



LITTLE HOOVER COMMISSION

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**LITTLE HOOVER COMMISSION TO HOLD HEARING ON SPECIAL
DISTRICTS' CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION EFFORTS**

On Thursday, October 27, 2016, the Little Hoover Commission will conduct a second public hearing on California's 4,700 special districts, with a focus on how these local and regional government entities are preparing for the impacts of climate change. The hearing will begin at 9:30 a.m. in Room 437 of the State Capitol in California.

The October hearing will focus the special districts' study on costly infrastructure investments described by special district representatives at the Commission's first hearing in August. The hearing will specifically review three public services – water supply and delivery, wastewater treatment and flood control – all exposed to the effects of climate change. The Commission will hear from seven witnesses, who will discuss the impacts that climate change is already having on special districts, including California's historic drought. Witnesses also will describe their current plans to adapt to climate change at the local level, and what assistance they need from state government to broaden their range of defensive options.

At the hearing the Commission will first hear from the deputy director of the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR), who will first provide a brief overview of climate change threats in California. The second witness is the director of state relations for the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA), who will give an overview of how special district water, wastewater and flood control agencies are beginning to incorporate climate change adaptation into their infrastructure plans. The third panel will feature the general manager of the East Bay Municipal Utility District, the general manager of the Rancho California Water District and the technical services department head for the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County. They will provide information on what measures they are taking at the local level to address climate change impacts. The final panel will include the interim chief operating officer for the Santa Clara Valley Water District and the general manager of the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District, who will talk about their work on climate change adaptation in flood plain areas.

There will be an opportunity for public comment at the end of the hearing. The Commission also encourages written comments. A formal agenda and other documents related to this study can be viewed and downloaded from the Commission's website at www.lhc.ca.gov.

Immediately following the hearing, the Commission will hold a business meeting in in the lower level conference room at 925 L Street in Sacramento.

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**Public Hearing on Special Districts
Thursday, October 27, 2016
State Capitol, Room 437
Sacramento**

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Public Hearing: 9:30 a.m.

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Vice Chairman

Climate-Challenged California: An Overview of What's Here and Coming

Scott Barnett

1. Louise Bedsworth, Deputy Director, Governor's Office of Planning and Research

David Beier

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Investments for Uncertainty: Tomorrow's Climate Infrastructure

Chad Mayes
Assemblymember

2. Wendy Ridderbusch, Director of State Relations, Association of California Water Agencies

Don Perata

Water/Wastewater Agencies: Preparing for Too Little or Too Much Precipitation

Sebastian Ridley-Thomas
Assemblymember

3. Alexander R. Coate, General Manager, East Bay Municipal Utility District
4. Jeffrey D. Armstrong, General Manager, Rancho California Water District
5. Philip L. Friess, Department Head, Technical Services, Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County

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Storms and Sea Level Rise: Infrastructure Investments for Flood Control

6. Melanie Richardson, Interim Chief Operating Officer – Watersheds, Santa Clara Valley Water District
7. Alan Hofmann, General Manager, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District

**Business Meeting
Thursday, October 27, 2016
925 L Street, Lower Level
Sacramento, CA 95814**

(The Commission will consider agenda items I-V at approximately 12:30 p.m. The precise time will vary depending upon the testimony of witnesses and will be determined at the discretion of the chair). Members of the public will have an opportunity to make comments about Commission agenda items during the meeting.

- I. Business Meeting Minutes from September 22, 2016
- II. Biennial – Draft Report
- III. Subcommittee Reports and Project Selection
- IV. Implementation
- V. Reports from the California State Auditor's Office