



Staff Report – Periodic Review of the 2006 Bay-Delta Plan

July 7, 2009

Purpose of the Periodic Review Staff Report

If adopted:

- Fulfills Water Code requirement for periodic review and Clean Water Act requirement for triennial review
- Identifies issues for detailed staff work

What the report is not

- A detailed review of the issues
- A preview of how the Bay-Delta Plan might be changed
- Findings of fact
- The last word

Overview

- The Bay-Delta plan is complementary to the regional water quality control plans
- The Bay-Delta plan has traditionally been flow related

History

- Previous periodic review in 2004
- 2006 Bay-Delta Plan
- This review – Initiated August 29, 2008
- October 8, 2008 Workshop & Comments
- 1st Draft Staff Report released May 15
- Comments due June 15, 2009

Comments Received on time

- C-WIN & CSPA
- City of Tracy
- Central Delta Water Agency
- CVCWA
- US Dept. of the Interior
- Dept. Water Resources
- Sacramento Regional County San. Dist.
- California Farm Bureau Federation
- San Joaquin River Group Authority
- San Luis & Delta Mendota Water Auth. & Westlands
- State Water Contractors
- Stockton East Water Dist.
- South Delta Water Agency
- TBI and NRDC
- USEPA

Summary of comments on the draft staff report

- 16 comment letters received
- Representing agencies, water contractors, and environmental groups
- Most agreed with the list of issues
- Some disagreement with discussion details
- Some concern with connection to BDCP
- Some believe the report excludes ammonia and toxics

Errata

- Added some additional explanatory text in the introduction
- Several minor changes to the text to clarify and improve the accuracy of the report
- Copies of all comments included in Appendix B

Issues Previously Identified for Review

- Southern Delta Salinity
- San Joaquin River Flows

Issues Recommended for Further Review

- Delta Outflow Objectives
- Export/Inflow Objectives
- Delta Cross Channel Gate Closure Objectives
- Suisun Marsh Objectives
- Reverse Flow Objectives
- Floodplain Habitat Flow Objectives
- Program of Implementation

Issues to be Addressed Through Other Processes

- Fish screens
- Biological Indicators
- Ammonia
- Toxicity

Next Steps

- Staff will provide any additional information needed by the Board on the periodic review
- Continue San Joaquin River Flows and Southern Delta Salinity water quality control planning