

**Comments of the California Department of Water Resources' State Water Project on the California Energy Commission's Adoption of Regulations to Establish a Process to Designate Transmission Corridor Zones
Docket No. 07-OIR-1**

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California Department of Water Resources (CDWR) State Water Project (SWP) submits the following written comments on the California Energy Commission's (Commission) proposal to adopt new regulations to establish a process for designating transmission corridor zones in accordance with the Commission's authority under Public Resources Code section 25330 et seq. At the request of the Commission, these comments are prepared in advance of the Commission's public hearing scheduled for November 21, 2007.

SWP has reviewed the Commission's September 2007 proposed regulations and generally supports the Commission's proposal to adopt the new regulations for the purposes of ensuring transmission reliability, relieving congestion, and meeting the state's growing transmission needs as to be defined in the biennial strategic plan.

CDWR is responsible for monitoring, conserving, and developing California's water resources along with constructing, operating, and maintaining the SWP facilities that stretch more than 600 miles from northern to southern California. CDWR requires access to land resources and right-of-ways to ensure that water deliveries are achieved economically, reliably, and safely for public interest. As a governmental agency with land and water use interests of the state; that include flood protection, public recreation, and resource management; CDWR agrees with the proposed regulations that would require the Commission to confer with and notify other state agencies as a necessary part of the review process. This also requires that the Commission consider the existing and planned land use of affected areas by such agencies. This cooperative effort is critical to managing the long-term needs of the SWP as its flood control, water quality, and environmental programs continue to grow along with the need for access to economical and cleaner power resources.

CDWR looks forward to participating in future proceedings and encourages the Commission to continue to dedicate the time and resources necessary to provide a transparent process that clearly references the strategic plan and record of proceedings, provides for transparent and appropriate expenditures and reimbursement of costs, and specifies the roles of interested governmental entities that participate in the Commission's proceedings.

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