup> method (option) for suppliers to use in setting water use targets and to update the method by December 31, 2014. The update of the method will be based on the targets and baselines identified in the 2010 and stakeholder input. SBx7-7 also directs the Department after receiving the 2015 UWMPs to analyze if the state is on track to meet the 20% statewide urban per capita water use reduction goal. If the state is not on track, the Department is to provide recommendations to the legislature on how the State can meet the savings goal.

For the 2010 cycle, DWR has developed an on line data submittal tool to simplify the review process and to improve the process of collecting urban water management plan data. DWR will adapt or change this tool to speed up the process of data entry in 2015.

Once the majority of plans submitted have been reviewed, DWR plans to hold a couple of meeting with suppliers and stakeholders to gather input on the guidebook and guidance DWR provided and how DWR can better assist suppliers in submitting plans.

11. Any additional information that would be helpful to understand the program:

**Thank you very much for taking the time to respond to this questionnaire. Please return your completed questionnaire to Gina Ford ([gina.ford@deltacouncil.ca.gov](mailto:gina.ford@deltacouncil.ca.gov)) no later than October 6, 2011.**