

California Bay-Delta Public Advisory Committee

Surface Storage Investigations Status Report

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Summary: This briefing will inform the Bay-Delta Public Advisory Committee on the status of the five surface storage projects being conducted by the Department of Water Resources, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, and many local agencies.

Recommended Action: This is an informational item only. No action will be taken.

Background

A *Surface Storage Progress Report* is being prepared by the Department of Water Resources (DWR), the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBR), and the California Bay-Delta Authority (CBDA) staff in order to respond to stakeholder inquiries about the status of the five surface storage projects discussed in the CALFED Program Record of Decision. The report will be finalized and available for public review in the near future. While all five of the projects can provide important benefits for the State and local regions, there is not adequate committed State or Federal funding to allow all five of the projects to be completed. The briefing will focus on important storage issues and will help BDPAC prepare to make a recommendation in May 2004 on the Water Storage Program Plan.

Two key areas will be highlighted. First, this briefing will summarize the key issues, findings, and accomplishments discussed in the report. Also, the In-Delta Storage Program State Feasibility Study draft reports are currently under public review and comment. Therefore, emphasis will be given to the In-Delta Storage Project. The reports will soon be available at:

<http://calwater.ca.gov/CALFEDDocuments/CALFEDDocuments.shtml>.

The second objective of this briefing is to discuss how best to address the question of project prioritization. All five of the projects can provide important benefits for the State and local regions; however, there currently is not enough committed State or Federal funding to allow all five of the projects to progress at their current schedule. Addressing how the storage projects spend their limited resources in future years will become an important component of next year's Storage Program Plan. The Surface Storage

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Program staff will outline a conceptual plan. Ultimately, the discussions of these issues will lead to an improved Storage Program Plan for FY 04/05. The BDPAC Water Supply Subcommittee will be briefed on this topic on March 9, 2004.

List of Attachments

Attachment 1 - Draft Executive Summary In-Delta Storage Program State
Feasibility Study

[http://calwater.ca.gov/Programs/Storage/InDeltaStorageReports_2003/Executive
Summary/Draft_In-Delta_Executive_Summary_1-30-04.pdf](http://calwater.ca.gov/Programs/Storage/InDeltaStorageReports_2003/Executive_Summary/Draft_In-Delta_Executive_Summary_1-30-04.pdf)

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