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Planning for End of Stage 1 Decisions

Information Item

Bay-Delta Public Advisory Committee

May 25, 2006

CALFED Agency Coordination Team Meeting

End of Stage 1 Decisions & Stage 2 Actions

May 22, 2006

- Many decisions called for or inferred in the ROD Near Term Decisions
- Need to plan now for decisions that will be made by December 2007 – End of Stage 1 Decisions
- Agencies need to lead the decision making process
- Stakeholders need to play an active role in planning for and providing input on decision making
- Decision making establishes priorities for Stage 2 Actions

- For each decision there must be a clear plan which includes:
 - Who makes the decision
 - Steps involved including public process for input on the decision
 - Schedule for making the decision
 - Plan for implementing the results of the decision Stage 2 Actions including financing and performance measures

Regulatory Committments

- Revise CALFED programmatic biological opinions and regulatory committments, including:
 - Consideration of fish population status POD
 - Listings of new species Green Sturgeon
 - Re-evaluation and funding for the EWA
 - Role of new BDCP in meeting broader ERP objectives
 - User contributions from applicants for BDCP

Regulatory Committments

- Sign Statement of Principles MOU June 2006
- Complete BDCP Planning Agreement Fall 2006
- Substantially Complete Draft BDCP including species, geographic scope and activities covered – December 2007
- Extend or replace CALFED Conservation Agreements December 2007
- Draft BDCP December 2008
- Final BDCP and Environmental Documents December 2009



Water Supply Reliability

- Evaluation of accomplishments of WUE, ongoing level of investment and incentives
- Complete pre-feasibility planning for each surface storage project to: (1) to formulate alternatives that produce the greatest National and State Economic benefits; and, (2) narrow alternatives to move forward to:
 - Final feasibility study
 - Final environmental documentation
 - Finance Plan

Water Supply Reliability

- Complete WUE assessment of progress and release public draft – Summer 2006
- Integrate WUE projects into IRWM and CEC grant programs
 2006
- Define project description and proposed beneficiaries for NODOS, LV, Shasta and Upper San Joaquin – December 2006
- Based on successful cost share agreements, complete prefeasibility studies – December 2007
- Complete feasibility planning and environmental documents for NODOS, LV and Shasta – December 2008
- Complete feasibility planning and environmental documents for Upper San Joaquin - 2009

Conveyance

- Provide status of Through Delta Conveyance
- Evaluate progress of achieving fishery and water quality improvements identified in the ROD
- Evaluate seismic and sea level rise risks to Delta Conveyance
- Initiate programmatic assessment of conveyance alternative as needed

<u>Conveyance</u>

- Convene independent panels to evaluate progress of achieving fishery and water quality improvements identified in the ROD – August 2006
- Panel reviews complete Summer 2007
- Evaluate seismic and sea level rise risks to Through Delta Conveyance –Fall 2007
- Public workshops on panel results and conveyance scenarios – Fall 2007
- Initiate programmatic assessment of conveyance alternatives as needed— December 2007

Delta Vision

- Identify risks and consequences to the Delta of continuing current uses, programs, and practices
- Based on public input and scientific information, develop a long-term vision and strategic plan for sustainable management of the Delta
- Develop recommendations for public policy and resource management options to realize the vision, including levee management strategies from DRMS
- Prepare a Delta contingency & emergency response plan for near-term catastrophic events

Delta Vision

- Appoint Blue Ribbon Commission & hire Program Manager Summer 2006
- Stakeholder assessment August 2006
- Inventory of assets & trends October 2006
- Delta Vision Framework with Current Trends & Scenarios January 2007
- Draft Delta Vision & Workshops October 2007
- Complete DRMS, DRERIP and AB 1200 & Submit Final Delta Vision – January 2008



- Other Stage 2 Actions
 - Integrated Regional Water Management
 - Water Quality
 - Conservation & Recycling
 - Transfers
 - Environmental Water Account
 - Watersheds
 - Science