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**Agenda Item: 2**  
**Meeting Date: December 7, 2005**

## **CALIFORNIA BAY-DELTA PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

November 9, 2005  
650 Capitol Mall, Bay-Delta Room  
Sacramento, California

### **MEETING SUMMARY**

#### **CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING REMARKS**

##### **1. INTRODUCTION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

Vice Chairman Bungarz called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m., and as part of his introductory remarks, informed members that Agenda Item 4 would be taken up prior to Item 3. He also indicated that a quorum was not present at that time so action on Item 2 - Adoption of the October 12, 2005 Meeting Summary would be delayed. A quorum was present by 9:30 a.m.

The following members were present: Patricia Acosta, Denny Bungarz, Marci Coglianese, Martha Davis, Gregory Gartrell, Steve Hall, Ronald Jacobsma, Steve Macauley, Don Marciochi, Robert Meacher, Dan Nelson, Bill Pauli, Rudolph Rosen, Frances Spivey-Weber, Maureen Stapleton, Van Tenney, Walter Wadlow, and Thomas Zuckerman.

Others agency representatives in attendance: Michael Chrisman, Secretary for Resources; Lester Snow, Director of the Department of Water Resources; and Susan Ramos, Mid-Pacific Regional Office, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (serving as the Designated Federal Official designee).

##### **2. ADOPTION OF OCTOBER 12, 2005 MEETING SUMMARY**

The Meeting Summary was adopted with two changes:

- Walt Wadlow, Committee member, was erroneously listed as present; and
- A discussion was omitted that focused on the need to reinvigorate BDPAC's Steering Committee as a way of providing integration and coordination among its various Subcommittees, and to prevent the Subcommittees from working in isolation of each other. Bob Meacher, Co-Chair of the Watershed Subcommittee, asked Chairman Hunt to consider scheduling a Steering Committee meeting in the near future.

### 3. REVITALIZING CALFED (Information Item)

Joe Grindstaff, Director of the California Bay-Delta Authority, presented an overview of refocusing and program priorities in the development of a 10-Year Action Plan that would preserve the CALFED mission and its original objectives, while maintaining solution principles as a foundation and result in a balanced program if implemented as planned. He reviewed the components of the 10-Year Action Plan:

- Refocused CALFED Program
- New Delta Vision process
- New planning agreement and Habitat Conservation Plan/Natural Community Conservation Plan (HCP/NCCP)
- Specific near-term priorities and funding plan
- Future actions and funding ranges
- Agency commitment to schedules for future activities

He posited that some Program elements be considered for statewide focus rather than Delta-specific focus. While they remain a part of the ROD, their impacts affect the entire State. He defined those specific elements as: recycling, desalination, groundwater storage, and conveyance (flood control associated with cities, except the North Delta, water quality, water transfers and watersheds). These elements are those in which significant progress had been made. There was discussion among Committee members as to whether this was desirable and some voiced the opinion that rather than give these areas up, we should retain them and outreach its considerable expertise to other regions of the State as a way of evolving these areas into statewide focus elements. Further, the Delta's significance is such that it cannot be isolated from the rest of the State and vice versa.

Director Grindstaff also suggested that the new Delta Vision process is broader than water concerns and includes agriculture, transportation, environment, infrastructure, flood control and land-use decisions that should involve local governments and a variety of other agencies.

He reviewed near-term priorities as:

- Ecosystem Restoration Program and Environmental Water Account – Meet Stage 1 regulatory commitments
- Surface storage – Complete investigations
- Conservation – Develop expanded program
- Water quality – Complete equivalent level of public health protection (ELPH) planning, fund San Joaquin River salinity reduction and complete Franks Tract pilot
- Conveyance – Complete studies and pilots to inform Through-Delta decision, progress on 8500 cubic feet per second (CFS)
- Levees – Continue maintenance and complete Delta Risk Management Strategy (DRMS)

- Science – Pelagic organism decline (POD) studies and ongoing science and Interagency Ecological Program activities
- Delta Vision – Participate in and complete this process

Director Grindstaff also outlined funding sources through the end of Stage 1 and beyond and underscored the importance of the agencies' commitment to future schedules that are established. He said a draft of the 10-Year Action Plan would be circulated to BDPAC members prior to the next meeting.

#### **4. YEAR 5 CALFED PROGRAM PROGRESS AND BALANCE (Information Item)**

Director Grindstaff presented an overview of CALFED progress and balance during the first five years. He cited program accomplishments in the areas of water supply, ecosystem restoration, levee protection and maintenance and water quality. While there has been progress in these areas, some expectations have remained unmet, including the levee system, conveyance, POD, water quality and science. He reviewed the evolution of these issues into the Independent Review process requested by the Governor that is now concluding in reports of findings by the Department of Finance, KPMG and the Little Hoover Commission. Once finalized and analyzed, these refocusing documents will influence CALFED's 10-Year Action Plan to be adopted next month with new, updated implemented deadlines in the Record of Decision.

Representatives from each of the reviewing agencies summarized their findings:

- Jim Mayer, Executive Director of the Little Hoover Commission, said the Commission will meet November 17 to discuss the draft report and, depending on any additional revisions, may publish its conclusions on its website that day.
- Bryan Gillgrass of KPMG reviewed the consultancy's process in conducting its organizational and program management review that was published October 17, 2005. Findings centered on the need for the Authority to define its role in a strategic vision for the Delta, governance doctrine, set realistic priorities, establish a detailed communications plan; implement a strong science program; and develop methodologies for defining balance and measuring and evaluating outcomes, incorporating adaptive management and a common methodology for managing and reporting progress. A schedule of deliverables will begin November 21, with a proposed organizational design and conclude in March 2006 with an organizational implementation plan.
- Tom Dithridge of the Department of Finance and Erika Sperbeck of its Performance Review Unit presented a summary of their findings gleaned through document review and staff interviews. The DOF review concluded that the CALFED program was not in balance based on the level of progress toward goals of ROD actions by Program element. They concluded that only two elements – the Water Transfer Program and Watershed Management – had achieved a "high" degree of their ROD

commitments. Three programs were found to be in the “low” category with the remainder in the “medium” category. Committee members voiced concern at some comments in the report, including staff comments that some ROD goals may no longer be applicable relative to Delta levees. However, Mr. Snow maintained that the concerning comments were opinion v. program changes. Director Grindstaff suggested members who had comments regarding factual inaccuracies get them to the Authority as soon as possible so they could be presented to DOF staff for consideration.

Committee members requested that all Independent Review information be disseminated quickly so they can review and synthesize it and be better prepared to assist in the process. Members also questioned whether these findings would prompt the Federal Government to hold hearings. Susan Ramos said there had been no discussions yet on Federal hearings and there was no question that they would continue to participate in the program.

## **5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

## **Adjournment**

Vice Chairman Bungarz adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m. The next BDPAC meeting is scheduled for December 7, 2005.