

**Meeting Summary – September 11, 2002**  
**California Bay-Delta Public Advisory Committee**  
**Water Supply Subcommittee**

**Attendance**

Subcommittee members and alternates in attendance: Jerry Meral, Lloyd Fryer, Tom Zuckerman, Alan Zepp, Richard Denton, Bernice Sullivan, Dave Fogerson, Joan Maher

***The meeting focused on the following agenda items:***

- Review of Workplans and Budgets for Fiscal Year 2002/2003
  - Storage Program
  - Conveyance Program
  - Water Transfers Program

A presentation was given for each of the CALFED Programs listed above. The presentations focused on the following topics:

- A Review of Year 2 Accomplishments
- A Summary of Year 3 Work Plans
- Issues and Delays
- Major stage 1 decision points
- Adjustments or Changes to Stage 1 Total Funding
- The Role of the Management Group in Year 3

These presentations can be found on the CALFED web page.

**CALFED Storage Program**

The subcommittee and the public requested information regarding the comparison and relationship between storage capacity and potential yield of the projects. Also, what is the source of water to fill groundwater basins and will the collective groundwater yield be significant enough to make a difference?

Clarification was provided regarding the science review process for the In-Delta Storage project. DWR will meet with the science review panel members on October 2 to discuss the panel's synthesis of the project studies. Based on this discussion, DWR will assess how to incorporate the science panel's comments into the reports and when to schedule the next In Delta Stakeholder public meeting in the Delta.

Clarification was provided regarding the North-of-the-Delta Offstream Storage investigations public outreach process. The scoping report will be available soon for public review and comment and DWR will continue to do public outreach as needed. Northern California Power Agency is interested in participating in the North-of-the-Delta Offstream Storage investigations as a stakeholder.

The subcommittee inquired about the exploration of using previously polluted groundwater basins that have been cleaned up as new storage capacity. DWR's Conjunctive Use Program will consider these possibilities in its efforts to support locally controlled groundwater projects.

## **CALFED Conveyance Program**

The subcommittee requested information regarding the three fish passage proposals that were initiated for the Through Delta Facility.

The subcommittee asked whether or not the conveyance program would integrate common assumptions into their studies as is being done for the surface storage programs. DWR is well into their conveyance studies now and limited time and resources may not permit such an effort to be incorporated.

The subcommittee asked whether or not there was any interplay between the North Delta Flood Improvements Project under the CALFED Conveyance Program and the San Joaquin Comprehensive Flood Management Study being conducted by the DWR Flood Management Division and the Corps of Engineers. There is currently no interplay between two programs as these programs are general funded and lack of funding has caused delay and less coordination between programs.

The subcommittee recommended reconciling differences in project names that are being used such that everyone is referring to projects under the same name.

## **Water Transfers Program**

Water transfers will be incorporated into the common assumptions effort.

The subcommittee was concerned that it is premature to assume EWA will be in place since EWA is supposed to be a four year experiment. DWR recognizes this, but believes that some form of EWA will likely be in place after the four year experiment is completed.

The public commented that water transfers are a reallocation of water from one use to another. The concern is that water may be reallocated away from agricultural use, therefore reducing the amount of total food production in the State. DWR stated that most transfers have been interactions between surface water and groundwater rather than transfers from agriculture.

A question also arose regarding the continuation of the DWR Dry Year Program. DWR stated that this determination is usually not made until the need for the Program arises.

## **Future Meeting**

To Be Determined

(Check CALFED web site periodically for updates)

Draft Agenda Items:

- Review of Final State and Federal Budgets for Fiscal Year 02/03
- Alex Hildebrand asked staff to develop a projection of the yield for both surface storage and ground water storage for the next WS Subcommittee Meeting.