

SJR DO TMDL Executive Committee - Draft
March 12 call notes and March 17 new ExCom call agenda
March 17, 2003 Conference call number: TBA

Next Executive Committee Conference Call
Monday March 17 from 1-3 pm.
Call in number: 916-373-7476

Conference Call Objectives;

1. Review Regional Board meeting results. What do people think it means? Should we change anything we are planning on doing or haven't thought of yet?
2. Determine what timeline and process issues can be made advanced by the Steering Committee at their March 27 meeting.

March 12 Conference Call Notes:

Attending; Mary Hildebrand, Fred Lee, Barbara Marcotte, Lowell Ploss, Tom Trexler, Kevin Wolf (notes and facilitation)

A. RWQCB March 14 Meeting

1. Presentation. Mark Gowdy, Lowell Ploss, Tom Trexler (new Jones and Stokes Planning Coordinator) and Joe McGahan have developed the presentations they will make on the 14th. Mark is organizing it all into one presentation with Lowell speaking first, then Tom on Aeration and Non-aeration proposals, than Joe on Upstream studies. Mark will then summarize and present staff recommendations.

a. If someone representing the Port can be at the meeting, they can take a minute and explain the Ports commitment on taking over the jet aerator.

2. CALFED presentation. Dan Castleberry will be at meeting for CALFED. He, Barbara Marcotte and Patrick Wright have been preparing a letter and a short slide presentation.

a. CALFED hopes that a DWR San Joaquin Region representative can be there to answer any questions that the Board may have in the overlap between DWR and the DO effort. Hopefully Mike Ford will be able to attend.

3. Public comment. After the staff, Steering Committee and CALFED present their information, the public will have an opportunity to comment. The Executive Committee encourages any stakeholders who want to add to additional comments to do so at this time.

4. Letters of Intent. There is still time to get letters of intent into the record. The letters can be brought to the meeting on the 14th. If you can't attend, you can either send your signed letter to Kevin as a PDF (kjwolf@dcn.org) or a fax (530-758-4211) and he will

post them to the web and bring copies to the meeting on the 14th. Here is an updated list of organizations known to be pursuing letters before the meeting:

SJC Farm Bureau - letter to be sent to Kevin

SDWA - working on one

City of Modesto - may or may not be finished by Friday

SJRGGA - circulating a new letter of intent to its eight managers

Port - working on drafting one.

Westside Drainage Authority - Joe McGahan is working on one.

B. Planning and Coordination Team

1. Update on status. Contract should be in place before the March 27 meeting. Hopefully this will be done any day and Jones and Stokes and team can invest time before the next SC meeting.
2. If JSA has a contract signed soon, it will be able to present information to help the SC set meeting dates over the next few months. The longer it takes for the contract to be signed, the less that we be prepared before the meeting.
3. The Regional Board's direction at the March 14 meeting will provide a lot of information on what the timeline should be over the next few months.
4. Questions about when the TAC meets, what are its objectives and scope of work, what role Mark Gowdy and CALFED have on the committee and other important issues will be addressed but probably not until after the March 27 SC meeting.
5. The overall issues of roles will be addressed as a separate task with help from URS. Everyone's role will be clarified as well as lines of communication and authority.
6. At the March 27 meeting, the ExCom would like Tom Trexler to clarify is relationship to the SC, who he reports to and how he expects to communicate with the stakeholders.

C. Developing Non-Aeration Feasibility Studies

1. Mark, Tom, Lowell and Barbara have been working on advancing the proposed work plan for non-aeration feasibility studies. In general, it looks like the project has been simplified into a set of workshops. The work plan will be circulated soon.

D. Upstream Monitoring

1. The upstream monitoring proposal was turned into CALFED on March 13. Joe will send a copy to Kevin soon to post to the web. The proposal now starts down the CALFED review and approval process. It will take 6-10 weeks or more to approve a final project.
2. There is \$1.5 million in drinking water quality money in the CALFED ERP funds which will not likely be spent and could be available to DO work. Barbara will keep us post on this opportunity.

3. It is still possible that the Hydroqual modeling contract could move forward and work could begin with this contract. If it doesn't hopefully CALFED will advance the funding modeling that is proposed in the Upstream Monitoring project.

E. Other Issues the Steering Committee might address on March 27.

1. Review what happened at the March 14 Regional Board meeting and how might it affect what the Steering Committee does in the future.
2. Update on jet aerator update.
3. Update on South Delta Improvement Project.
4. Update on the 2004 appropriation for the US Army Corps of Engineers to help study environmental restoration of DWSC. Look into inviting someone from the SF Corps office which will take the lead on the DWSC deepening project. This funding needs a 25% local match. How can these funds help in the work that needs to be done to better understand the science and the implementation alternatives for solving the low DO problem. It looks like the funds need to be encumbered by October, or it could be returned to federal general fund coffers and lost to the DWSC.

F. Other Issues

1. Website information. The upstream study report, final materials for the Regional Board presentation and work plans for the four different projects should all be put on web. There was general agreement that all of this type of information should be on line.