

**Ecosystem Restoration Subcommittee
California Bay-Delta Public Advisory Committee
March 6, 2002, 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Bonderson Building
901 P Street, Hearing Room 102-A
Meeting Summary**

Subcommittee members (or their alternates) and liaisons present:

Ryan Brodrick (Co-chair, BDPAC member)	Margit Aramburu (DPC)
Nick Di Croce (Cal Trout)	Alan Forkey (NRCS)
Dan Fults (Friant WUA, BDPAC member)	Sergio Guillen (DWR)
Lloyd Fryer (KCWA)	Diana Jacobs (DFG)
Elise Holland (TPL)	Tim Ramirez (Resources Agency)
Lisa Holm (CCWD)	Nan Yoder (BOR)
Walt Hoye (MWD)	Casey Walsh Cady (CDFA)
Ronda Lucas (CFBF)	Marie Sullivan (USFWS)
Todd Manly (NCWA)	Carolyn Yale (EPA)
Cynthia Patton (Save the Bay)	
Bob Stackhouse (CVPWA)	
Bernice Sullivan (FWUA)	
Tom Zuckerman (CDWA)	

Subcommittee Purpose and Guidance

Co-chair Ryan Brodrick opened the meeting with introductions. He discussed the mission of the subcommittee as identified in a two-page description of the Ecosystem Restoration Subcommittee. He also described how the list of members was put together from numerous sources, and requested that any Subcommittee members provide alternates to Dan Castleberry, the Chief of the Ecosystem Restoration Program. One suggestion was to add a Science Program liaison.

Eugenia Laychak discussed the charge to this subcommittee that is under the Bay Delta Public Advisory Committee (BDPAC). The role of BDPAC is to provide input to the CALFED Bay-Delta Program. BDPAC's general goals are to make annual recommendations on program priorities, ensure effective integration among programs, evaluate program actions and comment on annual reports. There are currently 6 subcommittees, Ecosystem Restoration, Drinking Water, Environmental Justice, Watershed, Water Use Efficiency, and Water Supply. Two more may be formed at the upcoming March 12th BDPAC meeting which are Delta Levees and Habitat and a Steering Committee made up of the subcommittee chairs. The Ecosystem Restoration Subcommittee will need to report to BDPAC next week.

Danae Aitchison, Attorney General's Office, discussed a couple legal issues for the group. First, she stated that this group, as a Subcommittee to BDPAC, must comply with all state and local open meeting law rules. She also clarified that, regarding Conflict of Interest, this group will not be providing group advise on funding decisions. Individuals of the group can comment during the public comment period. However, the group as a whole should refrain from discussion and recommendations on specific projects.

Ecosystem Restoration Program Status Report

Dan Castleberry began the ERP status report with a description of the ERP Staff and organization. ERP staff is moving toward a regional structure where staff will be associated with

a region as well as having certain programmatic duties. Dan also discussed other groups within the ERP such as the Amendments Workgroup, Agency Stakeholder Ecosystem Team, and Independent Science Board. Subcommittee members had some discussion about the Amendments work group and how that fits within the program. Staff will provide the Subcommittee with the current Amendments process.

Terry Mills provided a briefing on the ERP budget and funding sources. There were some questions about program tracking and it was suggested that a future meeting agenda include a further discussion of ERP tracking as well as program-wide tracking. The Subcommittee also requested future discussion of a current "look back" exercise that evaluates ERP progress to date. Terry Mills also discussed ERP planning activities such as the Draft Stage 1 Implementation Plan, Delta Regional Plan and Upper Yuba Studies Program.

Rebecca Fris provided a brief history of implementation for the Program discussion number of projects funded by year and pie charts showing the types of projects funded in each region. The ERP investment to date is about \$326 million for 325 projects. She provided a specific example of activities on Butte Creek where numerous actions have been implemented. Rebecca also provided information on the 2002 Proposal Solicitation Package. Two hundred sixty proposals are currently under review. The Selection Panel will meet in the first week of April to develop an initial recommendation. That recommendation will be discussed in a public workshop followed by a 30-day public comment period. Final funding decisions are expected in late May or early June. Subcommittee members requested a copy of the PSP overheads.

Tim Ramirez mentioned a program called Working Landscapes, a stakeholder working group convened to promote conservation partnerships between CALFED agencies, private landowners, local governments and conservation groups. The group is discussing the following topics: Regulatory assistance/streamlining; State/Federal Coordination; Support for Working Landscapes approach; Minimizing impact to agricultural lands; Research and monitoring; and In-lieu property taxes. Tim said people on the Subcommittee are invited to participate and that he would send the Subcommittee a list of attendees for these meetings.

Next Steps for the Subcommittee

Ryan Brodrick asked the committee how they felt about forming official workgroups up front. A proposal to the group was to have workgroups focused on Planning and Regional Implementation; Budget, Administration, and Project Implementation; Performance Assessment; and Environmental Water Management. Members of the Subcommittee felt all of these topics were very important and that they should be dealt with at every full Subcommittee meeting. Thus, workgroups will not be formed at this time. Ryan also discussed a handout prepared by Gary Bobker regarding desired outcomes for the Subcommittee this year. He asked for comments to be sent to him by Monday March 11th. The Subcommittee did not set a subsequent meeting date. It is expected that the Subcommittee will meet every other month and will begin at 9:30am or in the afternoon.