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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Chair Felicia Marcus

Vice-Chair Frances Spivy-Weber

Board Member Steven Moore

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(22:30 - 25:20)

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CHAIR FELICIA MARCUS: Item number three. Drought update.

Hi, John.

JOHN O'HAGAN: Good morning. Happy new year.

We really have no updates for the drought update. We are continuing to work on items. Just as Ms. Trgovcich mentioned, it had --

CHAIR FELICIA MARCUS: We want to start by saying, though, that we're still in a drought.

JOHN O'HAGAN: We're still in the drought. And as Mr. O'Laughlin spoke to, the San Joaquin River conditions are worse than the Sacramento River Watershed.

But we are expecting to have the contingency plan from the Bureau and the Department coming in on January 15th, and we will have an informational item for the next board meeting.

CHAIR FELICIA MARCUS: Right. So we should plan plenty of time for that next board meeting. I know we were going to talk about that agenda.

CAREN TRGOVCICH: Right. And it's possible that we'll roll with that on the second day.

CHAIR FELICIA MARCUS: So that we'll have plenty of

1 time. Good. I don't want to rush that thing.

2 JOHN O'HAGAN: That's it

3 CHAIR FELICIA MARCUS: Right. No enforcement or
4 anything else going on?

5 JOHN O'HAGAN: We are considering items at this
6 time.

7 CHAIR FELICIA MARCUS: And that's all you can say?

8 JOHN O'HAGAN: Yes.

9 CHAIR FELICIA MARCUS: Because it would be
10 enforcement.

11 JOHN O'HAGAN: Yeah.

12 CHAIR FELICIA MARCUS: Okay.

13 VICE-CHAIR FRANCES SPIVY-WEBER: I have a question.

14 With Mr. O'Laughlin speaking to the conditions of
15 the San Joaquin today, I remember when Mark Cowin was
16 first -- first became in charge of DWR, it was the
17 reverse. Those conditions on the Sac were terrible and
18 the conditions on the San Joaquin were better.

19 Do we track how -- how frequently this -- there is
20 this mismatch of water supply, you know, from rain or from
21 runoff among the two -- among the two rivers?

22 JOHN O'HAGAN: The Department closely tracks -- the
23 conditions that you're talking about might be related to
24 snowfall. I'm not sure of the status of this.

25 VICE-CHAIR FRANCES SPIVY-WEBER: Yeah. I can't

1 really -- I think it was like four or five years ago.

2 Four -- yeah.

3 JOHN O'HAGAN: Uh-huh. But they do track
4 precipitation and the snowfall, you know, and the runoffs
5 expected from both of those items.

6 VICE-CHAIR FRANCES SPIVY-WEBER: Okay. So they do
7 it; we don't.

8 THOMAS HOWARD: Well, you know, this is relatively
9 common that there's a variable hydrology between the San
10 Joaquin and the Sacramento. And that's why the water
11 board years ago established two separate indices,
12 hydrologic indices, one for the Sacramento Basin and one
13 for the San Joaquin Basin.

14 And if we look historically, you'll often see that
15 those indices are not the same in any particular year. In
16 fact, probably they're more often not the same than they
17 are the same. And so -- but my point is just that this is
18 not uncommon. It's actually quite common.

19 CHAIR FELICIA MARCUS: Nature.

20 THOMAS HOWARD: Not predictability.

21 CHAIR FELICIA MARCUS: Thank you very much, John.

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24 (Whereupon, end of transcribed portion.)

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