

Director Steiner entered the meeting at 10:46 a.m.

3. **COMMITTEE ITEMS**

- a. Subject: Report on Delta Smelt Enhanced Monitoring for 2015
Presented by: Bay-Delta Initiatives Principal Resource Specialist
 Dave Fullerton

Mr. Fullerton informed the committee about a special monitoring program that will be instituted this winter by the state and federal fishery agencies in cooperation with interested water agencies. He discussed management of the program, specific scientific experiments, agency participation, and funding.

Staff addressed the committee's questions regarding pumping criteria, data on non-listed species collected, and the effects of invasive species on Delta smelt collected at the pumps.

- b. Subject: Report on Bacon Island Levee Rehabilitation Project
Presented by: Bay-Delta Initiatives Special Projects Manager Randall Neudeck

Mr. Neudeck provided information to the committee on discussions about a potential cooperative Bacon Island levee improvement cost-share project. He described the location, project benefits, Metropolitan's share of the cost, and next steps.

Staff addressed questions from the committee regarding the reason for this proposed project, the Department of Water Resources' ranking of levee projects, what crops are grown on Bacon Island, and whether this is a one-time experimental project or systematic approach.

- c. Subject: Bay-Delta Manager's Report
Presented by: Assistant General Manager Roger Patterson

Mr. Patterson remarked that progress continues to be made in the Bay Delta Conservation Plan on the evaluation of comments by state and federal agencies. He stated this will allow the agencies to determine the scope of any recirculation of the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement. He also stated there were no changes from his last report on cost allocation discussions.

3. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

Meeting adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

Glen Peterson
Chair