

SJR DO TMDL Executive Committee Agenda - Draft
July 15, 2003 (8:30-10 am)
Conference Call: 916-373-7476.

Note: I suspect that a number of the objectives below will not be answered on this call. The main objective of the call is to prepare for the July 24 Steering Committee meeting. I tried to make a comprehensive list of questions and issues that will be coming before the Steering Committee in the future. Which are ripe for tackling in July? Kevin

Conference Call Objectives

A. Work Assignments

1. Update on the Bay Delta Authority's process for making decisions on future work assignments.
 - a. What is expected to happen at the August 14 BDA meeting with Upstream Studies, extensions of Work Assignments , and other issues that overlap DO issues and BDA issues?
 - b. When will the legislature pass the budget and when can work continue on existing work assignments? What can be done in the meantime?
2. Work Assignment 5 - Aeration.
 - a. What is available for public review or does the material have to wait until JSA has authority/funding to continue work? If the drafted materials can be circulated, what should the process be?
 - b. What is the process once the document goes to review? How much time will stakeholders have to review? Will their comments be posted on the web? How will JSA respond to comments?
3. Work Assignment 6
 - a. Is URS able to present anything new at the July 24 Steering Committee meeting (or will the budget lockup prevent them from attending or finishing work?)
 - b. Can Mark provide key milestones and issues that will be critical to understand in order to craft a long term-term, integrated schedule? Some of these questions are important to the Non-Aeration Feasibility Studies effort. Some example issues:
 - * What does the RB want included in the "functional equivalent" to the CEQA process on the long term implementation plan? Can this be a programmatic evaluation? Does the Board want it to be crafted so that specific projects can begin after the 2008-2010 Basin Plan Amendment is approved? (For example, will any site specific projects besides aeration have enough evaluation complete that once the new BPA is approved, the project

can seek Prop. 13 funding to be implemented, or will a new 1-3 year process be needed before this can occur?)

* What level of alternative analysis will need to be included in the "EIR"? (e.g. A flow only, a load only, a DWSC change only, an aeration-only and a preferred alternative that is mix of these?)

* Does the Board staff want to or support the evaluation of a pollution/flow/geometry trading program?

4. Work Assignment 7

a. Can/should anything else be done on this before the budget is approved and JSA can continue work? For example, is the contract extension agreed upon? Can this be reviewed at the July 24 meeting so that the Steering Committee can provide input on key elements or does this need to wait until the August 28 meeting?

b. Do all these delays mean that contracts for selected Non-Aeration work will not be signed for work to begin in the summer of 2004? If this pushes work beginning into 2005, what impact does it have on the Regional Board's timeline of expected deliverables/milestones?

5. SJR-TMDL Website

a. Is there interest among stakeholders in participating in a process to rethink how to organize the DO TMDL website for the long term (10 plus years)? If so, when and how should this be done?

B. Roles and Responsibilities

1. Is it time to recruit a new Steering Committee chair and vice chair? Any volunteers? Is the job description basically:

a. Participate in Executive and Steering Committee meetings. Help think through the agendas for these meetings. (Note: The chair will not be the facilitator or notekeeper.)

b. Talk to the press from the perspective of the Steering Committee's consensus and not from the stakeholder group of one's organization.

c. Talk with RB, BPA, and JSA staff as they need advice and feedback between meetings.

d. Respond to stakeholder calls.

e. Review and sign letters and other documents that are drafted by support staff.

2. Is it time for the Steering Committee to think through the organization of the Technical Committee or should we wait until after we learn whether the upstream studies are funded? Should a September Technical Committee meeting date be set now so that people have time to schedule it?

3. Does the Regional Board's decision on the Ag Waiver affect the DO process?

4. What did Barbara find out about the "duly appointed public advisory" language in Prop. 13 for the expenditure of the funds for DO purposes? Could/should the Steering Committee meet that need?

5. Add any items that have come up in the meeting to a list of "actions and needs" for a Steering Committee.

C. Upstream Studies

1. Update on the Peer Review process and the timeline for public review.

D. US Army Corp funds for studies on the DWSC.

1. Update on any progress towards crafting an agreement that the Corps can support that would benefit the DO TMDL research needs. Is there still a chance that something good can come out of this Congressional Authorization of funds.

2. Does the Steering or Technical Committees need to be involved? For example, does either one need to sign off on supporting whatever is proposed?