

4. COMMITTEE ITEMS

a. Update on Bay Delta Conservation Plan

Mr. Roger Patterson, Assistant General Manager, Strategic Water Initiatives, provided an update on the status of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP). He discussed a letter from the California Natural Resources Agency that indicated there would be a delay in the release of the public review draft of the Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS). He also reviewed key issues under discussion and the upcoming process leading to the completion of the public draft BDCP and EIR/EIS.

Mr. Jeff Kightlinger, General Manager, discussed the reason for the delay and indicated that the Governor and other lawmakers were being briefed by their staffs. He also stated that state and federal agencies are diligently working together to come up with a proposed project that would be publicly communicated in July 2012.

Staff responded to comments about the funds being spent on the project, the size of the proposed new conveyance system, and funding contributions by federal contractors.

b. Update on Delta Stewardship Council's Delta Plan

Ms. Brenda Burman, Special Projects Manager, Bay-Delta Initiatives, presented information on the sixth staff draft of the Delta Plan. She also noted there is a 30-day comment period, explained the difference between the 14 regulatory policies and the 68 recommendations, highlighted key issues and considerations of this draft, and described the next steps for completion of the Delta Plan.

Staff responded to questions about the potential retirement of the Delta Stewardship Council's (Council) Executive Director and the departure of two other Council members, how the Council's proposed policies relate to the BDCP, and the available science regarding Delta outflow.

c. Bay-Delta Manager's Report

Mr. Patterson reported on the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District permit for enlargement of their treatment facility.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

Meeting adjourned at 11:44 a.m.

Glen Peterson
Chair