

## **San Joaquin River Dissolved Oxygen TMDL Steering Committee**

**NOTE:** The September 25 Steering Committee is cancelled because Jones and Stokes and URS have not been able to work on this project as all funding has been tied up since the end of the fiscal year. There is hope that this will soon be resolved and the support the Steering Committee needs to have successful meetings will be available.

### **Next Executive Committee Conference Call**

**September 23, 2003 8:30 am**

Call in number to be announced.

### **Meeting Objectives**

#### **A. Update on funding for Work Assignments and Next Steps**

1. When will funding be available to continue work that was stopped on June 30? Is there anything that the Steering Committee or its members should do to help move things forward?
2. If work can continue, schedule meetings to advance proposals that should be presented to the Steering Committee at its October 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Review each of the four work assignments and clarify what work should be done before the next meeting and what information should be presented to the Steering Committee and what decisions they will need to make.
  - a. Steering Committee and stakeholder support
  - b. Demonstration Aeration
  - c. Long term Planning
  - d. Non-aeration Feasibility Studies and public workshops

#### **B. Next Steps on South Delta Improvement Project and NAPA Proposal**

1. State Senator Mike Machado is holding a hearing in Stockton on September 30 to discuss the integrated operations agreement, NAPA Proposal, and related issues.
  - Will CBDA be testifying?
  - Will CVRWQCB be testifying?
  - Should the DO-TMDL Steering Committee be testifying? If so, who will speak for it and what will they say?
  - Will D.O TMDL stakeholders be testifying?

2. DWR called and is interested in talking about South Delta EIS/EIR. We might schedule them to participate in this conference call. We will let you know as soon as we confirm. If they don't participate on the 23<sup>rd</sup> call, we will schedule an open conference call soon.

#### **C. Determine which Agenda Items should be on the October Executive and Steering Committee meetings.**

1. Schedule October ExCom conference call and clarify what should be on the agenda.
2. Review recent and upcoming Bay Delta Authority meetings and possible ramifications on DO programs. Should the SC attempt to get on a future Authority agenda, communicate with the Authority via letters, set up meetings/briefings with Authority members?
3. Clarify the 2004 Basin Plan Amendment process, timeline and tasks. (Mark Gowdy) How should the Steering Committee be involved in this process?

4. Determine role of the Steering Committee for the next few years. Clarify its mission, goals and objectives. (For the most recent version see <http://www.sjrtmdl.org/strategy/goals/index.htm>.) Determine job descriptions for Steering Committee chair and vice chair and identify who might be nominated for these positions.
5. Determine whether a Joint Power Authority should be formed to oversee and handle DO funding needs, including the operation and maintenance of the aerators and possibly more. If so, how should the JPA be organized and who will advance its development?
6. Clarify the role, tasks and participants in the Technical Committee. Set the next meeting and key agenda items.
7. Update on the Upstream Monitoring and Research Proposal. What are the next steps? Is there anything that the Steering Committee or stakeholders should/could do to help?
8. Update on the transfer of the USACE's jet aerator to the Port of Stockton. Update on when the jet aerator might begin producing more dissolved oxygen and be operated more often than is required now?
9. Review opportunities to have other delta related committees (e.g. BDA Drinking Water Quality subcommittee) become more supportive of DO issues and concerns.