



ITEM 19. CONSIDER FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 158 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND RULE 28-B TO ESTABLISH THE JURISDICTION AS LEAD AGENCY FOR EVALUATION OF A WATER USE CREDIT TRANSFER AND TO ALLOW APPROVAL OF AN APPLICATION BY THE GENERAL MANAGER

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Summary of Ordinance 158

- Amends Rule 28-B, Water Use Credit Transfers
- Designates California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) lead agency status to the land use Jurisdiction
 - Jurisdiction first reviews and approves any proposed Water Use Credit (Rule 28-B-4)
 - Makes a determination and findings before referring a transfer application to the District (the responsible agency)
- Final consideration by the General Manager
 - Ensures all conditions of Rule 28 are met
- Decisions are appealable to the Board



Environmental Review (CEQA)

- The proposed Rule amendments are not a project under CEQA
- The proposed amendments to do not approve any Water Use Credit transfer
- The ordinance does not meet the “project” definition according to CEQA Guideline §15378 (b) (5) which states: “Organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment.”

Recommendation

- The Board should receive public comment
- Consider the first reading of Ordinance No. 158

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