Bay-Delta Conservation Plan

Water Planning & Stewardship Committee
Board Item 8-6
Dec 7, 2009

Bay-Delta Conservation Plan
Overview

- More efficient & flexible basis for obtaining long-term multi- species Endangered Species Act protection
- Replaces existing biological opinions
- Includes:
  - Conservation Measures (habitat restoration & flow measures)
  - Conveyance Measures (isolated facility & in-delta improvements)
  - Actions to address other stressors

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Steering Committee

- Fed & State Agencies
  - Cal Bay-Delta Authority
  - The Resource Agency
  - US Bureau of Reclamation *
  - Cal. Dept. of Water Resources *
  - State Water Res. Control Board
  - US Corps of Engineers
- Fish Agencies
  - Cal Dept. of Fish & Game
  - US Fish & Wildlife Service
  - National Marine Fisheries Service
- Other Organizations
  - Cal Farm Bureau Federation
  - Mirant Delta *
- Water Agencies
  - Contra Costa Water District
  - Kern County Water Agency *
  - Metropolitan Water District *
  - North Delta Water Agency
  - San Luis & Delta Mendota WA *
  - Santa Clara Valley Water Dist. *
  - Westlands Water District *
  - Zone 7 Water Agency *
- Environmental Org.
  - American Rivers
  - Defenders of Wildlife
  - Environmental Defense
  - Natural Heritage Institute
  - The Bay Institute
  - The Nature Conservancy

* Potentially Regulated Entities

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Planning Agreement

- Planning Agreement
  - Established process for developing Bay-Delta Conservation Plan
  - Authorized by MWD Board in Oct 2006
  - 3-year Agreement expires in Dec 2009
  - Parties recommend extending Agreement for 2-years
  - All other terms remain the same

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Cooperation Agreement

- Cooperation Agreement
  - Established protocols for funding, management, and decision-making among the potentially regulated agencies
  - Authorized by MWD Board in Nov 2006
  - 3-year Agreement expires in Jan 2010
  - Parties recommend
    - Extending Agreement for 1-year
    - Amending cost share for Mirant Delta (a power entity)

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Cost Share	Paid to Date	Remaining Costs to Complete	Total Budget
State Water Project	45% ($2.7 M)	45% (up to $5.4 M)	$8.1 M
Central Valley Project	45% ($2.7 M)	45% (up to $5.4 M)	$8.1 M
Mirant Delta (power entity)	10% ($0.6 M)	Lesser of 10% or $300k	$0.9 M
Total	$ 6 M	Up to $ 11 M	$17 M

- **Potential MWD Impact – up to $200,000**

Board Options

- Option #1
  - Adopt the CEQA determination & authorize the GM to execute the proposed amendments to the:
    - Planning Agreement; and
    - Cooperation Agreement

Board Options

- Option #2
  - Do not authorize execution of amendments

Staff Recommendation

- Option #1

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