

NORTH DELTA WATER AGENCY

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Board of Directors Meeting

14120 Grand Ave, Walnut Grove, CA 95690

Wednesday, March 5, 2014

9:30 a.m.

***** Note: Action may be taken on any item listed on this agenda *****

1. Call to Order & Introductions

Chair Henry Kuechler

2. Approval of the Minutes of the January 8, 2014 Board Meeting

Chair Henry Kuechler

3. Drought Update

Kevin O'Brien, Attorney and Gary Kienlen, Engineer

A. SWRCB Drought Activities

- Temporary Urgency Change Petition (TUCP), SWRCB workshops, curtailment notices
 - 1) **Board Discussion:** Agency letter to large landowners explaining State's recent drought actions and NDWA Contract's Emergency Provisions - Drought
 - 2) **Board Discussion:** Agency written comments to SWRCB on TUCP

B. DWR/USBR Drought Activities

- SWP/CVP water ops under TUCP: Delta outflows and water quality
- USBR announced zero allocation for San Joaquin Valley water contracts and 40% allocation for senior water contracts in Sacramento Central Valley
- DWR/USBR Briefed SWRCB about plan to install temporary barriers in Delta to manage salinity intrusion – 2009 DWR Report
 - 1) **Board Discussion:** Staff to coordinate with DWR on barrier design, location, and duration to assure Contract compliance
 - 2) **Board Discussion:** Response to SWP water quality and surface elevation projections

C. Water Transfers

- 1) **Board Discussion:** Resolution stating Agency policy regarding North Delta landowners seeking DWR approval to sell/transfer NDWA water for use outside of Agency boundaries

4. Engineer's Report

Gary Kienlen, MBK Engineers

- A. Contract Water Quality - Distribute and discuss Bi-monthly Water Quality Report
- B. BDCP Modeling - Update on status of MBK report on modified CalSIM model to accurately evaluate BDCP water ops impacts

5. Legal Report

Kevin O'Brien, Attorney

- A. DWR Agreements - Provide update on DWR's pending approval of revised water quality MOU and Assessment Agreement and DFW Assessment Agreement – status of letter to DWR Dir. Cowin on MOU.
- B. BDCP Contract Solutions – Update on progress in engaging DWR in meaningful solutions to Contract violations disclosed in the BDCP Draft EIR/EIS.

6. Manager's Report

Melinda Terry, Manager

- A. Meetings and Presentations - Provide update on meetings and presentations
- B. Correspondence Sent/Received – Discuss correspondence received or sent by Agency and any follow-up

7. Updates on Delta Activities

Melinda Terry, Manager

- A. Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP)
 - Public Comment deadline extended 60 days to June 13, 2014
 - Ad Hoc Committee – update on legal, engineering, and other consulting activities associated with the review and development of BDCP comments
- B. Habitat Projects - BiOps/RPA/BDCP Near-Term Habitat Projects in North Delta region – Update any recent and future activities that may require additional Agency action
- C. Delta Conservancy – Update of activities and recommendations for any Agency action
- D. Delta Protection Commission (DPC) - Update of activities and recommendations for any Agency action
- E. SWRCB – See Item 3A
- F. CA Water Commission - Update on activities and recommendations for any Agency action
- G. Delta Stewardship Council (DSC) – Update on activities and recommendations for any Agency action
 - Independent Science Board comments on BDCP Plan and EIR/EIS
- H. Legislative Hearings/Legislation
 - BDCP Accountability – AB 1671 (Frazier)

8. Financial Audit Report

Rick Johnston - Perry, Bunch & Johnston

9. Presentation on State Water Project Drought Operations for 2014

John Leahigh, Chief, SWP Operations Planning Branch (invited, but not confirmed)

- A. Provide projections of anticipated water quality and availability in the North Delta pursuant to operational rules set in Temporary Urgency Change Petition approved by SWRCB

10. Public Comment

11. Announcements

- A. March 6 – DSC Independent Science Board, approve comments on BDCP EIR/EIS
- B. March 6 – Restore The Delta (RTD) Forum on BDCP water quality impacts, Antioch
- C. April 2 – NDWA Board Meeting
- D. April 14 – Deadline to submit public comments on BDCP EIR/EIS

12. Adjournment

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