

3. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. Subject: Presentation by Dr. David Sunding, University of California, Berkley: "Economic Analysis of the California WaterFix"

Presented by: Assistant General Manager Roger Patterson

Mr. Peterson introduced Dr. David Sunding, Professor at UC Berkeley, The Brattle Group, and noted that this presentation is in response to a director's request at a previous committee meeting.

Dr. Sunding presented information on the report he released earlier this year "Economic Analysis of the California WaterFix." Among other things, he highlighted cost assumptions, four benefit categories, benefit-cost ratios, and ended with report conclusions.

Director Gray entered the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

Staff and guest addressed comments and questions from the following directors on this topic:

1. Steiner
2. McKenney
3. Smith
4. Dake
5. Butkiewicz

- b. Subject: California WaterFix Update

Presented by: Bay-Delta Initiatives Manager Steve Arakawa

Mr. Arakawa provided information and updates on several topics in connection with California WaterFix (CWF) including: the State Water Resources Control Board hearings, Delta Stewardship Council proceedings, and the actions taken at the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority's October 2018 board meeting.

Staff addressed a question from Director Steiner on this topic.

- c. Subject: Bay-Delta Initiatives Science Program Update
Presented by: Bay-Delta Initiatives Principle Resource Specialist
 Dave Fullerton

Mr. Fullerton shared information on the impacts of declining sediment loads from upstream sources, and decreasing wind speeds over large portions of the Bay-Delta Estuary. He also explained that less wind leads to lower turbidity and reduced efficiencies in fish trawl surveys.

Staff addressed questions and comments from Director Smith and Committee Chair Peterson on the subject.

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

Mr. Patterson reported on a federal administration memorandum that was issued the previous week that dealt with many California water issues, such as a directive to U.S. Department of Commerce and U.S. Department of the Interior regarding the identification and coordination of all the California water infrastructure issues that are under consideration for Endangered Species Act and National Environmental Policy Act compliance, improving technology to increase water supply reliability, and investment in science regarding real-time monitoring.

Staff addressed a question from Director Steiner.

4. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

Next meeting will be held on January 22, 2019.

Meeting adjourned at 11:46 a.m.

Glen Peterson
Chair