

## **M e m o r a n d u m**

Date: February 5, 2002

To: Gary Hunt, Chair  
California Bay-Delta Public Advisory Committee

Patrick Wright, Director  
CALFED Bay-Delta Program

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Subject: Major Outcomes: January 23, 2002 Chair's Meeting – BDPAC and Subcommittees

Members in attendance: Gary Bobker, Ryan Brodrick, Denny Bungarz, Martha Davis, Greg Gartrell, David Guy, Martha Guzmán, Gary Hunt, Leslie Lohse, Robert Meacher, Tim Quinn, Francis Spivy-Weber, Tom Zuckerman.

The meeting was a success; it was a very productive forum for information exchange and for all to discuss your priorities. Major themes:

- Program and Committee need to track funding, available resources and performance on Program actions to determine progress on meeting the seven-year Program goals.
- Subcommittees should address integration of Program activities and coordinate with each other on crossover issues.
- Most Subcommittees will assist the Program with assessing performance of Program funded projects and actions.
- Setting Committee priorities and meeting schedules will be based on subcommittee priorities and schedules, Program needs, and members' schedules and needs.

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### **CALFED**

#### **California**

The Resources Agency  
Department of Water Resources  
Department of Fish and Game  
The Reclamation Board  
Delta Protection Commission  
Department of Conservation  
San Francisco Bay Conservation  
and Development Commission

California Environmental Protection Agency  
State Water Resources Control Board  
Department of Health Services  
Department of Food and Agriculture

#### **Federal**

Department of the Interior  
Bureau of Reclamation  
Fish and Wildlife Service  
Geological Survey  
Bureau of Land Management  
Environmental Protection Agency  
Army Corps of Engineers

Department of Agriculture  
Natural Resources Conservation Service  
Forest Service  
Department of Commerce  
National Marine Fisheries Service  
Western Area Power Administration

## **SUBCOMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

### **General Action Items**

1. Subcommittees and Program staff will ensure that grant and proposal solicitation processes receive adequate review and clarify the role of the subcommittees.
2. Subcommittees will address allocation and coordination of funds for their respective programs.
3. By February 25, 2002, subcommittees will forward to Eugenia Laychak, their respective priorities, schedules for forwarding recommendations on those priorities for full Committee consideration, definitions of success for meeting subcommittee goals, and membership lists. Forward electronic files, if possible, to laychak@water.ca.gov. Meeting this target date will ensure items will be in the Committee meeting packet.

### **Watershed Subcommittee**

Martha Davis and Robert Meacher (co-chairs) reported on the progress the Watershed Subcommittee made in refining its mission, responsibilities and outcomes.

#### **2002 Priorities:**

1. Meetings in different regions of the state.
2. Participation in Watershed Program grant/project solicitation process.
3. Involvement in developing Watershed Program performance measures.

#### **Definition of Success for 2002:**

- Broader constituency for addressing water quality, water supply reliability and ecosystem restoration goals and actions.
- Subcommittee will know how well Watershed Program projects are performing.

#### **Watershed Subcommittee Action Item**

- By February 25, 2002, Subcommittee identifies strategy/tools for assessing project performance.

### **Water Use Efficiency Public Advisory Subcommittee**

Francis Spivy-Weber and David Guy (co-chairs) summarized the subcommittee description, including the following 2002 priorities. The bracketed dates are optimistic targets.

1. WUE Finance Proposal (including recommendations for distribution of funding across WUE components [to BDPAC in July 2002].
2. Establish Agricultural WUE Milestones Comprehensive and supportable assurances of high agricultural water use efficiency [by 12/31/02].
3. A consensus definition of appropriate measurement of water use [by 12/31/02].
4. A credible certification process for urban BMP's [to be implemented by December 31, 2002].

5. Methods and approaches for integrating WUE with the CALFED Science Program (including development of performance measures and adaptive management methods for WUE) and CALFED's water management strategy [to BDPAC in July 2002].

They also discussed the need to integrate water use efficiency actions/priorities with the Watershed Program actions/priorities.

### **Ecosystem Restoration Subcommittee**

Gary Bobker and Ryan Broddrick (co-chairs) reviewed the responsibilities and expected outcomes for the Subcommittee and announced membership would be in the range of 20 to 24 members. Because the proposed responsibilities are very comprehensive the Subcommittee will likely form work groups.

#### **Key Issues for 2002 Include:**

1. Ecosystem Restoration Program staffing and resources.
2. Making environment water management robust, exploring potential for partnerships, and determining the relationship between water management activities and the Environmental Water Account.
3. Developing a strategy for ecological zone and regional planning and implementation.
4. Finding synergy with other CALFED Bay-Delta Program elements to avoid conflicts.
5. Demonstrating program performance.

#### **Measures of Success:**

- Improved Program staffing.
- Broad support for Environmental Water Account.
- Agreement on a sound process for regional implementation and performance metrics.
- Identification of effectiveness of funded projects.

#### **Ecosystem Restoration Subcommittee Action Item**

- Subcommittee and staff will refine the Subcommittee's measures of success for 2002 [by February 25, 2002].

### **Water Management/Water Supply & Conveyance Subcommittee**

Steve Hall (co-chair) reported that Jerry Meral (co-chair) had a meeting conflict and could not attend the meeting. This Subcommittee is still in the very early formation stages and in the midst of drafting its mission, goals/objectives and description of its operations. Steve announced that because of the breadth and scope of the Subcommittee's responsibilities it is likely the Subcommittee will form work groups and the membership will remain open, for now. The first meeting will be scheduled prior to the next full Committee meeting.

#### **Expected Major Outcomes:**

1. Review of annual work plans for the CALFED Bay-Delta Program Water Management, Storage, Conveyance and Water Transfers Programs. Subcommittee will be looking for scientific analysis of projects and will assess for maximized operational flexibility and synergy.

2. Help seek a facilitated process for discussions relative to expansion of Banks pumping to 8,500 cfs.
3. Assess program for meeting annual milestones.
4. Ensure that a water supply plan includes a sound decision-making process for addressing issues and that a package of projects makes sense.

**Subcommittee Action Items:**

- Subcommittee will have its first meeting, settle on its name, membership and its operations. [by February 25, 2002, if possible, definitely by time of next Committee meeting].

**Drinking Water Subcommittee**

Marguerite Young and Greg Gartrell (co-chairs) summarized the Subcommittee's draft description and announced that they were soliciting nominations for membership. They identified the following major issues:

1. Defining a level of public health protection to achieve a target of provide safe, reliable and affordable drinking water in a cost-effective way that is equivalent to achieving average concentrations at Clifton Court Forebay and other southern and central Delta drinking water intakes of 50 ug/L bromide and 3 mg/L total organic carbon.
2. Strategies for identifying alternative source waters, treatment technologies, source control, and water management tools.
3. Developing a funding/resources strategy, including allocation of local funds.
4. A criterion for selecting projects.
5. Identifying multiple benefits and integration with other program elements.
6. Developing a strategic plan for achieving the seven-year goals in the CALFED Bay-Delta Program Drinking Water Quality Plan.

**Drinking Water Subcommittee Action Item**

- Identify priorities and measures of success for Subcommittee for 2002 [by February 25, 2002].

**Environmental Justice Subcommittee**

Martha Guzman and Leslie Lohse (co-chairs) reported on regional workshops taking place (the last one, in southern California is January 24, 2002) and summarized the Subcommittee draft description. They emphasized that a major issue is to integrate environmental justice into the CALFED Bay-Delta Program, as a whole.

**Major Issues for 2002:**

1. Resources to support integrating environmental justice into the Program elements.
2. Public outreach to local networks and networking with other subcommittees to ensure Program is serving at-risk and disadvantaged populations and communities.

**2002 Accomplishments/Measures of Success:**

- Have an environmental justice coordinator in place in the CALFED Bay-Delta Program.

**Environmental Justice Subcommittee Action Item**

- Identify 2002 priorities and additional measures of success [by February 25, 2002].

**Delta Levees and Habitat Subcommittee**

Tom Zuckerman (chair) provided an overview of the history of the Delta Levees and Habitat Public Advisory Committee (it has been in existence for fifteen years) and summarized the draft description for the Subcommittee. He acknowledged the Committee's interest in having the Subcommittee assume the role of the old Public Advisory Committee and thanked the Committee supporting this change. Mr. Zuckerman announced that Marcie Coglianesse was asked to be the subcommittee co-chair.

**2002 Priorities:**

1. Make a recommendation to BDPAC on a short-term Levee Program funding source.
2. Coordinate with the CALFED Science Program to get answers to Levee Program Science questions.
3. Coordinate with the CALFED Risk Assessment effort (ROD commitment \$54) and provide advice to BDPAC.
4. Work with CALFED staff and regulatory agencies to refine the process to coordinate and facilitate permit application and approvals for compliance with CEQA and NEPA for the Levee Program.
5. Make recommendations on how ecosystem restoration can be coordinated and funded through both the Levee and Ecosystem Restoration Programs and effectiveness maximized.
6. Work with DWR and USACE to develop joint demonstration projects.

**Delta Levees and Channels Subcommittee Action Items:**

- Appoint the Subcommittee and co-chairs (to be done at next California Bay-Delta Public Advisory Committee meeting).
- Identify 2002 measures of success for Subcommittee.

**MARCH 13, 2002 COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEMS**

Patrick Wright reviewed the proposed agenda items. Relative to funding and resource issues he laid out the Program strategy for dealing with limited staff:

1. Lean on lead agencies to support Subcommittees and conduct other tasks.
2. Promote the governance proposal to streamline administrative (for example contracting) processes.
3. Lean more on stakeholder groups, including the Subcommittees.
4. Seek more long-term funding, such as through state water bond measures and getting federal authorization for the Program.

### **Agenda Items for the March 13 Meeting**

- Governance Legislation (Discussion item)
- State and Federal Funding Status Update (Discussion item)
- Regional Approaches or Reports

### **Suggested Meeting Schedule**

Based on the priorities of the Water Use Efficiency and Water Management Subcommittees:

- Tentatively March 12, 2002 in Sacramento (note change of date)
- July 2002
- December 2002.

Other meeting dates to be set contingent on Subcommittee priorities and scheduling of other meetings.

### **Next Meeting of the Chairs**

March 12, 2002, after the full Committee.