

SJR TMDL Executive Committee Agenda

May 22, 2002 8:30 - 10 am

Conference call number: 800-891-9585 Participant code: 320285

Conference Call Objectives:

1. Clarify and prioritize objectives for the June 5 Steering Committee meeting. See below for an initial list.
2. Update on RWQCB staffs' progress in developing a Phase I timeline for meeting the Interim Performance goal and advancing the long-term load allocation and implementation plan.
3. Review options for how to cover the costs of conference calls.

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June 5, 2002 9:00 - 12:45 pm

2500 Navy Drive, Stockton

1. Peer Review process. Update by URS Corp on final list of peer reviewers, the agenda for the workshop, and the timeline for producing final reports. Review how the questions for the peer reviewers are stated in terms of how the peer reviewers' response could impact pilot aeration and monitoring in 2003.

2. CALFED 2001 Studies Adjustment. Update on the response from NFWF on the letter Lowell Ploss sent on behalf of the Steering Committee in support for a readjustment of G. Fred Lee's budget so that he could participate in the peer review, do more work on the Synthesis Report and finish the project administration. Update on the request for an extension of the reporting timelines for Principal Investigators. To view the documents, see <http://www.sjrtmdl.org/implementation/aeration/index.htm>.

3. Meeting RWQCB 2002/2003 TMDL Goals and Objectives. Update on the response by RWQCB legal staff to the proposed goals and objectives. Clarify Objective 2 "Develop funding for a feasibility and pilot project program that will evaluate alternative implementation options for meeting the final D.O. objective." (http://www.sjrtmdl.org/strategy/goals/rwqcb_g_and_a.pdf). Regional Board staff have been working on a proposed timeline for Phase I. When do they expect this objective to be met? What tasks should be done to advance this objective in 2002?

4. Plan of Action. Review tasks and timeline of the updated Plan of Action (http://www.sjrtmdl.org/implementation/poa/tmdl_schedule_april.pdf). URS does not have the funding to provide an up-to-date and detailed eight-month plan of action through the end of the year. The Steering Committee will need to develop the detail timeline and tasks for the other objectives besides the Aeration Planning which will hopefully be funded through CALFED. Does the Steering Committee have the resources to accomplish these tasks on their own? If not, how will it obtain the needed resources?

5. Interim Planning Coordinator. Update on the May 29 CALFED review committee's decision on whether they support the Steering Committees request for \$55,000 to supplement an Aeration Planning task over the next five months. The proposal before them does not include funds for the other 2002 TMDL objectives including the development of a cost sharing agreement. Funds for a long-term coordinator who could help with this work from CALFED will not likely be available until September, if then. What should the Steering Committee do to advance these tasks in the meantime?

6. Long-term Planning Coordinator. Update from Barbara Marcotte on the process for obtaining CALFED support for a long-term planning coordinator. What is the proposed process? When might a contract be signed with a consulting firm and when might they be available to help? How does this timeline affect the Steering Committee's ability to meet the end of the year goals and objectives? What should the Steering Committee do to help secure funding for a long-term Planning Coordinator as soon as possible?

7. Prepare for the July RWQCB Six Month Review. Update on meeting date and expectations. Clarify the

objectives that the Steering Committee wants to see met at the meeting including:

- a. Gain clarity on and support for the 2002/2003 TMDL Goals and Objectives, especially the objective of developing a cost sharing agreement and not a load allocation for Phase I.
- b. Receive a positive review for the last six months of work by the stakeholders.

Determine the next steps to prepare for the July meeting including what materials should be prepared for Steering Committee review before presentation at the Board meeting.

8. Executive Committee and other Conference Calls. Are there other stakeholders who will help cover this monthly expense?

9. Steering Committee Vice Chair. The Executive Committee will report on its recommendation for the vice chair position and a possible division of tasks and responsibilities between the vice chair and the chair. Vote by the Steering Committee on the nomination.

10. Sub-committees. Review draft job descriptions and timelines for the aeration, load reduction, and flow/barriers subcommittees. When should they meet and when are they expected to have products available for Steering Committee review and support? Based on the objectives and tasks, review who should be on what sub-committee, who should be the chair and vice chair, and when should their next meetings be?

11. Army Corps of Engineers. Update on the USACE potential to help. Lowell Ploss reports on what occurred at their last meeting, what opportunities there are with Congressional funding, and their timeline and plans for a possible deepening of the DWSC.

12. Stakeholders Upstream of Landers Avenue on the SJR. The Merced Irrigation District will review their understanding of how the SJR receives flows and loads upstream of Landers Avenue. The Strawman Analysis points to this area along with the Mud and Salt Sloughs watersheds as being a major provider of loads that reach Vernalis.

13. Missing Stakeholders. Update on efforts to involve missing stakeholders including: the DWR, State Water Contractors, and the Port of Stockton.

14. *Decision Making process. Review and update the decision-making guidelines for the Steering Committee. (See: <http://www.sjrtmdl.org/stakeholders/process/index.htm>). Clarify the following: Can a meeting participant represent more than one organization for recording attendance towards voting status? For example, could a person attend 12 meetings in a year and earn the 3 different organizations the right to become voting members? (*This agenda item will remain on future agendas until there is an opportunity in the schedule to address these issues.)

15. Set Summer Meeting Schedule.

Draft Agenda for June 5, 2002

8:45 Pre-meeting coffee and conversation

9 am Welcome, introductions and agenda review.

9:05 Peer Review Process

9:20 CALFED 2001 Studies Adjustment

9:35 Meeting RWQCB 2002/2003 TMDL Goals and Objectives

10:00 Plan of Action

10:15 Interim and long-term Planning Coordinator

10:40 Break

10:50 Prepare for the July RWQCB Six Month Review.

11:15 Executive Committee and other Conference Calls

11:20 Steering Committee Vice Chair

11:30 Sub-committees

11:50 Army Corp of Engineers

12:00 SJR upstream of Landers Avenue

12:20 Missing Stakeholders

12:40 Set summer meetings

12:45 Adjourn