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NOTICE OF MEETING

On Thursday, January 28, 2010, 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 discuss future water governance, water use efficiency, groundwater management and storage, and strategies for streamlining the water transfer process.

The Commission will hear from a senior consultant with the Resources Legacy Fund on water planning and management. A panel of two participants will discuss using markets and regulation for efficient water use. That panel will include a University of California, Davis, professor and chair and the executive director of the State and Federal Water Contractors Agency. Finally, a second panel will discuss water storage and conveyance, including groundwater options. That panel will include the general manager of the Kern Water Bank Authority and a senior hydrologist with the California Water Program of The Nature Conservancy.

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

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, January 21, 2010.



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**Public Hearing on Water Governance
Thursday, January 28, 2010
State Capitol, Room 437
Sacramento**

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Public Hearing: 9 a.m.

Adaptive Statewide Water Planning & Management

1. Elizabeth Ann Rieke, Senior Consultant, Resources Legacy Fund

Improving Water Use Efficiency: Market and Regulation Approaches

2. Richard Howitt, Chair, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of California, Davis
3. Byron Buck, Executive Director, State and Federal Water Contractors Agency

Effective Water Storage and Conveyance: Above & Below Ground

4. Jonathan Parker, General Manager, Kern Water Bank Authority
5. Maurice Hall, Senior Hydrologist, California Water Program, The Nature Conservancy

Business Meeting Agenda

(The Commission will consider agenda items I-VI 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. Business Meeting Minutes from October 22, 2009 and November 19, 2009
- II. Draft Report: Infrastructure Finance and Policy
 - a. Consideration for Adoption
- III. Schedule/Project Selection
- IV. Subcommittee Reports
 - a. Draft outline and potential recommendations: Economic Development
- V. Implementation Activity
- VI. Reports from Bureau of State Audits