

Public Meeting Notes

Friday, April 10, 2009

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Delta Levees and Habitat Advisory Committee

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1. *Announcements/guests*

The meeting will be moved back to the first Friday of the every month. DWR is hosting the meeting on behalf of CALFED. Sergio Guillen is now working at DWR.

2. *Meeting notes from March – April*

No notes where taking at last meeting.

3. *Bay-Delta Levee Program update on SB 34/AB 360 Program*

Mike Mirmazaheri discussed the progress with Special Projects. Staff is currently finalizing the selection of special project for FY 08-09 for DWR executive approval. He also expressed his concerns with the applications, specifically 1) how several of them did not show mitigation work. Mike mentioned that the total cost of the projects were increased by 15% to cover all mitigation cost.

Chris Neudeck asked the Department not to assume anything, please call the RD or engineer and discuss any issue in the application when needed. Mike responded in support of that recommendation.

Bill Darsie also expressed there was not a lot of time to put the applications together and in the future more lead time would be helpful. Mike agreeing with the comment mentioned that there was not much of time this year since the Interim Guidelines were finalized in January 2009.

Mike Mirmazaheri will talk to DWR's legal department regarding authorization of work prior to the signature of the 5 year plan work agreements.

On the budget, Mike mentioned that as soon as DWR has money to spend they will be paying, subventions 07-08, subventions 08-09, special projects 08-09. Several people expressed they would like to know more about the State budget process and asked if someone from DWR budget office can come to the meeting and speak on how state bonds work.

4. *Delta Emergency Operation Plan*

Bob Orcutt talked about mitigation banking in the Delta and how the DFG levee program is contributing in planning this effort. He also discussed DFG assessments of the Decker Island project.

Dave Mraz handed out and talked about Delta Risk Management Strategy (DRMS) Phase 1 which was just publically released. Phase 2 of the report has not been completed due to funds being on hold. There were some discussions on both the benefits of the DRMS and areas requiring more attention. Dave mentioned that the purpose of DRMS was to assess the risks associated with levee failure in the Delta.

Michelle Trotter commented that emergency operations are continuing business as usual and exercises in the Delta have been completed.

5. BDPAC Levee Subcommittee Report

Melinda from the Central Valley Flood Control Association talked about BDCP process and also mentioned to the group the importance of keeping track of legislations being considered by both assembly and senate.

6. Implementation Agencies/CALFED report

Dan Artho mentioned the USACE 2-day field trip to the Delta held on March 24 – 25, 2009. The purpose of the Delta tour was to initiate discussion regarding the identification of water resources problems in the Delta, enhance coordination amongst Bay Delta programs, and to further develop State and Federal agency relationships.

Dan Artho also discussed the USACE CalFed Levee Stability Program. Currently there are 68 proposed projects submitted to the USACE SPK with a total of \$196 million to be appropriated.