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It would be very helpful and useful for the public to know more about expenditures that go to the State Water Project (SWP) and the Central Valley Project (CVP). Perhaps this information is available if members of the public research the SWP and CVP websites and budgets, but that's a lot to expect of your constituents.

Therefore, I suggest the following information be added to the final report for the water charge and budget hearings, and be integrated into the budget (if not this year, then next year).

1. Estimated total SWP tax to be collected and how this money will be used to pay the Department of Water Resources for SWP maintenance.
2. A description of the maintenance activities that are driving any increase in the SWP tax, as is the case for this year's budget.

3. Estimated SWP water deliveries and total cost for that water. Also explain if these are purely volumetric charges, or if other expenses are included what those expenses are.
4. Estimated CVP water deliveries and total cost for that water. Also explain if these are purely volumetric charges, or if other expenses are included what those expenses are.
5. Any CVP costs that are not related to water deliveries and how the money would be used by the Bureau of Reclamation for operation/maintenance of CVP infrastructure or for other purposes.

This information would also be informative for the Board.

Furthermore, staff estimates that forgoing the %48 SWP tax increase would increase pumping charges by \$139 per acre/foot, showing how significant this decision is in terms of moving away from the beneficiary pays principle. To signal the value of water, the price of water should reflect the cost of water. Spreading the costs to property owners allows Valley Water to underestimate the cost of imported water and is unfair to those who conserve or invest in innovative ways to capture and reuse water on their properties.