

Delta Committee:

Summary Notes and Minutes

Meeting Date: December 7, 2010

Start Time: 5:00 p.m.

Directors Present: J. Greci
S. Palmer
B. Stevens

Zone 7 Staff Present: K. Arends
B. Brewer
J. Chahal
J. Duerig
A. Flores
B. Ledesma

1. Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda

Members of the public did not provide comments.

2. 2010 Urban Water Management Plan Update

Staff gave a presentation to the Committee discussing the regulatory drivers for and purpose of the Draft 2010 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP), key elements of the Draft 2010 UWMP (including changes from the 2005 UWMP and water supply and demand analysis table summaries for normal, dry, and multiple dry year scenarios), the agency coordination and public review process, and the status and schedule of the UWMP. Staff also explained that by meeting with DWR in October 2010, addressing DWR comments, and preparing the Draft 2010 UWMP for adoption before the end of the year, Zone 7 is likely to get the Draft 2010 UWMP approved in a timely manner and avoid any disruption to Zone 7's ability to receive grants and drought assistance from the State. Early completion of Zone 7's Draft 2010 UWMP will also help the retailers with the completion of their plans. Staff requested that the Committee recommend the Draft 2010 UWMP for adoption at the December 15, 2010 Board Meeting.

The Committee asked for clarification regarding some of the water supply and demand amounts shown in the table summaries. The Committee also agreed that early completion and submission of the 2010 UWMP is prudent, as Zone 7 does not want to lose any grant funding opportunities. The Committee unanimously decided to recommend the Draft 2010 UWMP for adoption and commended the staff on the effort.

3. Water System Master Plan – Status Update

Staff gave a presentation on revisions to the Water System Master Plan (WSMP) approach. In particular, staff recommended: a) combining the “lowest unit cost” and the “optimize water quality” portfolios into one portfolio since potential programs and projects expected to bring supplies with lower salts and minerals are already being evaluated in the former portfolio; and b) including water conservation in every portfolio to be evaluated since plans for regional conservation under SBX7-7 by 2020 are becoming more definite. Staff also provided an overview of the various reliability policies in the Bay Area, and recommended a common definition of reliability based on a maximum shortage. For example, an 85% reliability policy would imply no shortages higher than 15%. Staff presented the schedule for the WSMP, and noted that the work is intended to be completed in March 2011. The Committee concurred with all of the recommendations.

4. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.