

Agenda Item: 3
Meeting Date: September 13, 2006

BAY-DELTA PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SUBCOMMITTEE STRUCTURE

Description: This report provides information on the proposed new subcommittee structure as discussed and recommended by the Bay-Delta Public Advisory Committee (BDPAC) Steering Subcommittee at its meeting on April 20, 2006.

Recommended Action: The Bay-Delta Public Advisory Committee restructure the subcommittees and begin meetings with the proposed new structure once new chairs and co-chairs are appointed by the BDPAC Chair in consultation with the Designated Federal Official.

Background

The BDPAC Charter authorizes the full BDPAC to establish such subcommittees as it deems necessary for purposes of compiling information, conducting research, and providing reports and recommendations. The Charter authorizes the BDPAC Chair to appoint chairs for each subcommittee, at least one of whom must be a BDPAC member. The purpose of the subcommittees is to recommend courses of action on topics deemed critical by BDPAC, expand involvement of stakeholders beyond the 30 members of BDPAC, and address stakeholder and agency concerns in open public meetings. In a collaborative process, agencies, stakeholders, and public participate in dialogue in which the subcommittee makes recommendations to BDPAC including requested action, background, and overview of subcommittee discussions and outcomes. The subcommittee chairs report findings and recommendations to BDPAC. BDPAC adopts, modifies, tables, or rejects recommendations.

Currently, the subcommittees are structured by Program Elements. Below is the list of the current subcommittees and the chairs:

- Water Supply: Steve Hall, Jerry Meral
- Ecosystem Restoration: Gary Bobker, Vacant
- Drinking Water: Greg Gartrell, Vacant
- Water Use Efficiency: Frances Spivy-Weber, David Guy
- Working Landscapes: Denny Bungarz, Vacant
- Watershed: Martha Davis, Robert Meacher
- Levees: Marci Coglianese, Tom Zuckerman
- Environmental Justice: Vacant
- Steering: Chairs of the Subcommittees and BDPAC

Each subcommittee reviews the primary program element with which it is associated: For example, the Drinking Water Subcommittee reviews the Drinking Water Quality Program Plan and activities associated with the Drinking Water Quality Program; the Water Supply Subcommittee reviews the Storage, Conveyance, Water Transfers, and Environmental Water Account Program Elements; and the Ecosystem Restoration Subcommittee reviews the Ecosystem Restoration Program, Environmental Water Account, and Environmental Water Quality.

Proposed New Subcommittee Structure

As recommended by the Steering Committee, a proposed new subcommittee structure would be as follows:

- Water Supply Reliability – lead agencies are Department of Water Resources (DWR) and U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
- Ecosystem Restoration – lead agencies are Department of Fish and Game and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Water Quality (Drinking and Environmental Water Quality) – lead agencies are Department of Health Services and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- Levees – lead agencies are DWR and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

The proposed new structure would retain the Steering Subcommittee and add one new subcommittee – Program Performance and Financing. Lead agency for these subcommittees is The Resources Agency (or California Bay-Delta Authority).

The subcommittees would expand their roles to include a review of future financing needs for each program element and discuss with agencies and stakeholders different levels of funding and corresponding benefits and outcomes. The subcommittees for the upcoming year will be asked to focus on End of Stage 1 activities. Some examples include:

- Water Supply Reliability
 - South Delta Improvements Package (SDIP)
 - Environmental Water Account (EWA)
 - Surface Storage
 - Conveyance
- Ecosystem Restoration
 - Delta Regional Ecosystem Restoration Implementation Plan (DRERIP)
 - Future Environmental Water assets
 - Conveyance
- Levees
 - Delta Risk Management Study (DRMS)

- Water Quality
 - Equivalent Level of Public Health (ELPH) Plans
 - Conveyance
 - Central Valley Drinking Water Policy

The Steering Subcommittee would act as a “Rules Committee” and assign topics to subcommittees and review integration and communication issues. Every member of BDPAC would be assigned to one primary subcommittee and could also be assigned a secondary subcommittee of interest. The Chair of BDPAC, in consultation with the Designated Federal Officer, would designate new chairs and co-chairs.

The Water Quality Subcommittee would include both Drinking Water Quality and Environmental Water Quality. The Water Use Efficiency (WUE) Subcommittee would be absorbed by the Water Supply Subcommittee. DWR may continue to have a statewide WUE advisory committee that would need to coordinate and integrate with the Water Supply Subcommittee.

The Watershed, Working Landscapes, and possibly Environmental Justice (EJ) Subcommittees could be converted to statewide advisory committees. The Watershed Subcommittee and Working Landscapes Subcommittees are already in that process. In the meantime, in a parallel process that would keep the CALFED subcommittees integrated with the activities of the statewide or combined advisory committees, each subcommittee would to the extent applicable discuss EJ, watershed and wildlife friendly agriculture activities. Attachment 1 reviews the proposed new structure, while Attachment 2 discusses the proposed new subcommittee scopes.

List of Attachments

Attachment 1 – New Subcommittee Structure
Attachment 2 – Subcommittee Scope

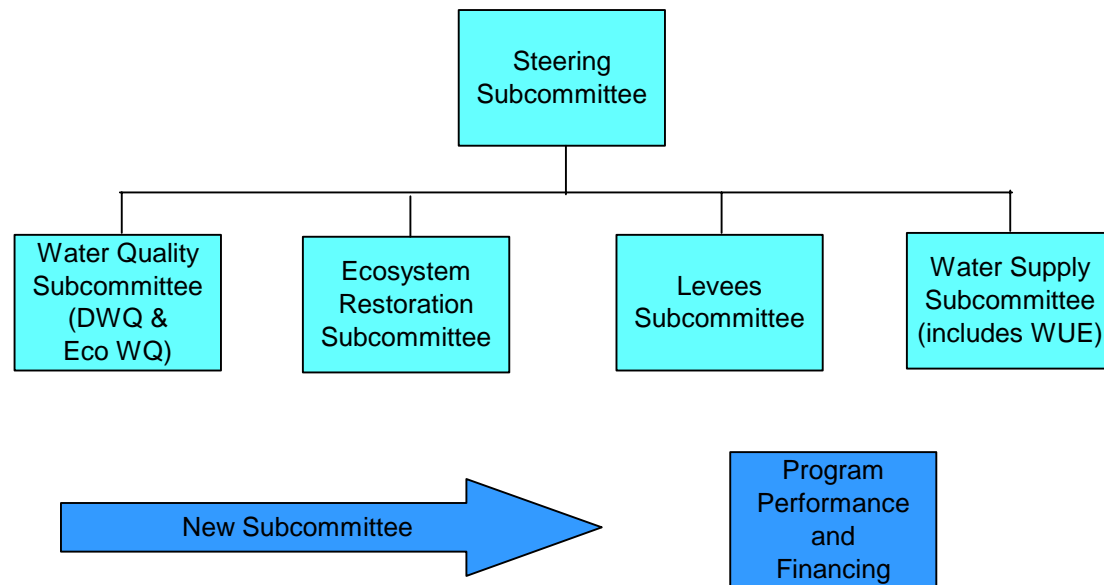
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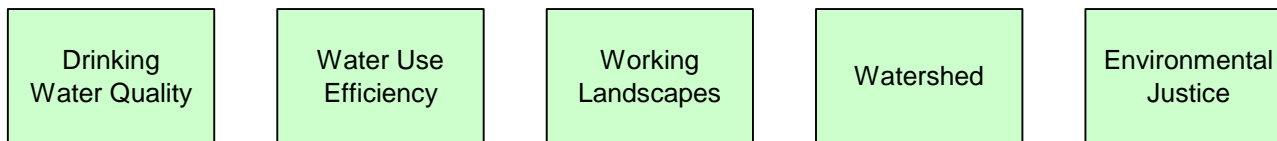
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BAY-DELTA PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

PROPOSED NEW BAY-DELTA PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE SUBCOMMITTEE STRUCTURE (By Program Objectives)



STATEWIDE OR COMBINED ADVISORY COMMITTEES



BAY-DELTA PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SUBCOMMITTEE STRUCTURE

Description

The Bay-Delta Public Advisory Committee (BDPAC) shall reconfigure the subcommittee structure to include the following subcommittees: Steering, Ecosystem Restoration, Water Supply Reliability, Levee System Integrity, Water Quality, and Program Performance and Financing. Each subcommittee shall have two co-chairs, appointed by the Chair of the BDPAC in consultation with the designated federal officer. Each BDPAC member shall be assigned a primary subcommittee and if desired, a secondary subcommittee. Each subcommittee, to the extent appropriate, shall coordinate activities and integrate discussions with other subcommittees. The subcommittees provide guidance and advice to BDPAC on issues related to CALFED.

Decision Making

Subcommittee should use a collaborative approach during its discussions. A summary of action items and major outcomes from each Subcommittee meeting is prepared by the Subcommittee co-chairs presented to the BDPAC.

STEERING SUBCOMMITTEE

Purpose

The purpose of the Steering Subcommittee is to provide policy advice and recommendations to BDPAC subcommittees on subject area focus for CALFED activities. The Steering subcommittee shall assign specific topics for discussion in the subcommittees and assist in cross-subcommittee integration. The Steering Subcommittee shall coordinate the subcommittees to discuss multi-disciplinary topics that cross single subcommittee jurisdictions. The Steering Subcommittee shall consist of the Chair of the BDPAC and the chairs of the subcommittees.

Responsibilities and Outcomes

The specific responsibilities and outcomes for the Subcommittee are to:

- Recommend to subcommittees program activities and topics to be discussed,
- Coordinate and Integrate subcommittees

ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION SUBCOMMITTEE

Purpose

The purpose of the Ecosystem Restoration Subcommittee is to provide guidance and advice to BDPAC on issues relating to the Ecosystem Restoration Program (ERP) and Environmental Water Account and related CALFED activities. Other activities of the Ecosystem Restoration Subcommittee include exchange of information, analysis of issues, and fact-finding, as appropriate. This includes regarding management and implementation of the ERP and related CALFED activities. The Ecosystem Restoration Subcommittee will assist with the implementation of the ERP through the completion of Stage 1.

Responsibilities and Outcomes

Responsibilities of the Ecosystem Restoration Subcommittee are solely advisory. These responsibilities include providing guidance and recommendations to BDPAC regarding:

- The overall adequacy of CALFED's efforts to implement the ERP as described in the June 2000 Programmatic EIS/R and the August 2000 Record of Decision;
- Advising on End of Stage 1 Decisions;
- Discussing future financing options and program planning efforts and activities.
- Ongoing efforts by the ERP to develop, refine and implement system-wide, regional and local ecosystem restoration plans and implementation strategies, and promote partnerships with local and regional interests;
- Provide input on "Wildlife Friendly Agriculture" implementation activities – agricultural practices and management approaches that benefit MSCS-covered wildlife and fish, such as landowner incentives/technical assistance, conservation easements, fish-friendly agricultural improvements, planning assistance and applied research;
- Performance assessment and adaptive management activities, including the ERP's efforts to develop and refine ecosystem performance metrics and processes for science-based decision-making;
- Science based implementation of program activities
- Implementation and oversight of CALFED's environmental water management activities, including the ERP Environmental Water Program and the CVPIA Water Acquisition Program; and coordination with the CALFED Environmental Water Account, and related programs; and,
- Integration and coordination of ERP activities with other CALFED program areas, and coordination with related non-CALFED programs, including the statewide Working Landscapes, Environmental Justice, and Watershed committees.

The expected outcomes from Ecosystem Restoration Subcommittee activities include:

- An ERP that can demonstrate adequate progress toward meeting performance goals and objectives,
- An Ecosystem Restoration Program that is responsive to regional needs,
- Building local support for the Ecosystem Restoration Program, including the acquisition of water and land for environmental purposes;

WATER SUPPLY RELIABILITY SUBCOMMITTEE

Purpose

The purpose of the Water Supply Reliability Subcommittee is to provide policy advice and recommendations to BDPAC on activities on the implementation of the Conveyance, Water Use Efficiency, Water Transfers, Storage (both groundwater and surface), and Environmental Water Account Programs.

Responsibilities and Outcomes

The specific responsibilities and outcomes for the Subcommittee are to:

- Recommend courses of action to BDPAC on the implementation of the Conveyance, Water Use Efficiency, Water Transfers, Storage (both groundwater and surface), Environmental Water Account Programs; as outlined in the Record of Decision,
- Make recommendations on annual priorities including advising on options for future financing;
- Advising on End of Stage 1 Decisions;
- Science based implementation of program activities
- Help integrate all CALFED program elements and regions;
- Integration and coordination of water supply activities with other CALFED program areas, and coordination with related non-CALFED programs, including the statewide Working Landscapes, Environmental Justice, and Watershed committees.

LEVEE SYSTEM INTEGRITY SUBCOMMITTEE

Purpose

The purpose of the Levee System Integrity Subcommittee is to provide policy advice and recommendations to BDPAC on levee activities during Stage 1.

Responsibilities and Outcomes

The specific responsibilities and outcomes for the Subcommittee are to:

- Recommend courses of action to BDPAC on the implementation of the Levee Program; as outlined in the Record of Decision,
- Develop recommendations on Levee improvements and maintenance of Delta Levees and Suisun Marsh
- Make recommendations on annual priorities including advising on options for future financing;
- Advising on End of Stage 1 Decisions;
- Science based implementation of program activities
- Help integrate all CALFED program elements and regions;
- Integration and coordination of levee activities with other CALFED program areas, and coordination with related non-CALFED programs, including the statewide Working Landscapes, Environmental Justice, and Watershed committees.

WATER QUALITY SUBCOMMITTEE

Purpose

The purpose of the Water Quality Subcommittee is to provide policy advice and recommendations to BDPAC on implementation of CALFED's Drinking Water Quality Program and Environmental Water Quality activities during Stage 1 and throughout the CALFED solution area.

Responsibilities and Outcomes

The specific responsibilities and outcomes for the Subcommittee are to:

- Recommend courses of action to BDPAC on the strategy and implementation of the Drinking Water Quality Program and Environmental Water Quality activities; as outlined in the Record of Decision,
- Develop recommendations on actions necessary to meet CALFED's Water Quality goals;
- Make recommendations on annual priorities for Water Quality including advising on options for future financing;
- Advising on End of Stage 1 Decisions;
- Science based implementation of program activities
- Help integrate all CALFED program elements and regions;
- Integration and coordination of water quality activities with other CALFED program areas, and coordination with related non-CALFED programs, including the statewide Working Landscapes, Environmental Justice, and Watershed committees.

PROGRAM PERFORMANCE AND FINANCING SUBCOMMITTEE

Purpose

The purpose of the Program Performance and Financing Subcommittee is to provide policy advice and recommendations to BDPAC on future financing options for CALFED activities integrating all program elements and objectives. The Program Performance and Financing Subcommittee will also discuss performance measure efforts in CALFED. The subcommittee will track program progress according to schedules and discuss future financing options.

Responsibilities and Outcomes

The specific responsibilities and outcomes for the Subcommittee are to:

- Recommend courses of action to BDPAC on future financing options for program elements and objectives integrated across CALFED,
- Develop recommendation on adjusting schedules and activities
- Make recommendations on annual priorities;
- Advising on End of Stage 1 Decisions;
- Science based implementation of program activities
- Track program performance
- Exchange information between other BDPAC subcommittees and CALFED stakeholders.