

SJR DO TMDL Executive Committee Agenda - Draft 1
September 25, 2002 8:30 - 10:30 am
Conference Call: 916-373-7476

Meeting Objectives:

1. Long-term Planning Coordinator

- a. Review timeline and CALFED process for making decision. Should we pursue funding through the CALFED RFQ process or are there other opportunities that meet our timeline.
- b. Review draft scope of work. Make changes and develop a proposal for consideration at the October 2 Steering Committee meeting. The proposal needs to be sent out by Sept. 26 to give participants a week to review and comment on it.

2. Assurance Package

Is there anything in the draft language or in the process that should come before the Steering Committee at its October meeting for consideration and/or direction? Update and further discussion on these issues from the Sept. meeting:

New language on lead agency responsibilities -
Regional Board send KSM construction company

a. The package should include a statement that a good faith effort will be made by state and federal agencies to fund the O&M costs of the aeration and monitoring project. State and federal agencies should be signatures of the agreement, though they may find it easier to sign a separate MOU to this effect and not sign onto the actual assurance agreement.

b. If one stakeholder walks away from the agreement after it is signed, will it become void and all parties are released from their agreement? If this occurred and no funding was available for aeration O and M costs that year, what would be done? Would the Phase I interim performance goal be violated? Who would take over operating the aerators?

Regional board has a load allocation plan as a back up but their tools are limited on how they can correct the problem. Not just a traditional loading situation.

Would continue to

Make it explicit in the assurance package that all signers who meet their agreement will be exempted from any DO related actions by the RB during Phase I and the duration of the agreement.

Should CALFED sign this? Yes. They can be a party to a consent agreement.

If the \$40M runs out, CALFED will attempt to get more funds,
CALFED will not reprioritize the \$40M.

RB sign the agreement on the no action part.

c. There was general agreement that Lowell should set up a meeting with the Environmental Water Caucus on the assurance agreement before the January RWQCB meeting. He will see if this can get on the EWC's November or December meeting agenda.

Early December meeting.

Get Lowell names and phone numbers.

d. All the districts that may be contributing to upstream loads will be included in the list of entities that will be approached to sign onto the assurance package.

3. Next TAC meetings.

a. Update from Tom Quasebarth and the City of Modesto about how many more TAC meetings can he facilitate before his funding runs out. Will Modesto extend the contract in 2003?

b. Set date (if not done so already) for follow up TAC meeting on upstream monitoring. Based on outcome of Sept. 19 meeting, what can we realistically expect the meeting objectives to be? Should we schedule an early November meeting as well? Review who will help pull together the final paper work that will be needed before this is sent to CALFED for its internal peer review.

c. Set next TAC meeting to address DWSC and lower river study proposal for 2002. This includes any TAC feedback needed for 2003 pilot aeration studies and related monitoring.

Week of Oct. 10 for next meeting

4. Pilot Aeration in 2003.

a. What should the Steering Committee be doing to help advance some pilot testing in 2003? Is there an update from the Port of Stockton on its discussions with the USACE? (We gave them until November to make progress or we would send a letter to the Corps' Colonel and cc: local Congressmembers).

b. What is the response from RWQCB management on the URS analysis that little new aeration can occur in 2003?

Send pilot project and performance monitoring through the RFQ process. Have the local lead agency (e.g. Port) take on the long term contracting bidding process for installation and operation and maintenance of the demonstration project.

Access to qualified engineering firms

Timely

Monitoring right away

How does this overlap with the long term coordinator role.

CH2Mhill likely prime contractor.

Lisa's report.

How does external peer review take place in this process.

How does oversight occur.

5. CALFED Management Meeting. Clarify and prioritize objectives for what the Steering Committee wants to accomplish at the October CALFED Management Meeting. Possible objectives include:

- a. Support for the Steering Committee's preference for how upstream monitoring projects will be administered.
- b. Support for the Steering Committee's preference for how the Long Term Planning Coordinator will be funded, hired and administered.
- c. Support for the Steering Committee's preference for how feasibility studies will be funded, administered and overseen in 2003 and beyond (e.g. A directed action grant that is administered through a local watershed based entity such as the SJRGA).
- d. Support for the Steering Committee's preference for how pilot aeration and associated monitoring will be funded and administered in 2003. (e.g. Directed Action grant or RFQ consulting firm?)
- e. Support for the Steering Committee's preference for how other DWSC and lower river monitoring and study projects not associated with the aeration program would be funded and administered in 2003.

6. Chen and DWR model review. Update from the sub-committee working on this. Is there anything that the Steering Committee should do on this at its October meeting? What are the ramifications if the review of the models occurs? What if the review doesn't occur and we can't use these models this year? The Steering Committee authorized the ExCom to send a letter of support for this review to any entity that would need it. Should a letter be sent?

7. South Delta Improvement Project Environmental Review. How much time should we allot for this issue at the October meeting in preparation for a Steering Committee letter on the issues involving DO in the SDIP? Should anything else be done before the meeting? Will Dan Hinrichs have something in writing for the Steering Committee before the meeting?

8. Update on the 2002 WRDA authorization or appropriation bills.

9. Facilitator in 2003. Kevin's last month being paid by the City of Stockton for Executive and Steering Committee facilitation is January 2003. He needs to start looking for other work if the funding is not available for him to continue. What is the Executive Committee's recommendation to the Steering Committee on how to fund future meeting facilitation and who should take on this responsibility.

10. Confirm meeting schedule for November and December.

October 2 Steering Committee Meeting Objectives - DRAFT

1. Agree on the scope of work and preferred administrative/funding mechanism for the Long Term Planning Coordinator. If agreement can't be reached, decide on steps that will help gain a final agreement.
2. Update on the Assurance Package. Provide feedback and decisions as needed based on notes from Executive Committee meeting.
3. TAC meetings. Update from the September 19 meeting. Review ExCom's recommendations for future TAC meetings and objectives.
4. Pilot Aeration in 2003. Update and take action on any ExCom recommendations.
5. Review and gain agreement on the Executive Committee's recommendations for the objectives to accomplish before the CALFED Management Team meeting in October.
6. Update on DWR and Chen modeling review by outside independent experts.
7. South Delta Improvement Project - EIR comments. Briefing from Dan Hinrichs and agreement on Steering Committee official comments.
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