

DELTA LTMS INTERAGENCY WORK GROUP TELECONFERENCE

Thursday, March 25, 2010

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

MEETING NOTES

MEETING ATTENDEES:

Christine Boudreau – Boudreau and Associates

Bill Brostoff – USACE SPN

Steve Cappellino – Anchor QEA, L.P.

Kate Dadey – USACE SPK

Phil Giovannini – CVRWQCB

Mike Hoover – USFWS

Jack Malone – Anchor QEA, L.P.

Al Paniccia – USACE SPN

Brian Ross – USEPA

Garwin Yip – NOAA Fisheries

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INTRODUCTIONS

- Bill called the teleconference to order and Jack read the list of participants present at the time. Bill thanked everyone for their participation and said that the discussion would focus on the DDRMT with a brief discussion of the Delta LTMS budget status and the USACE Sacramento District's participation in the LTMS and DDRMT.

DELTA LTMS BUDGET

- Bill asked Al for a brief update on the reprogramming of funds from Bay LTMS to Delta LTMS. Al stated that they are processing the reprogramming action and that it has been approved by the Bay LTMS Committee. It is unclear when the funds might be available for the Delta LTMS to use.

USACE SPK DISTRICT REGULATORY PARTICIPATION IN LTMS AND DDRMT

- Bill explained that an email message had been sent from Mike Jewell to Bill and Al with regard to Regulatory Division's participation in the DDRMT. Bill then read the text of the message to the group. He explained that SPK Regulatory had been reluctant at times to participate in the LTMS and the DDRMT, and emphasized that the message stated

that SPK Regulatory doesn't perceive a clear need for their participation. Kate Dadey said that she would be happy to discuss their participation in the DDRMT as well as the roles of other agencies, like the RWQCB.

- Brian asked for clarification whether the USACE is interested in pulling out of LTMS in general or more specific aspects, like the DDRMT. Bill replied that SPN is committed to the LTMS as is USACE South Pacific Division. Kate replied that she drafted the email message for Mike and that she still doesn't feel that the RWQCB is committed to the DDRMT process. Phil explained that they have been very active participants in the DDRMT formation process.
- Bill stated that he thinks that the RWQCB and the USACE have been supportive of the DDRMT and that perhaps there was an issue of semantics about support for components of the DDRMT.
- Kate asked what projects and actions would be involved in the DDRMT and Brian referred back to the notes from the last IWG meeting (January 2010) and expressed surprise at the USACE's response, in light of the discussions at the last IWG meeting. He also stated that he had some suggested revisions to the draft DDRMT operating principles.
- Brian suggested that as a group we could discuss the types of projects that would be reviewed through the DDRMT process and work together to refine the operating principles, which will help to define what the DDRMT will be. There was a general discussion of the issue of flexibility in requiring agency participation in the DDRMT and Phil stated that one of the current problems is that agencies are not participating reliably.
- Mike Hoover stated that it is necessary to determine how frequently meetings would occur to get agency commitment to participation. Brian concurred and suggested that we discuss the scope and the types of projects that would be covered by the DDRMT. Brian then began a discussion of the Operating Principles Objectives and meeting participants provided input. Changes to the draft document were made based on this discussion.

DRAFT DDRMT OPERATING PRINCIPLES

- There was a general discussion of the objectives and goals outlined in the Draft DDRMT Operating Principles. The group's consensus is that revisions should be made to the draft document for recirculation to the IWG members for their review and comment. A major topic of discussion was the scope of the DDRMT in terms of the types of projects and proposals it would review.

USACE SACRAMENTO DISTRICT LOP

- Brian asked for clarification about the LOP that SPK recently established. Kate provided an explanation of the types of projects that she anticipates being covered by the LOP and Brian said that he appreciated the explanation. The consensus is that the LOP process would be beneficial to project proponents and agency staff.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Anchor QEA will work with Christine Boudreau to revise the draft operating principles and then send them back to the IWG for review. The IWG participants will then make revisions and transmit them electronically to Jack, who will incorporate them. The revised document would then be discussed at the April 15, 2010 TWG meeting.