

3. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. Subject: Report on Delta Drought Operations and State Water Resources Control Board's Temporary Urgency Change Petition

Presented by: Bay-Delta Initiatives Special Projects Manager Randall Neudeck

Mr. Neudeck provided information on current and forecasted drought conditions in the Delta, including salinity and bromide water quality levels, State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) Delta related measures, and the California Department of Water Resources proposed temporary salinity barrier.

Staff addressed questions from the committee regarding transfers allowed by the State Board, drought water rebalancing, salinity barriers, and the amount of acres being fallowed.

- b. Subject: Update on Bay Delta Conservation Plan

Presented by: Bay-Delta Initiatives Manager Steve Arakawa

General Manager Jeff Kightlinger provided an overview of recent information released by the state regarding an alternative permitting approach to the BDCP.

Mr. Arakawa provided more details on the status of the BDCP and the alternative permitting approach. He compared the different regulatory approaches for permitting that are being considered and identified by the state. He also discussed outstanding questions and next steps in the process.

Staff addressed questions from the committee regarding: whether the alternative regulatory approaches meet the coequal goals, mitigation requirements, habitat restoration components and obligations, federal government funding appropriations, the effects of this new alternative on the current BDCP Planning Agreement, large capital project financing, and alternatives to BDCP implementation.

- c. Subject: Bay-Delta Manager's Report
 Presented by: Bay-Delta Initiatives Manager Steve Arakawa

Mr. Arakawa reported on Delta Stewardship Council activities. He reported on a meeting that was held the previous week and discussed two key areas of focus: the drought and levees.

Staff addressed a question regarding the cost allocation for the BDCP.

4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

Meeting adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

Glen Peterson
Chair