

Environmental Justice Sub-Committee Meeting

California Bay-Delta Authority

July 9, 2004

Sacramento, CA

(draft) MEETING SUMMARY

ACTION ITEMS:

- All: Final comments on Program Plans are requested by Wednesday 7/14/04
- Ken: Prepare revision EJ work plan to include proposed costs for each task for 10 year CALFED finance plan)
- All: Provide suggestions for rotating EJSC meetings in other locations
- All: Water Management Science Board potential nominees are due into Ken by 7/25/04
- Ken: Determine location for August 13th EJSC meeting and possible Winnemem Wintu Tribal lands/ Shasta Dam tour.

PROTOCOLS: Approval of Minutes

The meeting notes were approved.

EJ Program Plans

Ken led a discussion concerning the development of a GIS Mapping project. The Watershed Program will provide the funding for this task which is part of the EJ workplan. The varying layers of the EJSC will exhibit demographics of the areas of concern. The question was raised concerning what types of mapping does CALFED need in order to better address and understand EJ issues, particularly how tribal (both federally recognized and unrecognized) and other EJ groups will be represented in produced maps. Interest was expressed in using GIS in order to be able to carry out EJSC demographic and population research directly related to CALFED programs and projects.

Draft EJ Guidelines

Ken provided an update on the status of the draft EJ guidelines. He expressed the need to evaluate EJSC guidelines in order to get more momentum generated. While there is a need to get the guidelines completed, the general consensus is that more work needs to be done. They will be discussed at the next Drinking Water SC meeting on July 23. The plan is to continue working to revise the current draft, seek support from each Program Element and have the document approved by both BDPAC and The Authority. No timetable has been set for the completion of this activity.

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The guidelines are an essential component of incorporating EJ issues throughout CBDA programs, providing suggestions and guidance on performance measures, goals and objectives. The guidelines need to be helpful to the other programs. This document formalizes much of what is already in the workplan and makes that material user-friendly for other programs.

GIS MAPPING

Ken led a discussion concerning the possible EJSC development of a master wish list of communities to show EJ groups. The varying layers of the EJSC will exhibit demographics of the areas of concern. The question was raised concerning what types of mapping does CALFED need in order to address EJ issues, particularly how tribal groups (both recognized and unrecognized) will be represented in produced maps Dr. Clark expressed a desire to use GIS in order to be able to carry out EJSC demographic and population research.

10 YEAR FINANCE PLAN

Kate Hansel described the 10 year finance plan and related documents. Draft Finance Options Report is currently available on the CBDA website. Both decisions for 10 and 25 year time period options are available on the web. The entire program timeframe will be finalized by October for the Authority meeting. The next BDPAC meeting will be particularly important because the draft report will be released. Kate will continue to update the EJSC about further developments. Currently, there has been an examination of user share versus provider share and its use in determining who pays the cost share.

Concern was expressed over finding an EJ financial Assistance Program and other options in order to meet funding needs. It is more likely to receive EJ funding if EJ is incorporated into other program plans. Once the EJ section (of the Oversight and Coordination Program Element) decides what it wants to do and put a cost next to that program element, a budget starting point will be created for the possible incorporation with the targets. It is currently planned to examine the EJ current (and BDPAC- approved) work plan and establish figures for each task in the plan so that financial needs can be addressed.

LEVEE FAILURE OF THE UPPER JONES TRACT

Sergio Guillen provided a PowerPoint presentation on the levee breakage at Upper Jones Tract. It is projected that all the water that flooded the island will be removed by October. There are many predictions as to why the levee failed, so it is difficult to pinpoint one reason. The levees found on this island as well as others like it in the delta were primarily formed through subsidence over decades of farming practices. The levees found on Upper and Lower Jones Tract are privately owned. Little information is known about the fate of displaced farm workers or other third party impacts from the flooding. The EJSC consensus reflected the need for

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greater collaboration with the Levees Subcommittee. Ken and others will continue to track developments related to the levee failure.

WINNEMEM WINTU TRIBAL ISSUES

Mark Franco and Gary Mulcahy gave a talk on the Winnemem Wintu Tribe and concerns over the raising of Shasta Dam. The Winnemem Wintu are a federally unrecognized tribe, one of many, found throughout the State of California. Many of their tribal lands were flooded during the initial building of Shasta Dam and as a result many lost their homes and many sacred lands were lost in the process. With the increasing talks surrounding the possible raising of Shasta Dam, the Winnemem Wintu Tribe are concerned with the probable loss of their tribal lands, homes, and quality of life if the project is carried out. A video was shown emphasizing these concerns. The concerns over the raising of Shasta Dam were also expressed by Mark Franco at the BDPAC meeting on July 8, 2004. The video is available for further viewing.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- *Tom Gohring announced that a Water Management Science Board is being formed and possible nominees are sought. Names are due to Ken and Angela by 7/25.
- *Water Policy Conference –November 18-19, 2004, Los Angeles
- *CBDA Science Conference –October 4-6, 2004, Sacramento
- *EJ/ Community Health Conference –September 24-25, Richmond
- *Upcoming Meetings –Next EJSC meeting date 8/13; location TBD

ATTENDANCE

- Dr. Henry Clark, West County Toxics Coalition (*Interim Acting Co- Chair*)
- Ken McGhee, CBDA EJ coordinator
- Angela McIntire, CBDA EJ and Tribal Intern
- Heidi Rooks, CBDA
- Sergio Guillen, CBDA
- Tim Ramirez, CBDA
- Kate Hansel, CBDA
- Tom Gohring, CBDA
- Michiyo Sakamoto, DWR
- Mark Franco, Winnemem Wintu Tribe
- Gary Mulcahy, Winnemem Wintu Tribe

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- Leslie Bryan, Western Shasta Resource Conservation District
- James Moller, Western Shasta Resource Conservation District
- John Ohlson, Yolo County Democratic Central Committee
- Barbara Cross, DWR EJ Coordinator
- Alisha Deen, EJ Coalition for Water
- Eugenia Laychak, EJC & Associates
- LaDonna Williams, People for Children's Health and Environmental Justice
- Conner Everts, Southern California Watershed Alliance, CUWCC
- Carol Gaubatz, CA Native American Heritage Commission

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