

## **Remote Access and Webinar Availability**

Based on past experience and available technology, DWR has instituted the following remote access and Webinar availability policies for SBx7-7 public meetings:

**Public Workshops/Hearings.** Public workshops and hearings are held in auditoriums and hearing rooms in both Sacramento and the San Joaquin Valley or Southern California. Workshops and hearings held in Sacramento will have remote access/Webinar availability. On-line participants will be able to communicate via email or the Webinar chat function. Remote access/Webinar details and meeting materials will be posted on the DWR website for each meeting.

**Urban and Agriculture Stakeholder Committee Meetings.** Because of the group-discussion format and the large size of these committees, these meetings will not have remote access/Webinar availability. All committee members, or their alternates, will need to participate in person. The meetings will be open to the public, but remote participation will not be provided. Meeting materials will continue to be posted on the project website.

**Subcommittee Meetings and Workshops.** Meetings of no more than 25 participants will have remote access/Webinar availability. On-line participants will be able to communicate via email, the Webinar chat function, or via the Webinar/conference phone line. Remote access/Webinar details and meeting materials will be posted on the DWR website for each meeting.

DWR appreciates the high level of participation received on this project and has exerted considerable effort to accommodate that participation through remote access and Webinar. However, inadequate performance of these tools in large discussion groups has proven to be a hindrance, rather than a benefit, to full participation. Should new equipment/technology become available during the project timeline, we will re-assess these policies and keep you posted on any changes.

We look forward to your continued participation in the SBX7-7 public process.