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Decision 92-04-021 April 8, 1992

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Investigation on the Commission's
own motion into measures to
mitigate the effects of drought on
regulated water utilities, their
customers and the general public.

I.89-03-005
(Filed March 8, 1989)

And Related Matters.

(Drought Phase)

I.90-11-033
Application 90-11-038 et al.

INTERIM OPINION

In Decision (D.) 91-10-042, we accepted and approved 40 water management programs certified as complete by the Water Utilities Branch (Branch) of the Commission Advisory and Compliance Division. The water management programs set forth comprehensive conservation plans, complete with cost-benefit analyses, water resource management objectives, and other means of dealing with the drought.

In D.91-12-035, we accepted conditionally 10 additional water management programs, all for districts of California Water Service Company (Cal Water), directing that minor deficiencies in some of these programs be remedied by February 3, 1992.

Branch on February 6, 1992, certified that all deficiencies in the Cal Water filings have been corrected. Additionally, it certified as complete the water management programs for 10 other Cal Water districts.

All 60 water management programs submitted for approval to the Commission have now been certified as complete. As it has done earlier, Branch recommends that specific proposals set forth in the programs remain subject to reasonableness review and

approval during a utility's rate case or at the time a utility seeks to recover costs of such proposals.

Accordingly, we accept and approve as complete the 20 water management programs identified below.

Findings of Fact

1. On March 8, 1989, the Commission opened Investigation 89-03-005 to inquire into measures to mitigate the effects of drought on regulated water utilities and their customers.

2. As part of the investigation, the Commission in D.90-08-055 required all Class A water utilities to prepare comprehensive water management programs.

3. A total of 60 water management programs have been submitted for approval to the Commission. In D.91-10-042, the Commission approved as complete 40 of these programs.

4. Branch recommends Commission approval of an additional 20 water management programs under the same conditions as those imposed in D.91-10-042.

5. The additional 20 water management programs are those of Cal Water for the following districts: Westlake, Application (A.) 91-02-001; Visalia, A.91-02-002; South San Francisco, A.91-02-003; Oroville, A.91-02-004; Willows, A.91-02-008; East Los Angeles, A.91-02-009; Hermosa-Redondo, A.91-02-010; Stockton, A.91-02-012; Bear Gulch, A.91-02-013; Bakersfield, A.91-02-014; Salinas, A.91-02-015; Livermore, A.91-02-016; Los Altos-Suburban, A.91-02-018; San Carlos, A.91-02-019; Selma, A.91-02-020; King City, A.91-02-021; Dixon, A.91-02-022; Chico/Hamilton City, A.91-02-023; Palos Verdes, A.91-02-024; and Marysville, A.91-02-025.

Conclusions of Law

1. Additional water management programs certified by Branch as complete should be accepted and approved, subject to the same conditions as those set forth in D.91-10-042.

2. This order should be effective immediately in order to help mitigate effects of the drought.

INTERIM ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that the following water management programs certified as complete by the Water Utilities Branch of the Commission Advisory and Compliance Division are accepted and approved:

Application (A.) 91-02-001 California Water Service Company (Cal Water) (Westlake District)

A.91-02-002 Cal Water (Visalia District)

A.91-02-003 Cal Water (South San Francisco District)

A.91-02-004 Cal Water (Oroville District)

A.91-02-008 Cal Water (Willows District)

A.91-02-009 Cal Water (East Los Angeles District)

A.91-02-010 Cal Water (Hermosa-Redondo District)

A.91-02-012 Cal Water (Stockton District)

A.91-02-013 Cal Water (Bear Gulch District)

A.91-02-014 Cal Water (Bakersfield District)

A.91-02-015 Cal Water (Salinas District)

A.91-02-016 Cal Water (Livermore District)

A.91-02-018 Cal Water (Los Altos-Suburban District)

A.91-02-019 Cal Water (San Carlos District)

A.91-02-020 Cal Water (Selma District)

A.91-02-021 Cal Water (King City District)

A.91-02-022 Cal Water (Dixon District)

A.91-02-023 Cal Water (Chico/Hamilton City District)

A.91-02-024 Cal Water (Palos Verdes District)

A.91-02-025 Cal Water (Marysville District)

Specific proposals set forth in each water management program are subject to further review and approval during a utility district's rate case or at the time a district seeks to recover costs of such proposals.

This order is effective today.

Dated April 8, 1992, at San Francisco, California.

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President

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NORMAN D. SHUMWAY

Commissioners

I CERTIFY THAT THIS DECISION
WAS APPROVED BY THE ABOVE
COMMISSIONERS TODAY


NEAL J. SHULMAN, Executive Director