

San Joaquin River Dissolved Oxygen TMDL Steering Committee Meeting

August 28, 2003 (9 am - 12:30 pm)

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Meeting Objectives (Draft 2):

A. Review external issues and efforts that will likely impact Dissolved Oxygen conditions. Identify key questions for which we need answers. Identify the strategies, objectives and tactics that the Steering Committee and stakeholders could pursue in the coming months to positively affect these other efforts. Make recommendations to stakeholders where appropriate. These issues include:

1. BDA Water Supply Sub-Committee (immediate)
2. SWRCB's role in BDA and water quality funding (ongoing)
3. South Delta Improvement Project (Draft EIR/EIS expected in December)
4. SWRCB Triennial Review with D. 1641 (theoretically in November)
5. USACE 404 permits for change in pumping associated with SDIP.
6. Other Napa Agreement issues.
 - Seasonal and other changes to Sacramento River flows.
 - Other impacts to long term baseline conditions for DO..
7. Next draft of the Biological Assessment (BA) for the Operating Criteria Assessment Plan (OCAP) (November or December) (CALFED Operations Committee)
8. Ecosystem Restoration Program and water quality issues.
9. CALFED Drinking Water Quality Committee
10. Upstream storage on the San Joaquin River

B. Update on August 14 Bay Delta Authority meeting and its ramifications for the DO program. (Barbara Marcotte)

1. On which work assignments can work begin?
2. What will be needed to approve additional work assignments?
3. Should the Steering Committee be on the BDA agenda for October? What are our objectives? How should we proceed?

C. Impacts of the new state budget on the Regional Board's abilities to work on the DO issue. (Mark Gowdy)

1. Impacts on the 2004 Basin Plan Amendment
2. Possible impacts on final Basin Plan Amendment and long term implementation plan.
3. Regional Board staff role on Steering and Technical Committees.

D. Roles and Responsibilities of Stakeholder Organizations. Review and add to the questions below. Identify key objectives, dates and issues. Where possible, decide how to proceed to gain the information and pursue the next needed steps.

1. Should a Joint Power Authority be formed to oversee and handle the funding of the DO needs or should different agencies take on different parts of the problem? If not a

JPA, how will the maintenance and operational costs of the demonstration aeration project be covered?

2. What should the structure and role be of a stakeholder steering committee in relationship to the funding agency or authority? (E.g. Should funding decisions be approved by the steering committee? Would this meet the Prop. 13 requirement for public involvement with the funding process?)

3. What are the goals, strategies and priority objectives of the Steering Committee? How should these be reestablished and how should it be reenergized, including gaining and new chair and vice chair? (The last time the goals and strategies were updated was in spring of 2002 in preparation for the March 2003 Regional Board meeting. This and the original goals and strategies document are at <http://www.sjrtdml.org/strategy/goals/index.htm>.)

4. How should the technical committee be organized?

a. Who should chair it? Who should facilitate and take notes?

b. Who should be members? Note: Both the Hydroqual and Stanford computer modeling teams should be funded with written contracts next month. They should have funds for their experts to participate in the DO technical committee process.

c. Should we bring in a peer reviewer or another outside expert?

d. Would Erwin Van Nieuwenhuysse be willing/able to be the chair?

e. Should there be a technical committee meeting as scheduled on September 11 and the second Thursdays of each month? (Note: Please keep Sept. 11 open as there is a good chance a meeting will occur then.)

5. How should the DO steering committee and stakeholders collaborate with other efforts in the watershed that affect DO?

a. Should it join with others to support a Watershed Program Coordinator position (as could be funded under Prop. 50 with an end of September due date)?

b. How else might we work with these other water quality and water supply efforts (e.g. watershed computer models, data atlas, BMP research, monitoring)?

E. Update and Next Steps on Work Assignments. (Barbara M and Tom Trexler)

1. Steering Committee and stakeholder support

2. Demonstration Aeration

3. Long term Planning

4. Non-aeration Feasibility Studies and public workshops

5. Other

F. Upstream Monitoring and Research Proposal

1. Update from Peer Review.

2. Public involvement process and next steps..

3. BDA review and final decision.

G. WRDA funding for Corp of Engineer work on DWSC issues.

1. Update on 2002 funds.
2. Update on 2003 legislation.

Agenda - Draft

- 8:45 Pre-meeting coffee and conversation
- 9 am Welcome, introductions and agenda review.
- 9:15 Review external issues and efforts
- 10:15 Review Aug. 14 BDA meeting
- 10:35 Break
- 10:45 Impacts of state budget on RWQCB
- 11:00 Roles and responsibilities
- 11:45 Next steps on Work Assignments.
- 12:10 Upstream Monitoring and Research
- 12:20 WRDA
- 12:30 Adjourn