



Water Boards' Bay-Delta Strategic Workplan

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Agenda Item #15

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Water Boards

- State Water Resources Control Board
- Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
- San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board

Resolutions adopted by Water Boards directed staff to develop a Strategic Workplan that:

- Describes Coordinated Activities of Water Boards to address Bay-Delta issues
- Prioritizes/describes scope of individual activities
- Provides specificity regarding timelines/resource needs

Draft Strategic Workplan

- Describes high priority Bay-Delta activities Water Boards will take in next 5 years
- Implements Water Boards' core water quality and water right responsibilities
- Continues meeting prior Water Board commitments
- Builds on existing processes, including Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP)

Responsive to priorities identified by Governor

- Water conservation
- Interim actions to protect & restore Delta habitat
- Program to protect Delta water quality
- Begin public process to study alternatives to improve Delta water conveyance system

Strategic Workplan Elements

- Water Quality/Contaminants Control
- Comprehensive Monitoring Program
- Southern Delta Salinity/San Joaquin River Flows
- Suisun Marsh
- Review of Bay-Delta Plan
- SWP/CVP Methods of Diversion
- Investigate, Enforce Water Rights, Other to Ensure Flows
- Water Use Efficiency
- Other Activities

Water Quality/Contaminants Control

- TMDLs
- Drinking Water Policy
- Once-Through Cooling Policy
- Sediment Quality Objectives
- Invasive Species Management
- Blue-Green Algae Control
- Characterize Delta Island Discharges
- Evaluate/Control Effects of Ammonia
- Selenium Screening Study
- In-Delta Pesticide Use

Comprehensive Delta Monitoring Program

- **Short-Term:** establish framework for coordinating existing monitoring and assessment efforts, assure existing information synthesized and analyzed regularly
- **Long-Term:** develop comprehensive monitoring program in coordination with Interagency Ecological Program / other monitoring

Southern Delta Salinity/San Joaquin River Flows

- Coordinated review of southern Delta salinity/ San Joaquin River flow objectives/implementation
- Will address emerging issues identified in 2006 Bay-Delta Plan, expiration of VAMP
- Revised objectives and implementation to improve protection of beneficial uses: San Joaquin Basin salmonids, pelagic species/other organisms; San Joaquin River water quality (salinity, dissolved oxygen, other constituents)

Suisun Marsh Management, Preservation, Restoration

- Support effort to develop Suisun Marsh Plan
- Make any needed changes to Bay-Delta Plan Suisun Marsh objectives/implementation to protect public trust/fish & wildlife beneficial uses
- Regulate, manage, study pollutants in Marsh
- Address development around Marsh to minimize impacts to beneficial uses
- Encourage development of watershed management plan for watershed tributary to Marsh

Comprehensive Review of Bay-Delta Plan

- Establish and implement interim and long-term objectives in Bay-Delta to protect fish & wildlife uses/public trust
- Coordinate with BDCP to assure analysis of broad range of alternatives for potential changes to Bay-Delta Plan and implementation: interim until any new conveyance; long-term with new conveyance; long-term without new conveyance
- Coordinate with BDCP to assure adequate analyses for any change to methods of diversion

SWP/CVP Methods of Diversion

- Participate in BDCP to ensure that the process develops a plan satisfactory to State Water Board
- State Water Board has responsibility (CA Constitution and Water Code) to prevent waste and unreasonable use of water
- If DWR/USBR fail to develop or implement a plan satisfactory to State Water Board, or if new information supports action, State Water Board may undertake a proceeding to evaluate reasonableness of SWP's and CVP's methods of diversion and develop a remedy
- Methods of diversion includes time, manner, location, and quantity of diversion

Water Right Compliance, Enforcement, Other Activities To Ensure Flows To Meet Objectives

- Increased demands on water & environmental concerns increase need to enforce water rights to ensure adequate flows:
 - Investigate illegal diversions in Bay-Delta watershed; take enforcement action
 - Conduct water right compliance inspections to assess compliance with terms & conditions
 - Illegal diverters will be directed to: cease diversions; obtain legal water right; or pursue contract for water supplies
- May take additional actions including: water conservation & proceeding to ensure natural/abandoned flows not diverted when needed to meet objectives

Water Use Efficiency

- Adopt regulations requiring water suppliers to implement mandatory Best Management Practices
- Conduct adjudicative proceedings for one urban and one agricultural area or supplier to determine if reasonable, and to prevent waste and unreasonable use
- Work with multi-agency team to develop strategy to reduce per capita water use by 20% by 2020
- Prepare report to Legislature on feasibility, costs, potential financing of water measurement database
- Adopt State policy for water quality control to require development of Water Recycling Plans

Other Activities

- Work with DFG to develop and implement in-stream flow requirements for priority California streams, including a Delta tributary
- Oversee effort to develop delta smelt refuge
- On-going assessment of needs for fish screens for Delta diversions
- Central Valley Salinity Management Plan (CV-SALTS)
- NEW: Expedite transfers and temporary urgency change petitions per Governor's Drought Proclamation

Proposed Timeline

	Calendar Year				2008				2009				2010				2011				2012				2013	
	Calendar Year Quarter				1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2
	Fiscal year				08/09				09/10				10/11				11/12				12/13					
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Note: Additional work will occur in many cases beyond the times shown but specific activities are not yet clearly defined.

Important Dates

- **June 13, 2008:** Draft Workplan released for public review
- **July 1, 2008:** Draft Workplan presented to State Water Board
- **12 PM July 9, 2008:** Deadline to submit written comments on Draft Strategic Workplan
- **July 16, 2008:** Draft Strategic Workplan considered by State Water Board
- **Later this year:** Strategic Workplan considered by Central Valley/San Francisco Regional Boards

Comments

■ FEDERAL

- US Department of the Interior
- US Environmental Protection Agency

■ STATE AGENCIES

- Delta Protection Commission
- Department of Water Resources

■ LOCAL AGENCIES

- City of Antioch
- County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County
- County of San Joaquin & San Joaquin County Flood Control & Water Conservation District
- Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District

Comments

■ ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Natural Resources Defense Council, Environmental Defense Fund, Defenders of Wildlife, Sierra Club
- Planning and Conservation League
- Butte Environmental Council
- California Water Impact Network / California Sportfishing Protection Alliance

■ OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

- CASA, Tri-TAC & WaterReuse Association
- California Farm Bureau Federation
- Northern California Water Association
- California Urban Water Agencies
- Central Valley Clean Water Agency
- Public Trust Alliance

Comments

- WATER AGENCIES, DISTRICTS, & CONTRACTORS
 - San Joaquin River Group Authority
 - San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority/Westlands
 - State Water Contractors
 - Contra Costa Water District
 - Central Delta Water Agency
 - East Bay Municipal Utility District
 - Santa Clara Valley Water District
 - Stockton East Water District
 - South Delta Water Agency
 - North Delta Water Agency
 - Coalition for a Sustainable Delta

Comments

■ INDIVIDUALS

- Debbie Kuhagen
- Garth Kuhagen
- Maurice Roos

■ LATE COMMENTS

- Tuolumne Utilities District
- Contra Costa Council
- Department of Fish and Game

Elements

- Water Quality and Contaminant Control
 - General support
 - Overly ambitious
 - Too much focus on Delta
 - Do more, move more quickly
- Comprehensive monitoring
 - General support
 - Do it now
 - Involve stakeholders

Elements

- Southern Delta Salinity and San Joaquin River Flows
 - General support
 - Should be a priority- move quickly
 - Enforce existing salinity standards

Elements

- Comprehensive Review of Bay-Delta Plan
 - Don't rely on BDCP
 - Should actively participate
 - Should limit exports now
 - Conflict of interest
 - Convene a proceeding now
- Reasonableness
 - Should not focus just on Delta- look upstream and at export areas

Elements

- Water Rights Compliance and Enforcement
 - Should not focus just on Delta
 - Concern with other actions (regarding inadequacy of flows)
- Water Use Efficiency
 - Should encourage, not regulate

Major Themes

- Need evidentiary hearings on numerous topics
- Shouldn't focus only on Delta... except when we should
- Insufficient resources identified-- not enough to do work identified, activities too little, spread too thin, should focus
- Nothing missing

Changes

- Change Sheet
 - Correct factual errors
 - Clarifications
- Change to Comprehensive Review Element
 - Describe two part BDCP process

Questions?