

3. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. Subject: Update on Bay Delta Conservation Plan/California WaterFix
Presented by: Bay-Delta Initiatives Manager Steve Arakawa

Mr. Arakawa summarized key upcoming California WaterFix decisions. He also provided an update on the State Water Resources Control Board's proceedings related to the change in point of diversion permit for the three proposed California WaterFix intakes in the north Delta, and noted the next steps.

Staff addressed the committee's questions and comments regarding the relationship between the Delta Stewardship Council's Delta Plan and the California WaterFix, escrow on the recently purchased property, and adaptive management and how it relates to the coequal goals.

- b. Subject: Update on facilities design and construction
Presented by: Engineering Services Group Engineering Program Manger
Sergio Valles

Mr. Valles provided details about the proposed California WaterFix facilities, including previous adjustments of the tunnel alignment, changes in the design of the intake and outlet facilities, and a brief video on how the tunnel boring machine excavation works. He also discussed some of the components of the California WaterFix budget and research that the design team completed to prepare for management of the next phase.

Staff addressed questions regarding the water surface elevation level at the proposed northern intakes and Clifton Court, tunnel grade, design parameters, the Boston tunnel project, soil conditions, annual operating and maintenance cost, water hammer surge effects, tunnel boring machine retrieval, hyperbaric chamber locations, boring machine launch shafts, and the depth of the tunnels.

General Manager Jeff Kightlinger commended the Metropolitan engineering team assisting the California Department of Water Resources, including Sergio Valles, John Bednarski and others.

- c. Subject: Update on Delta Operations Issues
Presented by: Bay-Delta Initiatives Manager Steve Arakawa

Mr. Arakawa discussed current Delta operational issues and recent proposals by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service for additional summer Delta outflow, and the National Marine Fisheries Service for preserving later summer Shasta reservoir storage for salmon spawning temperature control.

Staff addressed comments and questions from the committee on Delta smelt summer flows, effect on efforts to purchase transfer water, funding for the purchase of water, percentage of flow increase, State Water Project (SWP) and the Central Valley Project (CVP) coordination of releases.

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

Mr. Patterson reported on cost allocation for the proposed California WaterFix in response to a request by the committee. He explained the three components involving allocating costs for the SWP and the CVP and the progress that is being made.

Staff addressed questions from the committee regarding pre-construction agreements and the projected annual expenditures.

4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

Next meeting will be held on July 26, 2016.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Glen Peterson
Chair