

Memorandum

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To: All DWR Employees

From: Department of Water Resources

Subject: Sustainability Targets

Over the past two years, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) has made notable progress in carrying out its mission in a more sustainable manner, by minimizing its impacts on the environment and reducing its greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. DWR's goals and measures for ecosystem stewardship and sustainability will be achieved through implementation of DWR's Sustainability Policy signed in April, 2009.

As we build on this effort to be a sustainable leader within State government and the California water community, we must now establish clear and measurable targets to accomplish these goals. As part of that implementation, I am establishing the following initial sustainability targets for DWR, specifically for the environmental aspects of water, wastewater, energy, carbon, and waste:

- *Water* - 20 percent reduction in per employee water use by 2020;
- *Wastewater* - Incorporate recycled wastewater into facilities when technically feasible and cost-effective;
- *Energy* - Progressive acquisition of 360 GWh of renewable energy resources by 2020; reduce grid-based retail energy demand 20 percent by 2015; ensure Energy Star purchasing;
- *Carbon* - 50 percent reduction below 1990 levels by 2020; 80 percent reduction below 1990 levels by 2050; and
- *Waste* - 50 percent diversion from waste stream by 2020.

The Department's Sustainability Workgroup will work with individual DWR organizations to assist in meeting these targets. The Workgroup will also annually review these targets and issue a report card on our progress towards meeting these targets every April.



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