

# **Delta Long Term Management Strategy Interagency Working Group August 10, 2006**

## **Draft Meeting Summary**

The Interagency Working Group (IWG) of the Delta Long Term Management Strategy (Delta LTMS) met via conference call at 1 p.m. on Friday, August 10, 2006. Purposes of the meeting were to:

- Endorse Final Framework
- Endorse Final Charter
- Finalize Executive Committee Meeting Approach and Date

### ***Endorsement of Final Framework and Charter***

Before reviewing the meeting's objectives, Sarah Layton Wallace, CirclePoint, welcomed the group and asked conference call participants to identify themselves. A list of participants is at the end of this meeting summary.

Sarah asked the group to approve the final Delta LTMS Framework and Charter documents. Sue McConnell, Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (CVRWQCB), asked if comments she had provided earlier in the process had been incorporated. Sarah confirmed that they had. Sue said she would forward this version on to their legal counsel and management. The IWG approved this final version, realizing that changes might occur after legal review.

### ***Process to Gain Agency Sign-Off***

Al Paniccia, USACE, informed the group that he is scheduled to brief the new Colonel on the Delta LTMS on September 13. USACE would be able to participate in the Executive Kick-Off event on September 20. Brian Ross, USEPA, confirmed Karen Schwinn could attend an event that day if it were before 2 pm.

Sue McConnell, CVRWQCB, said she would provide the documents to legal counsel today. She is scheduled to brief her executive officer next Thursday, August 18. Sue has not received much feedback from her management on the process yet, so she is reluctant to guarantee that the Regional Water Board will approve the documents. Most likely, if the attorneys say a signature on the Charter is non-binding, then they will allow it to be signed without/before Board approval. The executive officer may be on the Executive Committee instead of the Chairperson.

Sergio commented that he had not had a chance to talk with Rick Soehren, DWR, about engaging Lester Snow. Sergio said CALFED attorneys have suggested that CALFED Director Joe Grindstaff be on the Executive Committee, since the future of the Bay Delta Public Advisory Committee and the California-Bay Delta Authority is unclear. Joe should be able to sign the Charter on September 20.

Bob Yeadon, DWR, commented he had not spoken about the documents with his management but has sent them up the chain. Hopefully, Rick Soehren will assist in involving Director Snow.

Sue asked how the State Water Board was being handled. She noted that the Chairperson of the State Water Board is listed as a signatory, and wondered what type of contact had been made with the Board. Sarah commented that she would contact someone at the Board and requested a name to call. Sue agreed and asked to be informed when contact with the State Board is made.

Sarah pointed out that contact with Linda Fiack at the Delta Protection Commission will need to happen soon if her chairman is to sign the Charter and be involved in the press event.

Brian commented that Karen Schwinn had suggested October 12 as a back-up date since there will be a CBDA meeting that day. USACE folks informed the group that the Colonel will be touring the Sacramento District that day and would likely be too busy. Members of the IWG discussed the possibility of a large press event with Colonels and directors of agencies on October 12 if the timing worked out. If the press event only took one hour, it could be an option.

Sarah asked if the September 20 date was out of the question because there is not enough lead time, especially if Chairs need to bring the issue up to their Boards. The IWG agreed that they would pursue September 20, and encouraged Al to brief the Colonel earlier so that he can personally contact the Executive Officer of the Regional Water Board and Lester Snow if needed to ensure their participation. Al will try to get an earlier briefing date. He said other times that seem good for the Colonel are the afternoons of October 24, 25, and 27.

The IWG discussed whether the Policy Review Group will be concerned if the Kick-Off happens later than had been envisioned. Brian said that so long as they are engaged and will be assured the highest level of commitment, they will be satisfied.

The IWG agreed to keep October 12 as an option, too, however it is unknown if the CBDA will even meet that day. Sarah asked Sergio to check on room availability for September 20 before 2 pm, one hour on October 12 tbd, and the afternoons of October 24, 25, and 27.

### ***Executive Committee Meeting/Kick-Off Event***

Brian asked what type of event the Executive Committee Kick-Off would be: a fancy press event, a public meeting where stakeholders will be allowed to ask questions, something with a press question/answer session, a short presentation, etc.

Sarah and Brian discussed a press event where a short briefing presentation is given to press reporters, each signatory explains the importance of signing the document and their agency's commitment to it, finished with a Q & A session. Either after or before this press event, a public meeting will be held at a separate location so that stakeholders can address members of the Executive Committee.

Sue asked the reason for the Policy Review Group (PRG) meeting on August 23. Sarah informed her that it was planned to provide the final documents to the group, explain which

comments from previous meetings have been incorporated, and inform them that these documents will be the focus of the Executive Committee Kick-Off Event (date tbd). It will then be explained to the PRG that they will have significant input into the studies of the Project Management Plan, which implements the Framework. It was suggested that Anchor Environmental, if they are on contract at that time, give a presentation.

Sarah said the PRG meeting will have a quick walk-through of the Delta LTMS Program, Framework and Charter. Comments will not be solicited since these documents will be considered final at that time. However, comments may be offered and will be recorded and considered.

Brian asked about how connections to regulatory/policy issues that are raised will be handled between the Sacramento and San Francisco USACE Districts. Al said he would look in that.

The next IWG call will be on Monday, August 21 at 12:30 pm in preparation for the August 23 PRG meeting.

***Participants***

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Sergio Guillen, CALFED  
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