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WR P1: This policy shall apply to covered actions, as defined in Water Code Section 85057.5. Water shall not be exported from, transferred through or used in the Delta if: (1) one or more water suppliers that would receive water as a result of the export, transfer or use have, in the aggregate, failed to adequately contribute to reduced reliance on the Delta and improved regional self-reliance consistent with the three requirements stated below; (2) that failure has significantly caused the need for the export, transfer or use; and (3) the export, transfer or use would have a significant adverse environmental impact in the Delta.

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One way for a regional agency to demonstrate compliance in its service area is if, after completing the above requirements, it can demonstrate a reduction in either the overall

amount of water used, or in the percentage of water used from the Delta on a service area-wide basis.

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Regions that depend on water from the Delta watershed will have been found to improved their self-reliance for water through the following steps.

First, each region may demonstrate its improved self-reliance either as a hydrologic region as defined in the State Water Plan Update Bulletin 160, as a DWR accepted Integrated Regional Water Management Planning region, as another regional water resources entity, or as an individual agency within any such region.

Second, irrespective of the scale and method chosen the improved self-reliance will utilize the baseline for water use as defined in the 2010 Urban Water Management or Agricultural Water Management Plan update for the subject jurisdiction(s).

Third, the entity reporting its improved regional self-reliance will identify the proposed water use over the next 5-year reporting period (per the Urban Water Management Planning Act update schedule). The entity will also identify the amount of water saved through water use efficiency measures and those savings relative to the amount of water that would have been used absent those measures, shall be considered to be reductions in water diverted from the Delta watershed. Such a demonstrated reduction in total use due to water use efficiency constitutes a reduction of water from the Delta watershed even if total water use has increased due to growth in either municipal and/or agricultural sectors.

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Comment [JM1]: 85057.5 defines a covered action. It would seem that it would be more appropriate to change this language per my edits.

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Comment [JM2]: Activities within the watershed and regional self reliance are not covered actions and therefore not subject to WR P1. While 85021 is a POLICY of the State, it does not extend authority for the DSC to regulate non-covered actions.

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