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MEETING AGENDA

October 18, 2012

2:30 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 (75 MIN)

- 2-1 Consider Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of September 20, 2012– Attachment (Duerig)
Recommendation: Adopt the above mentioned minutes by minute order.
- 2-2 Consider Budget Amendment Transferring Funds to Allow for Investigation of the Pursuit of the McCormack Williamson Flood Control and Habitat Restoration Project as a Credit Project for Biological Opinions and the BDCP – Attachment (Buck)
Recommendation: Adopt the Budget Amendment
- 2-3 Consider Recommendation to Seek Member Agency Underwriting of a Construction Loan for the Lower Yolo Ranch Restoration Project and Consider SFCWA Position on DWR and USBR Cost Shares for the Project – Attachment (Buck)
Recommendation:
 - 1. Direct the Executive Director to seek a minimum of three SFCWA Agencies with rate-making authority to underwrite a Construction Loan for the Lower Yolo Ranch Restoration Project.
 - 2. Adopt a position that SFCWA will first use contributions revenue to provide interest payment on a construction loan the event of non-payment by DWR/USBR.
 - 3. Adopt a position that based on habitat credits for the Lower Yolo Ranch Restoration Project being equally apportioned to Salmon and Delta Smelt benefit, that the DWR/USBR cost share for the credits should be 75/25%, respectively.
- 2-4 Discuss and Consider Draft Recommended Modifications to the SFCWA Strategic Plan.
Recommendation: Adopt Recommended Changes to the Plan or Provide Staff Direction on Additional Modifications to Present to the Board at its November Meeting – Attachment (Buck)

- 2-5 Consider Approval of a contract with Dr. Jaime Pierson and Dr. Patricia M. Glibert at the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science to conduct research on the “Effects of changing phytoplankton stoichiometry on copepods.”
Recommendation: That the Board authorize a contract with the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science in the amount of \$199,331.00. - Attachment to follow (Buck/Connor)
- 2-6 Consider Approval of a contract with Dr. Patricia M. Glibert at the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science to conduct research on “Advancing the understanding of nutrients in the Bay Delta”.
Recommendation: That the Board authorize a contract with the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science in the amount of \$168,253.00. - Attachment to follow (Buck/Connor)

3.0 INFORMATION REPORTS (45 MIN)

► ADMINISTRATION (20 MIN)

- 3-1 Board Chair’s report (Duerig)
3-2 Executive Director’s Report – Attachment (Buck)
3-3 General Counsel’s Report (Miller)
3-4 SFCWA Income/Expense Report for July 2012 – Attachment (Peltier)
3-5 Significant Correspondence – (Buck)

► COORDINATED SCIENCE (10 MIN)

- 3-6 Science Program Manager’s Report – Attachment (Connor)

► HABITAT PROGRAM (15 MIN)

- 3-7 Manager’s Habitat Committee Report - (Buck/Schmutte)
- a. Yolo Ranch Project status
 - b. Tule Red Project status

4.0 Identification of Upcoming Major Agenda Topics; next meeting date

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 2/16/12

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; develop habitat projects to address regulatory requirements of the CVP and SWP.*
- *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, DWR/USBR funding agreements and design of the Yolo Ranch habitat restoration project by July 2013.
2. Develop a funding strategy for the SFCWA Habitat Program by July 2012
3. Execute first year studies for the design and permit process for the Tule Red Project
4. Pending a habitat funding strategy, consider a staffing plan to pursue the SFCWA Habitat Program within two months of adoption of a funding strategy.
5. Complete an agreement with USBR defining USBR role in Habitat restoration and funding

Delta Governance and Water Management

6. Monitor and respond effectively to activities of the Delta Stewardship Council, Delta Protection Commission and Delta Conservancy.
7. Support the development of capacity by the Delta Conservancy to manage completed habitat development projects.
8. Continue a coordinated Upstream-Export water agency effort regarding the SWRCB's development of Delta and upstream flow objectives. Develop SFWCA's capacity to assume roles by effective implementation of BDCP conservation strategies, as determined by the SFWCA Board.
 - a. Assist member agencies in developing and evaluating alternative BDCP implementation management structures.
 - b. Conduct Board discussions relative to defining specific roles for SFCWA in implementing an approved BDCP; identify roles by 2/15/13
9. Adopt strategic objectives for Salmon Recovery Group by July 2012; continue support of the Group

Science Program

10. 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.
11. 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.
12. 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 March 2012.