

## **Findings of Fact Necessitating the Calling of a Special Meeting of the Colorado River Board of California—**

The Colorado River Board of California (Board) desires to consider whether to support federal legislation concerning the Drought Contingency Plans by signing a letter with six other Colorado River Basin States, as more particularly set forth in the Board's agenda. The Board concludes that delay necessitated by providing notice ten-days prior to scheduling a regular meeting as otherwise required by California Government Code Section 11125 would cause a substantial hardship on the body or that immediate action is required to protect the public interest. The Board makes the following findings of facts supporting its conclusion that a special meeting scheduled to be held on March 18, 2019, is necessary and satisfies the criteria set forth in Government Code section 11125.4:

1. The U. S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) has announced that the time period for the seven Colorado River Basin States to complete action on the Colorado River Basin Drought Contingency Plans (DCP) and its associated proposed federal legislation expires on March 19, 2019; and
2. As of the Board's March 13, 2019, regularly scheduled meeting, the precise wording of the proposed federal legislation to implement the DCPs was not yet final, and final language was necessary to inform a decision by the Board as to whether to authorize the Chairman of the Board to execute a letter from the seven Colorado River Basin States accompanying the proposed federal legislation and interstate agreements to the United States Congress; and
3. There is insufficient time between March 13 and March 19, 2019 to notice a regular meeting for the Board to consider whether to support the federal legislation; and
4. A special meeting is therefore necessary for the Board to be able to consider whether to support the legislation along with the other six basin states by Reclamation's March 19, 2019 deadline.