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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Rulemaking on the
Commission's own Motion to Consider a
Comprehensive Policy Framework for Recycled
Water.

Rulemaking 10-11-014
(Filed November, 19, 2010)

ORDER EXTENDING STATUTORY DEADLINE**Summary**

This decision extends the statutory deadline in this proceeding to June 14, 2014.

Background

Public Utilities Code Section 1701.5 provides that quasi-legislative matters such as this rulemaking shall be resolved within 18 months of issuance of the scoping memo for the proceeding unless the Commission makes findings why that statutory deadline cannot be met and issues an order extending the 18-month deadline for a period not exceeding 60 days.

In this proceeding, the first scoping memo was issued on June 16, 2011. On September 28, 2012, an amended scoping memo was issued to revise the schedule of the proceeding and to extend the 18-month deadline for resolving the proceeding until December 16, 2013. On February 1, 2013, the Commission staff issued the Recycled Water Workshop Report and parties actively commented on the report.

On March 1, 2014 Senate Bills 103 and 104 were signed by the Governor and chaptered by the Secretary of the State. These bills provide \$687.4 million to support drought relief and identify recycled water as an integral part of California's drought relief plans. Enactment of these bills has necessitated additional review and analysis. Therefore, a 60-day extension of the statutory deadline until June 14, 2014, is necessary.

Waiver of Comment Period

Under Rule 14.6(c)(4) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the Commission may reduce or waive the period for public review and comment of decisions extending the deadline for resolving quasi-legislative proceedings. We waive the period for public review and comment pursuant to this rule.

Assignment of Proceeding

Michel Peter Florio is the assigned Commissioner and Gary Weatherford and Darwin E. Farrar are the assigned Administrative Law Judges (ALJ) in the proceeding.

Findings of Fact

1. On September 28, 2012, an amended scoping memo extended the 18-month deadline for resolving the proceeding until December 16, 2013.
2. On December 5, 2013, in Decision (D.) 13-12-012, the deadline for resolving the proceeding was extended by 60 days to February 14, 2014.
3. On January 16, 2014, in D.14-01-021, the deadline for resolving the proceeding was extended by 60 days to April 15, 2014.
4. An extension of time until June 14, 2014 is necessary in order to allow the new co-assigned ALJ additional time for a thorough review of complex issues.

Conclusions of Law

1. Pursuant to the authority granted the Commission under Public Utilities Code Section 1701.5(a), the statutory deadline for this proceeding should be extended to June 14, 2014.

2. Pursuant to Rule 14.6(c)(4), the comment period for the proposed decision should be waived.

IT IS ORDERED that the extension of the statutory deadline for this proceeding is extended to June 14, 2014

This order is effective today.

Dated _____, at San Francisco, California.