



- Bay-Delta Management Report

Summary

This report provides a summary of activities related to the Bay-Delta for August 2015.

Purpose

Informational

Detailed Report

Long-Term Delta Actions

Bay Delta Conservation Plan/California WaterFix

Two public meetings were held in late July 2015 to provide more information on the Bay Delta Conservation Plan/California WaterFix Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report/Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement and to accept public comments. The meetings held on July 28, 2015 in Sacramento and July 29, 2015 in Walnut Grove were organized using the same open house format as used in previous public meetings during public review periods. Informational exhibits and project team members were available throughout the meeting for one-on-one discussions to answer questions and provide the public with an opportunity for more in-depth understanding of the proposed project modifications, new alternatives, and environmental analysis. For those wishing to provide comments, a court reporter was available to capture verbal comments and written comments were accepted. The public comment period concludes on October 30, 2015. Staff is continuing its review of the revised environmental documents for consistency with adopted Metropolitan Board Policies and is working jointly with other State Water Project/Central Valley Project public water agencies to prepare comments.

Near-Term Delta Actions

State Water Resources Control Board

As reported previously, the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) issued several curtailment notices directing water diverters in the Delta watershed to cease diversions. Multiple senior water right holders challenged the curtailment notices raising issues that include proper due process, SWRCB jurisdiction, and water availability. The state Attorney General has requested consolidation or coordination of the cases and the judicial council is considering the request.

Delta Emergency Preparedness

Department of Water Resources Delta Flood Emergency Management Plan

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) has stated it would request state and federal emergency declarations as threshold conditions triggering implementation of the emergency freshwater pathway. Such conditions would result from earthquake-induced multiple island failures that could suspend export operations for an extended period of time. Under these conditions, Federal Emergency Management Agency actions with support by the California Emergency Management Agency's Northern California Catastrophic Emergency Management Plan, would combine with DWR and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers emergency operations response in the Delta.

DWR submitted their After-Action Report/Improvement Plan for their Delta Emergency Tabletop Exercise (April 2015) which focuses on roles and responsibilities of DWR in response to multi-hazard, multi-jurisdictional events in the Delta region. Actions resulting from the exercise included streamlining workflow, adding communications systems to ensure employee safety, and revising emergency operations plans that will be completed over the next several months.

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Bay Delta Conservation Plan Expenditures

Overall. The table below shows the funding and commitments based on the December 2008 Delta Habitat Conservation and Conveyance Program (DHCCP) Funding Agreement and July 2010 Supplemental Funding Agreement. Prior to these two funding agreements, an additional \$13.5 million was expended under the November 2006 BDCP Cooperative Cost-Share Agreement for startup costs related to development and review of the BDCP and consulting resources necessary to prepare the BDCP. In addition to these funding agreements, a new agreement was recently executed between DWR and the USBR to provide additional planning funds totaling \$4.7 million by the USBR; however, to date, these additional funds have not been released.

As of July 31, 2015, DWR has committed \$240.9 million for the BDCP and associated DHCCP activities. The amount paid as of the same date is \$237.6 million, within the \$239.6 million budget.

Metropolitan's Share. Metropolitan's commitment under this program remains at \$63 million.

Funding Agreements	Total Project (in millions)		
	Budget	Commitment	Remaining
Dec 2008 – DHCCP Funding Agreement	\$ 139.6	\$ 139.6	\$ 0
Jul 2010 – Supplemental Funding Agreement	\$ 100.0	\$ 101.3	(\$ 1.3)
TOTAL	\$ 239.6	\$ 240.9	(\$ 1.3)

* November 2006 BDCP Cooperative Cost-Share Agreement totaling \$13.5 million is not included in the above table.

*Additional funding of \$4.7 million from the USBR per agreement will be credited in the above table once received by DWR.