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NOTICE OF MEETING

On Thursday, June 25, 2009, the Little Hoover Commission will conduct a public hearing on water governance. The hearing will begin at 9 a.m. in **Room 437 of the State Capitol in Sacramento**.

In this study, the Commission is examining the management and governance of California's water supply. At this hearing, the Commission will learn about the models and practices used in California and other western U.S. states.

The Commission will hear an overview of California's water governance structure and the responsibilities and roles of the Department of Water Resources from the department's director. The operations manager for the Central Valley Operations Office of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation will discuss the federal water system in California and its role in water governance and delivery. An assistant general manager for the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California will discuss California's water supply system from a user's standpoint and will share experiences in other states and at the federal level, based on his previous professional experience. The Commission will learn about the model and practices used in Arizona from the assistant director of the Water Management Division of the Arizona Department of Water Resources and from the recently retired general manager of the Central Arizona Project. Finally, the director of the Utah Division of Water Resources will outline the history and methods of water management in Utah.

There will be an opportunity for public comment at the end of the hearing. The Commission also encourages written comments.

The Commission also will conduct business meetings on Wednesday, June 24, 2009, and on Thursday, following the hearing. The meeting on Wednesday will begin at 3:30 p.m. in **Room 127 of the State Capitol in Sacramento**.

All public notices for meetings are on the Commission's Web site, www.lhc.ca.gov. If you need reasonable accommodation due to a disability, please contact Stuart Drown at (916) 445-2125 or littlehoover@lhc.ca.gov by Thursday, June 18, 2009.

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Thursday, June 25, 2009
State Capitol, Room 437
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Water Management in California: Today's Structure, Future Needs

1. Lester Snow, Director, California Department of Water Resources

Federal Perspective: Central Valley Project and Water Management in California

2. Ron Milligan, Operations Manager, Central Valley Operations Office, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation

Water Management from a User's Perspective and Other Agencies' Roles

3. Roger Patterson, Assistant General Manager – Strategic Water Initiatives, The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

Arizona Model

4. Sandra Fabritz-Whitney, Assistant Director, Water Management Division, Arizona Department of Water Resources
5. Sid Wilson, General Manager, retired, Central Arizona Project

Utah Model

6. Dennis Strong, Director, Utah Division of Water Resources

Business Meeting Agenda

(The Commission will consider agenda items I-III at approximately 1 p.m. The precise time will vary depending upon the testimony of witnesses and will be determined at the discretion of the chair.)

I. Draft Report – Bond Oversight
II. Draft Report – California Institute of Regenerative Medicine
III. Unfinished Business