

BDAC Meeting - January 30, 1997
Sacramento Convention Center, Sacramento, CA
Notes for Mike Madigan and Sunne McPeak

1. Welcome

- o Special presentation today - David Kennedy, Director of CA Division of Water Resources and Colonel David Peixotto (pronounced Pishoto), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - on the Flood of 1997 - general overview.
- o Objective of meeting - primarily to provide BDAC members with progress of the Water Quality and the Water Use Efficiency Programs, and discuss issues that have been the focus of the Work Group meetings.

Housekeeping items:

- o Most of the material was sent to BDAC members last week -- For the general public, copies of the material we will discuss today are available at the registration table.
- o Lunch will again be served to BDAC members --. There are several eating establishments within the general area for members of the public.
- o Reminders on public comment:
 Very important that members of the public offer public comment at the appropriate time!!! We will be sure you get to say your piece.
 - o **After each agenda item:** BDAC members will deliberate on an issue and then we will provide an opportunity for public input relevant to the discussion for that agenda item - **public commenters should fill out a speaker card at the registration table so we have correct spelling of names - if you know you want to speak at an agenda item, please fill the cards ahead of time -- if you speak without a card, fill one out afterwards. In the interest of time, we may have to limit comments from the public.** We would still encourage anyone who has specific input for agenda items, and is not given sufficient time to express concerns, to provide comments in writing so that the BDAC may take them into consideration -- we really want your input!
 - o **Public Comment Period:** We will have a public comment at the end of the meeting for the public to comment on issues or items not on the agenda. **We ask that public fill out a speaking card so that we can allow sufficient time for public comment. All speakers will be limited to 3 to 5 minutes -- please do not speak any longer -- we have to limit times to ensure that everyone has an opportunity!!** The purpose of this agenda item is to provide the public an opportunity to comment on items of pertinence to the BDAC. **We encourage written comments!**

- o The **next BDAC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 12 in Sacramento at the Beverly Garland Hotel** -- We also have a meeting scheduled for April 10 - are trying to get a location in San Francisco - please be sure these dates are on BDAC members calenders.
- o Encourage BDAC members to continue to provide comments in writing on issues that are of concern to them - very important and helpful.

MIKE and SUNNE-

Just a few issues:

- As discussed at our meeting on January 15, we have contacted some members of BDAC in advance to follow up on questions we are posing - those members will be identified in the appropriate section below.
- Even though the next meeting is on March 12, it is only about 5 ½ weeks away - if we need more time to review the components before the April meeting, we may have to consider a two-day March meeting - the 11th or 13th - this is only an option if it appears that we need more time. What do your calenders look like for those dates? There is some kind of Water Education Foundation event on the afternoon of the 13th - I'm not sure what it is.

2. Component Integration and Programmatic Level of Detail (35 minutes - 10:00 to 10:45)

Lester will begin with an overview of the schedule and some of the major milestones and discussion points that will come up over the next several months. We will have several large detailed schedules posted up around the room for people to study. Lester will show an abbreviated version on an overhead. Steve will review component integration on our Phase II six step process and begin a discussion on the Programmatic Level of Detail. Rick Breitenbach will provide some detailed examples of the level of detail that we expect in Phase II analysis.

Issue:

- Mary Selkirk will likely bring up concerns that have been expressed in her Ecosystem Restoration Work Group regarding the pace of the schedule. At the Work Group meeting on Wednesday (yesterday), several BDAC members and work group participants expressed concern that the schedule for development of the Ecosystem Restoration Program is too tight to allow for sufficient review by stakeholders and outside technical experts. They believe that they need more time for review! Lester will address the concerns that Mary brings up by stating that it is CALFED's position that we will not slip our schedule -- the development of the Ecosystem program will continue over the next two years - there will be ample time for technical and outside review of the program and revisions during that time -- even after the "frame" for the program is set, which is what we are doing now.

3. **Status Report and Assessment of the Flood of January 1997 (45 minutes - 10:45 to 11:30)**

Mike or Lester can kick off this series of presentations --- Roger Patterson will also probably have something to add.

Kennedy is expected to arrive at 11:00 am and Colonel Peixotto (Pishoto) will be there by 10:30 and needs to leave by noon. For introductions - Colonel David Peixotto, is the Deputy Commander of the South Pacific Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Both Peixotto and Kennedy were in Sacramento yesterday giving the Assembly a briefing on the flood.

- **We have a very short 5 minute video with some footage from the flood.**
- After the video, both Kennedy and Peixotto will have the opportunity to talk and probably answer some questions. Roger Patterson may also want to say a few words.
- Lester has some overheads to discuss some of the linkages of flood management actions with actions in our program.
- Tom Graff also has some material to distribute and will want a few minutes to speak about the material.

Issues that will most likely come up during discussions:

- Usefulness of additional storage in flood management;
- Importance of preservation of ag land and other flood easements; and
- Need to strengthen levees.

4. **Update on the Development of the Water Quality Program (11:30 to 12:15 - 45 minutes for presentations and after lunch 1:00 to 1:30 - ½ hour for discussion)**

Rick Woodard will make a presentation (about ½ hour) on the Water Quality Program. Wendy Halverson Martin will make a short presentation at an appropriate time giving examples of the level of detail that we expect to analyze for water quality.

Rick has identified two question for BDAC for the discussion after lunch. is appropriate for CALFED to assume an overall coordination and integration role in watershed protection including:

- working with local agencies to assist in the formation of alliances and cooperative projects to improve water quality on a larger scale than might be possible with local agencies?
- assuming a leadership role in coordinating water quality assessment activities throughout the watersheds tributary to the Bay-Delta to assure uniform data collection protocols, uniform application of quality control, standardized analyses, and compatible database structures?

Rick contacted both Tom Maddock and Rosemary Kamei and asked them to try to respond to the questions to keep the discussion on track. He was also going to try and contact Alex before the meeting as well to discuss these questions.

5. Water Use Efficiency Program Description (1:15 to 2:45 - 1 ½ hours)

Rick Soehren will provide an overview of the program and lay out the issues and direction that the program is going. Wendy Halverson Martin will make a short presentation at an appropriate time giving examples of the level of detail that we expect to analyze for water use efficiency.

In the issue paper in the BDAC meeting packet, Rick identified two issues for BDAC consideration:

- The proposed approach to agricultural water use efficiency provides a two-year opportunity for agricultural water users to demonstrate the sufficiency of a voluntary process. The approach includes a “trigger” leading to planning and implementation requirements, patterned after existing state law that applies to urban agencies, in the event that the voluntary process proves inadequate. **Is this an appropriate way for CALFED to provide assurance of agricultural water use efficiency?**
- The proposed approach to urban water conservation includes an assurance mechanism intended to increase the implementation of cost-effective measures. There is an independent stakeholder effort to develop recommendations on mechanisms to assure compliance. CALFED can define the criteria of an adequate assurance mechanism, allow an opportunity for ongoing stakeholder efforts to yield a proposal, and commit to including an adequate stakeholder proposal or alternative assurance mechanism in a final package of program assurances. **Is this an appropriate way for CALFED to proceed with the development of urban water use efficiency assurances?**

Rick has contacted Mary Selkirk, Judith Redmond, and Stu Pyle to respond to the questions. Stu’s response will most likely be negative. The objective is to try to put these issues to rest so that the BDAC work group does not have to continue to agonize over them and can move on to other issues. We have included in BDAC members packet a recent copy of a letter from Stu and Howard Frick relative to Water Use Efficiency.

6. Update on the Storage and Conveyance Component

Steve Yaeger will provide an update on the development of the Storage and Conveyance Component.

7. Update on Ecosystem Roundtable Activities

Cindy Darling will give BDAC members an overview of the activities of the Ecosystem Roundtable.

8. Implementation Plan - Proposed FY 1998 Program Activities

Material was included in the meeting packet regarding the FY 1998 program activities and a general 5-year implementation plan. Lester will provide a very general overview focussing on the criteria for early implementation.

9 Public Comment

We will provide speaker cards of members of the public who wish to comment.

10. Adjourn