

**California Bay-Delta Public Advisory Committee
Environmental Justice Subcommittee Meeting Summary
September 9, 2002
Resources Building, 1416 Ninth Street, Room 133
Sacramento, CA
Meeting start: 1:15 p.m.**

- Welcome and Introduction by Martha Guzman, EJ Subcommittee Co-Chair. Martha also welcomed members of the Subcommittee that were joining the meeting via teleconference from the alternate meeting location at the Association of Bay Area Governments' Conference Room in Oakland. (A partial list of attendees is appended to this summary as Attachment 1.)

Subcommittee Recommendations for the California Bay-Delta Public Advisory Committee (BDPAC)

DRAFT Environmental Justice 2002-03 Workplan and Budget

- Dan Wermiel, Acting EJ Coordinator, reviewed the DRAFT Workplan that will be submitted to the BDPAC on September 19, 2002. Renee Hoyas, The Resources Agency, recommended that the strategies mentioned under Objectives 5 and 6 refer to The Resource Agency solely, not the CA Legacy Project. She also recommended that The Resources Agency be added as a lead agency on any of the strategies on which CALEPA is a lead agency.
- Kristen LaVine of Public Affairs Management inquired as to how the Subcommittee Chairs would present this to the BDPAC. She inquired if a PowerPoint presentation might not be an appropriate format. Eugenia Laychak of the CALFED Program acknowledged that other subcommittees have used PowerPoint presentations. Martha Guzman and Dan Wermiel agreed to begin work on a presentation.

Environmental Justice Coordinator

- Acting EJ Coordinator, Dan Wermiel updated the Subcommittee on the Coordinator announcement through the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. The position closed July 26 and seven applications were received. A review panel had made recommendations to John Lowrie who is currently summarizing those applications. The panel would likely have a candidate identified by the BDPAC meeting, but would probably not be able to announce the name of the candidate until contract negotiations were finalized.
- The EJ Coordinator position will be an "IPA" in which the candidate's current employer signs a contract with CALFED. The current employer must be certified to enter into an IPA. How soon an EJ Coordinator is on board will depend on how long the IPA and contract negotiation processes take.

Planning for Next Environmental Justice Subcommittee Meetings

Next Featured Program

- The Subcommittee noted that several CALFED programs have yet to present to the EJ Subcommittee including Water Transfers, Water Supply and Management, Levees, and the new Working Landscapes Program. Martha Guzman, EJ Subcommittee Co-Chair, suggested that Water Transfers, Water Supply and Management, and Levees be invited to present at the next meeting.
- Dan Wermiel, Acting EJ Coordinator, requested that the next meeting include an update of the CALFED/DHS Fish Consumption Study. He will ask the Subcommittee's liaison, Olin Webb of BUHP Advocates, to give an update at the next meeting.

- Dan Wermiel also suggested that the Subcommittee discuss the CALFED Programmatic Workplan including the implications of reduced budgets and resources on EJ objectives.
- Dan Wermiel recommended that the Subcommittee continue the dialogue and coordination with programs that have presented at past meetings. He noted that the Subcommittee needed to continue to make progress on ideas and suggestions that were discussed between the Subcommittee and various Programs. The Subcommittee discussed whether a liaison or staff person should be assigned to each Program. Kristen LaVine of Public Affairs Management offered to draft a matrix of ideas/ suggestions and CALFED Program areas to allow for prioritization and tracking of program-specific follow-up.

Regional Meeting

- The Subcommittee discussed hosting a regional meeting of the EJ Subcommittee in November. The meeting could be held jointly with the November meeting of the Southern California Water Dialogue. Carlos Michelan of MWD will coordinate with the Water Dialogue and will inquire into availability at MWD to host the meeting.

Other

Public Comment

- Sam Cervantes of the Bureau of Reclamation’s Public Affairs Office inquired whether the Subcommittee would be developing a framework/approach to environmental justice issues to guide CALFED Programs and Agencies. Sam is currently assisting the environmental team for the Environmental Water Account; the team must consider environmental justice impacts in their EIR/EIS. She asked the Subcommittee’s advice on how to proceed with identifying EJ impact issues as the EWA program is implemented. The Subcommittee responded that it is their intention to provide advice/guidance on EJ outreach issues and to provide other tools such as GIS demographic data layers to aid in identifying potential EJ communities. Martha Guzman, EJ Subcommittee Co-Chair, noted that Objective 5c. under the EJ Subcommittee 2002-2003 Workplan addresses Sam’s request specifically. (5c. recommends: “Develop an environmental justice impact assessment methodology and guidance for CALFED programs for CEQA, NEPA, and Title VI compliance.”)

Other Business

- Martha Guzman, EJ Subcommittee Co-Chair, announced the California Water Power Conference that will be held October 11. She invited Subcommittee members to attend.
- Renee Hoyos, The Resources Agency, announced the California and the World Oceans Conference that will be held October 27-30. There will be a session on environmental justice and coastal issues. Renee is soliciting ideas for speakers and topics.

Next meeting of the EJ Subcommittee

- The Subcommittee agreed to meet from 10 to 3 p.m. on Friday, October 11th. The ABAG Conference Room B will be made available for representatives to participate by teleconference.

Meeting Adjourned: 2:45 p.m.

Action Items Chart

Meeting Participant	Action Item
Dan Wermiel, Acting EJ Coordinator	Update the EJ Subcommittee Workplan and work with Martha Guzman to develop presentation for 9/19 BDPAC meeting.
Dan Wermiel, Acting EJ Coordinator	To invite representatives from the Water Supply and Management, Water Transfers, & Levees programs to give presentation at 10/11 Subcommittee meeting.

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Dan Wermiel, Acting EJ Coordinator	To ask Olin Webb, BUHP Advocates, to give update on the DHS-EHIB Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta fish consumption study at 10/11 Subcommittee meeting.
Kristen LaVine, Public Affairs Management	To draft a matrix tracking CALFED programs and proposed ideas/projects for program-specific follow-up.
Dan Wermiel, Acting EJ Coordinator, Martha Guzman, EJ Subcommittee Co-Chair	To plan a regional EJ meeting in November in concert with the Southern California Water Dialogue. Coordinate with Carlos Michelin of MWD for hosting the meeting.

**BDPAC/Environmental Justice Subcommittee Voluntary Sign-In
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Name	Affiliation
Adrian Wilson	U.S. DOI/OEPC
Amadis Sotelo	UFW AFL-CIO
Billy Colegrove	
Carlos Michelin	Metropolitan Water District of So. California
Eugenia Laychak	CALFED
John Ohlson	Yolo County Democratic Central Committee
Kristen LaVine	Public Affairs Management
Paola Ramos	Latino Issues Forum/EJCW
Renee Hoyos	The Resources Agency
Sam Cervantes	U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
Todd Manley	Northern California Water Association