

# Update on Bay-Delta Planning Efforts

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- **Phase 1:** San Joaquin River (SJR) flow and southern Delta water quality requirements
- **Phase 2:** Comprehensive review
- **Phase 3:** Water rights implementation
- **Phase 4:** Flow requirements for priority Bay-Delta tributaries

# Phase 1 Status

**Phase 1:** Update of Bay-Delta Plan SJR flow and southern Delta water quality objectives and program of implementation

- **December 2012** – Released environmental document and draft changes to the Bay-Delta Plan
- **March 20-21, 2013** – Held public hearing
- **Fall 2013** - Release revised environmental document and hold hearing to receive comments
- **Early 2014** - Hearing to consider adoption of changes to the Bay-Delta Plan

# Phase 2 Status

**Phase 2:** Other comprehensive changes to the Bay-Delta Plan to protect beneficial uses not addressed in Phase 1

## Completed Workshops

- **September 5-6, 2012** – Ecosystem Changes and the Low Salinity Zone
- **October 1-2, 2012** – Bay-Delta Fishery Resources
- **November 13-14, 2012** – Analytical Tools for Evaluating Water Supply, Hydrodynamic, and Hydropower Effects

# Phase 2 Status(Cont.)

- **January, 2013** – Released draft workshop summary report
- **April 9, 2013** –Informational item on workshop summary report and next steps
- **Fall 2013** –State Water Board/Delta Science Program workshops and scientific review
- **Winter 2013/2014** – Release technical basis report

# Phase 3 Status

**Phase 3:** Changes to water rights and other measures to implement changes to the Bay-Delta Plan from Phases 1 and 2

- Will commence upon completion of Phases 1 and 2

# Phase 4 Status

**Phase 4:** Development and implementation of flow objectives for priority Delta tributaries outside of the Bay-Delta Plan updates

- **July 2013** - Enter into interagency agreement with Delta Stewardship Council Science Program (DSP) for ongoing technical assistance
- Submit Potential Flow Criteria Methods and supporting materials to DSP for recommendation on optimal method

# Bay-Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP)

- **Currently:** Water Board staff preparing and will provide comments on administrative draft environmental document
- **Following submittal of comments:** Staff will work with BDCP to resolve any issues
- **Spring 2014:** Anticipated submittal of water rights change petitions to the State Water Board
- **Following submittal of petitions:** Hearings on change petitions
- **Following hearing:** consideration of State Water Board order on change petitions

# Questions?