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Summary

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

Purpose

Informational

Detailed Report

Long-Term Delta Actions

Bay Delta Conservation Plan/California WaterFix

The comment period for the Bay Delta Conservation Plan/California WaterFix Partially Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report/Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (RDEIR/SDEIS) closed on October 30, 2015. Substantial public interest was generated by the revised environmental documents. The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) estimates that over 20,000 letters were submitted in addition to form petitions with about 30,000 signatures. Metropolitan, in coordination with other state and federal participating public water agencies, developed a joint comment letter which outlined key policy and technical comments on the RDEIR/SDEIS. Individual comment letters were also submitted by Metropolitan as well as several of its member agencies including: City of Anaheim, City of Burbank, Calleguas Municipal Water District, Central Basin MWD, Eastern MWD, Las Virgenes MWD, Municipal Water District of Orange County, San Diego County Water Authority, Three Valleys MWD and Upper San Gabriel Valley MWD. The next step in the environmental review process for the BDCP/California WaterFix includes responding to all salient comments received on the RDEIR/SDEIS as well as the 2014 Public Draft EIR/EIS, and preparation of the Final EIR/EIS and associated documents. Completion of the environmental review process is anticipated in spring/summer 2016.

Near-Term Delta Actions

State Water Resources Control Board

As reported previously, in August 2015 the DWR and U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) submitted a joint petition for change in water right permit and license conditions for the State Water Project (SWP) and Central Valley Project (CVP) to add points of diversion of water on the Sacramento River associated with the BDCP/California WaterFix project. This month the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) set a public hearing date of April 7, 2016, to consider the petition requesting changes in the point of diversion for the SWP and CVP. A pre-hearing conference is scheduled for January 28, 2016.

In response to recent storm activity in northern California, the SWRCB determined that sufficient water is now available to support diversions by all water rights holders in the Delta and upstream watersheds. A notice was sent on October 27, 2015 regarding availability for pre-1914 water rights holders, and a subsequent notice was sent on November 2 regarding availability for all remaining water rights holders.

Drought Barrier

DWR reported that the emergency drought barrier that spanned West False River in the Delta for six months in 2015 was completely removed on schedule by mid-November. The barrier was constructed in May and June 2015 to preserve Delta water quality and conserve water in upstream reservoirs that otherwise would have been released to help block incoming tides of saltwater from San Francisco Bay. Dismantling of the approximately 750-foot rock barrier began on September 8, 2015 and was completed on November 15. About 150,000 tons of large rocks (riprap) were used to build the barrier. The removed riprap is being stored near Rio Vista for possible use if drought conditions continue and installation of an emergency drought barrier is once

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again deemed necessary to preserve water quality. The material also is available to reinforce and protect Delta levees in case of flooding this winter.

Delta Emergency Preparedness

Delta Flood Emergency Response Program

The Governor’s Office of Emergency Services reports that the Northern California Catastrophic Flood Response Plan will focus on major flood and earthquake emergencies in a nine county northern California region including the Delta, supported by Federal Emergency Management Agency, DWR, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, National Weather Service/National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and U.S. Geological Survey. A draft Plan is expected to be completed in early- to mid-2016. The plan brings together various state and federal plans to address critical impacts and response measures, including damages to dams and levees causing flooding and loss of water exports. The plan relies on DWR and USACE for implementation of emergency response strategies in the Delta, including the emergency freshwater pathway. It also addresses impacts and response for damages to buildings, transportation and utilities, economic impacts to commerce, and evacuation of affected population; along with critical needs such as care, shelter, and public health.

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 by the USBR. To date, \$5.5 million of these additional funds have been received and are reflected in the table below including the budget total.

As of October 15, 2015, DWR has committed \$244.4 million out of the updated budget. The amount paid as of the same date is \$240.6 million.

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	\$ 100.0	\$ 0
USBR Federal Funding Agreement	\$ 5.5	\$ 4.7	\$0.8
TOTAL	\$ 245.2	\$ 244.4	\$ 0.8

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

* Additional funding of \$5.5 million from the USBR per the Federal Funding Agreement has been received and credited in the above table.