

STAFF SUMMARY FOR DECEMBER 9-10, 2015

20. CLIMATE CHANGE POLICY**Today's Item****Information** **Action**

Presentation by DFW regarding various agency climate change policies and possible direction on drafting an FGC policy.

Summary of Previous/Future Actions

- Discussion of potential climate change policy Oct 7-8 2015; Los Angeles
- **Today's presentation from DFW Dec 9-10, 2015; San Diego**

Background

Per direction received at the Oct 2015 FGC meeting, DFW is making this presentation today on climate change policies of other states and other California state agencies as background for a discussion about a potential FGC policy on climate change. FGC staff seeks direction from FGC on next steps.

Significant Public Comments (N/A)**Recommendation (N/A)****Exhibits**

1. [Letter from Dennis Fox supporting the idea of ongoing adaptive management in response to climate change, received Sep 30, 2015](#)

Motion/Direction (N/A)

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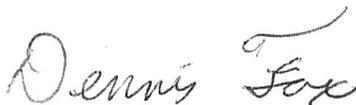
Mister Chairman, Commission Members and Staff:

Kudos to the Department for its recognition and willingness to confront the challenges presented by climate change. I believe that a hard copy of the presentation for not just myself but also the press, relevant academics and agencies, and the public is in order.

- The impacts to water and its conveyance such as anadromous fish in the Sacramento and its Delta have far reaching impacts.
- The impacts of fire such as this year works both ways; not only does climate and weather impact wildland fire propensity, but also the fire production of carbon should be considered. I am not a fan of the park lobby types who see fire as natural so more fire means more natural. Historically sized fires, before negative interventions, not conflagrations, are to be seen as beneficial.
- The banning of active forest management, such as thinning should be made an issue. Banning of spraying herbicides happened because of what is grown in forests that could not be legally grown there or elsewhere more so than actual environment damage. Culling the sylvan farmers just might be a significant societal benefit.
- I am old enough to remember the Department doing air drops of hay to deer in order to augment the habitats shortage of food during " crisis years" and wonder if this practice will ever again occur- cynically, and admittedly sarcastically, adding that feeding the deer benefits the mountain lions, an iconic tool for those who feel a need to control other's behavior.

In conclusion, it would be beneficial if there were a report of the results of climate change, fires and erosion on habitats, reservoir, refuge and river turbidity and capacity, both next spring and annually thereafter. In addition to giving information, I hope that annual presentation will encourage the department to not lock in its adaptations, but to continue to adapt as the climate impacts change.

Sincerely,



Dennis Fox