

CALFED Bay-Delta Public Advisory Committee (BDPAC)
Water Quality Subcommittee Meeting
Draft Minutes
Oct. 30, 2007

A meeting of the CALFED BDPAC Water Quality Subcommittee (WQS) was held October 30, 2007 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Delta Room, 650 Capitol Mall, 5th Fl, Sacramento, CA.

Meeting Summary

Introductions

Co-Chair Steve Macaulay opened the meeting at 1:10 p.m. with introductions. Co-Chair Greg Gartrell arrived later.

A list from the voluntary sign-in sheet follows the meeting summary. The minutes from the September 18, 2007 meeting were adopted with one change. The change was on page 1, paragraph 1, to correct the spelling of Steve Macaulay's last name.

Water Education Foundation video "Drinking Water: Quenching the Public Thirst"

We watched the video "Drinking Water: Quenching the Public Thirst". The video was funded by a Prop. 50 grant. WQS Co-chair Steve Macaulay was featured in the video. There is also a website that was funded by a Prop. 50 grant called "Where Your Water Comes From". The website address is: <http://www.water-ed.org/watersources/default.asp>

CALFED Conveyance Projects

Victor Pacheco of DWR handed out the Conveyance Program Plan Year 8. Victor said that the revised Conveyance Program Plan should be posted to the CALFED website. The summary report of conveyance activities should also be available shortly. Sam Harader will distribute the report to the WQS via e-mail. The Water Supply Subcommittee meeting date and time will be sent to the WQS so those that are interested can attend.

Ajay Goyal of DWR gave a presentation on Franks Tract. The Franks Tract project has converged to two alternatives: West False River and Three Mile Slough. The EIR/EIS will start in January 2008.

The Franks Tract project could be complementary to any conveyance alternative. The Regional Salmon Outmigration Study could also be complementary to the Through Delta Facility or other options. Franks Tract and the Regional Salmon Outmigration Study are two projects in the Conveyance program that are moving forward.

There will be a Brown Bag presentation on Nov. 7, 2007 on the North/Central Delta Regional Salmon Outmigration Study. The presentation will be at 650 Capitol Mall, 5th Floor, Delta Room from noon to 1 p.m.

Water Quality Program Final Assessment

The final draft of the CALFED Water Quality Program Stage 1 Final Assessment is complete. It was e-mailed to Subcommittee members and CD copies were also handed out at the meeting.

A CALFED Water Quality Program Stage 1 Final Assessment Report Assessment Memo Discussion Points was handed out. The memo is basically a summary of key conclusions and recommendations from the Stage 1 Final Assessment. Many comments were made. Some of the main comments were to reinforce what the CALFED Record of Decision (ROD) said, to complete outstanding ROD commitments including the CVDWP, and to consider alternatives that have multiple benefits.

Action Item - Sam will modify the recommendations and conclusions in the discussion points memo based on the comments received and will send them to the Co-chairs for their incorporation into a cover letter to BDA/BDPAC. The goal is to get a letter out by Nov. 16, 2007 to BDA/BDPAC.

The Science Program is doing peer review of the Final Assessment report. The peer review should be complete by the end of November.

Action Item - The WQS should meet after the Final Assessment Report peer review is complete.

Public Comment

This was Lisa Holm's last meeting with the WQS. Lisa gave her staff, Sam Harader and Patricia Fernandez a Certificate of Appreciation for their work on the Final Assessment Report signed by representatives of all the WQP implementing agencies. The WQS Co-chairs also gave a Certificate of Appreciation to Lisa Holm, Sam Harader, and Patricia Fernandez for their contributions to the Water Quality Program.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be sometime in mid-December, possibly before the next BDA/BDPAC meeting which is tentatively scheduled for Dec. 13, 2007.

Printed Materials distributed at the meeting

- ◆ *WQS Meeting Notice and Agenda – Oct. 30, 2007*
- ◆ *Draft Minutes from the Sept. 18, 2007 Water Quality Subcommittee Meeting*
- ◆ *Draft Final Conveyance Program Plan Year 8*
- ◆ *Franks Tract/Delta Cross Channel Reoperation/Through Delta Facility*
- ◆ *CALFED Brown Bag Seminar handout*
- ◆ *CALFED Water Quality Program Stage 1 Final Assessment Report Assessment Memo Discussion Points*

List of Attendees (in alphabetical order)

The following attended the meeting:

1. Archibald, Elaine
2. Buchnoff, Kathleen
3. Dorn, Linda
4. Evoy, Barbara
5. Fernandez, Patricia
6. Fry, Vicki
7. Gartrell, Greg
8. Goyal, Ajay
9. Harader, Sam
10. Holm, Lisa
11. Jacquemin, Claire
12. Kruth, Maury
13. Larsen, Karen
14. Macaulay, Steve
15. Mao, Lee
16. McHale, Sharon
17. Schwinn, Karen
18. Shrestha, Bijaya
19. Smith, Lynda
20. Walker, Leah
21. Wilde, Jim
22. Wills, Leah