

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

**Water Resources Department
Contested Cases**

On February 3rd, the Natural Resources Subcommittee recommended acknowledging receipt of a report from the Water Resources Department on contested cases.

The report is broken in to four main sections, with general information and context provided first followed by a presentation of litigation and contested cases that involve adjudication of existing water rights second; then litigation and contested cases dealing with applications for new rights, permit extensions, transfers, and cancellations. The report finishes with cases dealing with water distribution and regulation, well construction enforcement, and miscellaneous cases.

The report provides specificity on cases as needed and makes general observations about cases with similar circumstances or facts. The report presents a water regulatory framework that is both complex and contentious. Several cases remain pending or unresolved for the entire period that the report covers.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends approval.