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Agenda Item: 2
Meeting Date: March 15, 2006

CALIFORNIA BAY-DELTA PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

December 7, 2005
650 Capitol Mall, Bay-Delta Room
Sacramento, California

MEETING SUMMARY

1. CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING REMARKS - INTRODUCTION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Chairman Gary Hunt called the meeting of the Bay-Delta Public Advisory Committee (BDPAC) to order at 9:15 a.m., and as part of his introductory remarks, indicated that a quorum was not at yet present so items requiring a vote would be taken up later. A quorum was present later in the meeting, allowing action items to be voted upon.

The following members were present: Patricia Acosta, Gary Bobker, Marci Coglianese, Martha Davis, Gregory Gartrell, David Guy, Steve Hall, Gary Hunt, Ronald Jacobsma, Steve Johnson, Lillian Kawasaki, Steve Macaulay, Don Marciochi, Robert Meacher, Jerry Meral, Barry Nelson, Rudolph Rosen, Maureen Stapleton and Walter Wadlow.

Other 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 NOVEMBER 9, 2005 MEETING SUMMARY (Action Item)

The Meeting Summary was adopted as submitted:

3. YEAR 5 CALFED PROGRAM PROGRESS AND BALANCE (Action Item)

Joe Grindstaff, Director of the California Bay-Delta Authority, stated that the Statement of Program Accomplishments and Progress clearly indicated that the Program was significantly behind schedule. He asked the Committee to recommend the Statement's adoption to the California Bay-Delta Authority (Authority) Board. Steve Macaulay noted that the Statement of Program Accomplishment and Progress did not treat the issues of Environmental Justice and Tribal issues with the level of commitment reflected in the CALFED Bay-Delta Program's Programmatic Record of Decision (ROD). The Committee voted unanimously to recommend adoption of the Statement of Program Accomplishments and Progress.

4. REVITALIZING CALFED – 10-YEAR ACTION PLAN FRAMEWORK (Action Item)

Director Grindstaff reviewed the issues leading up to the independent review and independent review components. He reviewed the key components of the 10-Year Action Plan Framework, including re-establishing the Policy Group, re-assigning the Authority staff to The Resources Agency, establishing a State/Federal advisory committee and eliminating the Authority Board; establish a mechanism for independent oversight; make improvements to program and fiscal management recommended through the independent review; and refocus some program elements from Delta-specific focus to statewide focus. Extensive Committee member discussion focused on concern with eliminating BDPAC and replacing it with a State advisory board that seemed very similar and the shifting of some CALFED Program actions to statewide integrated regional water management (IRWM) actions. There was concern that the actions shifted to an IRWM focus would not get the attention they merited. Additionally, there was concern that a more detailed 10-Year Action Plan document existed, which Committee members had not seen. The Committee voted 11-5 to a revised motion: Recommend adoption of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program 10-Year Action Plan as a conceptual framework, and recommend that the Secretary for Resources refine the document based on input received from BDPAC and the Authority, and submit the conceptual framework to the Governor with the recommendation that the Secretary be authorized to work with BDPAC and the Authority in the development of a full Plan.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment was received from the Environmental Justice Coalition for Water (Alicia Dean), the Northern California Power Agency (Allen Zep) and the Planning Conservation League (Jonas Minton) dealing with the lack of review period of the 10-Year Action Plan Framework prior to the meeting, the lack of mention of Environmental Justice in the document, not including the full language of the Solution Principles in the document, and the lack of focus on tribal issues.

Adjournment

Chairman Hunt adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.