



Joint One Water and Adaptation Committee and Subcommittee on Imported Water

Authorize an amendment to the Dry Year Water Purchase Program Agreement with the California Department of Water Resources to purchase water supply under the Yuba Accord Long-Term Water Transfer Program

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Amendment to
the Dry Year
Water Purchase
Agreement with
DWR to
purchase water
supply under the
Yuba Accord
Long-Term
Water Transfer
Program

Subject

Review and consider the Yuba County Water Agency certified Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report; Authorize an amendment to the Dry Year Water Purchase Program Agreement with the California Department of Water Resources to purchase water supply under the Yuba Accord Long-Term Water Transfer Program

Purpose

Amending and extending the agreement will allow Metropolitan to continue purchasing Yuba supplies for dry year reliability.

Recommendation

Authorize the amendment to the agreement.

Fiscal & Budget Impact

Considering Metropolitan's recent purchases of Yuba supplies and the Surface Component supply cost of \$75 to \$525 per acre-foot, Metropolitan's cost may range up to \$17,600,000 in critically dry years.

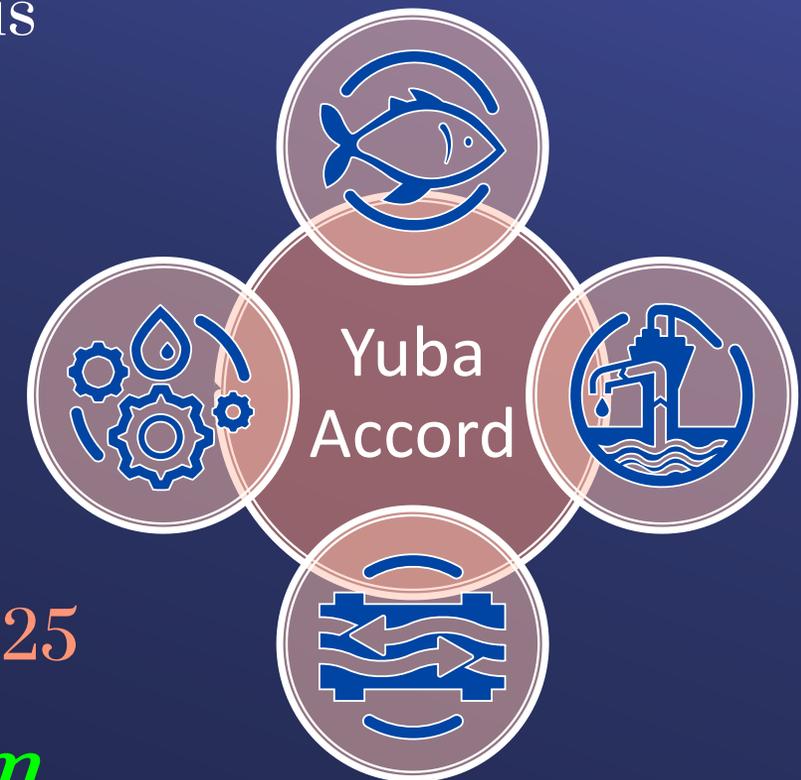


Yuba River

Yuba Accord Long-Term Water Transfer Program

Background

- Yuba River Accord
 - Implemented by Yuba County Water Agency (Yuba)
 - Several agreements work together to protect Yuba flows
- Water Purchase Agreement is between DWR & Yuba
 - MWD is a Participating State Water Contractor
- Dry Year Water Purchase Program Agreement is between DWR & MWD
- Agreements terminate **12/31/25**



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Existing DWR – Yuba Water Purchase Agreement

Key Terms

- Terminates on 12/31/2025
- 5-year pricing for Storage Component Supply
 - \$64/AF - \$447/AF depending on water year type
 - 20% pricing discount for initial quantities in Dry and Critical Years
- Annual pricing negotiations for Groundwater Substitution Supply
- Metropolitan responsible for carriage water losses
 - Historically range from 20-35%
- Yuba can sell up to 10 TAF to third parties after providing 60 TAF to DWR

Amendment Negotiations



Negotiating parties agreed upon a draft amendment in late October

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- ★ Yuba responsible for streamflow depletion losses associated with Groundwater Substitution Supply
 - TBD among Yuba, DWR, and USBR
- ★ Yuba can sell up to 10 TAF to third parties after providing 30 TAF to Participating Contractors

Proposed DWR – Yuba Water Purchase Agreement

*Proposed terms apply to
the DWR-Yuba and
DWR-Participating
Contractor amendments*

Board Options

Option #1:

- Review and consider the Yuba County Water Agency certified Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report, and Authorize an amendment to the Dry Year Water Purchase Program Agreement with the California Department of Water Resources to purchase water supply under the Yuba Accord Long-Term Water Transfer Program.

Option #2:

- Do not authorize an amendment to the Dry Year Water Purchase Program Agreement with the California Department of Water Resources to purchase water supply under the Yuba Accord Long-Term Water Transfer Program.

Staff Recommendation

- Option #1

