

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
STATE AND FEDERAL CONTRACTORS WATER AGENCY**

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MEETING AGENDA

October 20, 2011
3:00 p.m.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

- 1-1 The Board will Consider Corrections or Additions to the Agenda of Items Requiring Immediate Action that have come to the Attention of the Board after Posting the Agenda
- 1-2 Public Comment – Opportunity for members of the public to address the Agency on matters within the Agency’s jurisdiction (as required by Gov. Code Section 54954.3(a))

2.0 ACTION ITEMS (50 MIN)

- 2-1 Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of September 15, 2011 – Attachment (Chair)
- 2-2 Consideration of Funding Option to Maintain the Ability to Construct the Yolo Ranch Restoration Project by 2012; Authorization to Amend Contracts with CBEC and Wetlands and Water Resources, Inc. – Attachment (Buck/Connor) Item to follow
- 2-3 Suisun Marsh Preservation Agreement and Discussions with DWR and Suisun Resource Conservation District – Attachment (Buck)
- 2-4 Recommendations from Public Affairs/Outreach Consultant on Strategic Position for SFCWA Communications (Attachment) Buck/Goldie/APCO Consultants

3.0 INFORMATION REPORTS

► ADMINISTRATION (10 MIN)

- 3-1 Board Chair’s report (Duerig)
- 3-2 Executive Director’s Report - Attachment (Buck)
- 3-3 General Counsel’s Report (Kincaid)
- 3-4 SFCWA Income/Expense Report for June 2011 – Attachment to follow (Buck)
- 3-5 Significant Correspondence – Attachments (Buck)
- 3-6 Management Response Letter to Audit Report – Attachments (Buck)

► **COORDINATED SCIENCE (10 MIN)**

3-7 Science Program Manager's Report – (Connor) Attachment to follow

► **HABITAT PROGRAM (10 MIN)**

3-8 Habitat Program Progress Report – (Buck/Schmutte)

a. Yolo Ranch

b. Tule Red

3-9 Execution of Consulting Agreement with Westervelt Services Inc., re Tule Red - Buck

3-10 BDCP Habitat Committee Report – (King Moon)

► **DELTA GOVERNANCE AND WATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (30 MIN)**

3-11 Salmon Recovery Group Status Report – Attachment (Buck)

3-12 Status update on the Water and Power Flow Model Development and Evaluations of the 2010 SWRCB Flow Criteria - Attachment (Buck)

3-13 Summary Highlights of September meetings the Delta Stewardship Council and Delta Plan Content (Zlotnick)

4.0 Identification of Upcoming Major Agenda Topics; next meeting date

FY-12-13 Budget Planning

5.0 ADJOURNMENT

NOTE:

Requests for a disability related modification or accommodation, including auxiliary aids or services, in order to attend or participate in a meeting should be made to the Agency Administrator in advance of the meeting to ensure availability of the requested service or accommodation.

At the discretion of the Board, all items appearing on this agenda and all committee agendas, whether or not expressly listed for action, may be deliberated and may be subject to action by the Board.

SFCWA Strategic Plan as Revised 9/15/11

Mission: Assist SFCWA member agencies in assuring a sufficient reliable and high quality water supply for their customers; maximize the efficient operation and integration of the State Water Project and federal Central Valley Project.

This mission shall be pursued utilizing the following implementing strategies:

- *Plan, approve and implement or manage infrastructure projects*
- *Implement and facilitate habitat conservation measures in the Delta*
- *Research and publish findings on Delta ecosystem stressors toward developing management actions that further California's co-equal goals of a restored Delta ecosystem and water supply reliability.*
- *Assist in development and implementation of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan*
- *Assist in development and implementation of the Delta Habitat Conservation and Conveyance Program*
- *Participate in joint media outreach team comprised of SWP and CVP member agencies*
- *Represent SFCWA interests before the Delta Stewardship Council, Delta Conservancy and Delta Protection Commission*
- *Coordinate State and Federal Water Contractor interests in SWRCB matters of joint interest.*

Strategic Objectives:

As directed by the SFCWA Board of Directors, the SFCWA will pursue the following 2010-2011 objectives in support of its mission.

Habitat Program

1. Complete environmental review, permitting and design of the Yolo Ranch habitat restoration project by July 2011.
2. Complete a staffing and financing plan for SFCWA pursuit and implementation of 4000 acres of habitat restoration to be credited to permit requirements and the Bay-Delta Conservation Plan by October of 2010

Delta Governance and Water Management

3. Monitor and respond effectively to activities of the Delta Stewardship Council, including continued comment on the Delta Plan, and coordination with the Ag Urban II Coalition to develop and advance a Delta Plan alternative.
4. Monitor and respond effectively to activities of the Delta Protection Commission and Delta Conservancy that affect SFCWA's mission.
5. Support the development of capacity by the Delta Conservancy to manage completed habitat development projects.
6. Initiate a coordinated Upstream-Export water agency effort to develop a template process and framework for the SWRCB to develop Delta and upstream flow objectives. Evaluate utility of effort with Board of Directors six to nine months after initiation.
7. Develop SFCWA's capacity to assume roles and responsibilities necessary for effective implementation of BDCP, as determined the SFCWA Board.
8. Present Salmon Recovery Group Initial Set of High Priority Actions to Help Recover Salmon to the Board by October of 2011.

Science Program

9. Develop a research plan for Science Program funding, that identifies priority projects, their relevance to SFCWA, how the results will be used by SFCWA, and a description of each project including estimated costs and completion dates.
10. Evaluate the existing Bay Delta monitoring programs to determine if they provide the data needed to guide Delta environmental decision-making, presenting recommendations for enhancing Bay Delta monitoring, in a report to the Board for approval no later than December 2012.
11. Develop and Implement a Science Program Communication Strategy that strengthens the scientific foundation for environmental management of the Delta. Present Communication Plan, in a report to the Board for approval no later than January 2012.

(note: next review of objectives will occur as part of the annual budget process)