

**Detailed Meeting Summary of the  
Delta Independent Science Board  
Friday July 17, 2015**

1. Welcome and Declarations (Lund)

Board members present: Jay Lund (Chair) and Tracy Collier.

Board members on the phone: Brian Atwater, Steve Brandt, Richard Norgaard, Vince Resh, John Wiens and Joy Zedler.

Staff present: Cliff Dahm, Jessica Pearson, Randy Fiorini, Lauren Hastings and Kelly Souza.

None of the Board members reported any change in status.

2. Delta Stewardship Council Chair and Executive Officer's report (Fiorini and Pearson)

Chair's report:

- Governor's Water Technology Summit
- June 17, 2015 letter to DPIIC members
- Comments on program review reports
- Comments on program review prospectuses

Action request: Chair Fiorini was very complimentary of the Fish and Flow report and is requesting that the ISB take one additional step and have a conversation about which agencies or groups should be encouraged to carry out particular recommendations.

Action: DSP staff will verify with Executive Officer Pearson, which month would be best to present the Fish and Flow report to the Council. If August is the desired month, Board Chair Lund will present the report since Brandt is unavailable.

Executive Officer's report:

- Partially recirculated RDEIR/SDEIS for BDCP/WaterFix
- DLIS
- Any pertinent legislation

Action(s): Wiens, Collier, Norgaard, Hastings and DSC staff (Kevan Samsam) will meet on Monday July 20<sup>th</sup> to discuss planning for the DISB review of the RDEIR/SDEIS.

Executive Officer Pearson offered to have her planning staff provide a briefing to the Levee's group about the Delta Levees Investment Strategy (DLIS). The entire Board was interested in a DLIS briefing so DSP staff will find out if a public briefing is possible during the August ISB meeting. Alternatively, DSC planning staff will provide a private briefing to the Levee's Program Review group. *Update: EO Pearson's preference is to have a private briefing and staff is trying to schedule this prior to the Aug 13-14 DISB meeting.*

3. Delta ISB Chair's Report and Business Matters (Lund)

- Status of reviews

- Next steps re: self-assessment
- Tracy's report at the June Council meeting

**Actions:** Brandt and Collier will produce a stand-alone document summarizing the outcomes of the self-assessment. This stand-alone document will be appended to the June detailed meeting summary which DSC staff (Hastings and Souza) will finalize during the week of July 20, 2015.

4. Organizing for the review of the partially recirculated BDCP (Collier and Norgaard)

The Board may discuss the scope of the review, initial steps and what is expected. They should also determine a lead and timing of the review comments (timing may precipitate the need for an additional teleconference meeting in September).

**Action:** After reviewing the previous charge, Norgaard, Wiens and Collier will produce a draft charge that is direct, workable, simpler than the previous charge and commensurate with the timeline. The draft charge will be presented to CDFW and DSC for their feedback, during the week of July 27, 2015. In the interim, all Board members will review their respective chapters and familiarize themselves with the changes (Appendix A). Zedler will review those chapters that Meyer did previously (chapters 4 and 11). Norgaard, Wiens and Collier can also reach out for additional information from DWR (Laura King-Moon and Cassandra Enos-Nobriga) if they have questions about navigating through the recirculated EIR.

5. Strategies for understanding how flows affect fishes in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta (Brandt)

**Decision:** The Board unanimously approved the Fish and Flow Program Review report, *Flows and Fishes in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta: Strategic Research Needs in Support of Adaptive Management*. All Board members submit any final editorial Comments to Brandt by July 24, 2015.

**Actions:** Collier, Brand, Lund (if needed) and DSP staff (Harader) will consider planning a "roll-out" (e.g. forum or workshop) with the agencies to discuss agency- response to the report with the goal of facilitating interactions across the agencies.

Brandt and Lund will prepare a few slides in anticipation of this topic on an upcoming (August or September) Council agenda.

6. Other reviews – The Board will hear updates and review draft prospectuses for these reviews:

- Water Quality (Canuel and Collier)
- Delta as Place (Norgaard)
- Delta Levees (Atwater)

**Action(s):** Final comments from Board members on the Water Quality Program Review proposal should be sent to Canuel and Collier by Wednesday July 22, 2015. Canuel and Collier will make the changes to the Water Quality Program Review proposal that were agreed upon today, and send that version to DSP staff by Friday July 24, 2015. DSP staff will post it for a two-week public comment period.

Norgaard, Resh and Canuel will meet to revise the program review proposal for the Delta as an Evolving Pace, so that it contextualizes the linkages between the physical and social sciences in the Delta. The revised version will be discussed by the Board at the August ISB meeting.

7. Adaptive Management Review (Wiens)

The Board will have a discussion about the draft version of the Adaptive Management program review report.

Actions: Board members will send comments to Wiens by Monday July 27<sup>th</sup>. Wiens will incorporate comments and prepare a draft targeted to be circulated for public review after Board approval at the August 13-14 ISB meeting.

Goodwin will send the pertinent congressional reviews conducted in 2011 and 2012 for Wiens to include in this report.

8. Meeting outcomes and preparation for next meeting(s) (Lund)

• Decisions made

- A small group formed (Wiens, Collier and Norgaard) to help organize the Delta ISB review of BDCP/California Water Fix.
- The Board approved the final Program Review report, Flows and Fishes in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta: Strategic Research Needs in Support of Adaptive Management.
- Lund will attend the August 27, 2015 Council meeting and report on the Fishes and Flows report.
- The Board approved the Water Quality Program Review proposal to be distributed for a two-week public comment period.
- Zedler will review those chapters of the BDCP that Meyer did previously (4 and 11).

• Action items

- The Board will discuss whether particular agencies should be encouraged to carry out specific recommendations from the Fish and Flow Program Review report.
- DSP staff will verify when the Fish and Flow Review report will be presented to the Council. For now, the assumption is August.
- A small group (Collier, Brandt, Lund (if needed) and DSP staff (Harader), will consider planning a "roll-out" (e.g. forum or workshop) with stakeholders to discuss the response to the report with the goal of facilitating interactions.
- Hastings will coordinate a teleconference meeting on Monday July 20<sup>th</sup> with Collier, Norgaard, Wiens and DSC staff (Kevan Samsam) to discuss the BDCP/California Water Fix documents.
- DSP staff will find out if the Planning Unit is able to provide a public briefing to the Delta ISB about the DLIS and/or schedule a private briefing with Atwater and Norgaard

- Brandt and Collier will produce a stand-alone document describing the outcome of the June self-assessment. This will be appended to the detailed meeting summary for the June meeting.
- DSP staff (Souza and Hastings) will finalize the June detailed meeting summary during the week of July 20, 2015.
- For the Delta ISB review of the BDCP/California Water Fix, Norgaard, Wiens and Collier will produce a draft charge that is direct, workable, simpler than the previous charge and commensurate with the timeline available for review. After Board-review, the draft charge will be presented to CDFW and DSC for their feedback.
- Norgaard, Resh and Canuel will meet and revise the Program Review proposal for the Delta as an Evolving Place.
- Board members will send comments to Wines on the Adaptive Management Program Review report by Monday July 27, 2015.
- Goodwin will send the pertinent congressional reviews conducted in 2011 and 2012 for Wiens to include in the Adaptive Management Review report.
- Zedler was asked and agreed to deliver a Brown Bag presentation during the lunch hour of one of the August meeting dates. She and DSP staff (Souza) will work together on format and materials.
- Date, time, location and major agenda items for August (and subsequent) meeting(s)
  - The August meeting will be held in Sacramento at Park Tower. It is a two-day, in-person meeting and the major agenda items will include the review of BDCP/California Water Fix, the Adaptive Management Program Review report, the Delta as an Evolving Place Program Review proposal, hearing from David Okita (EcoRestore) and potentially DSC planning personnel (DLIS), and discussing a plan to “roll-out” the Fish and Flow Program Review report.
  - The September in-person meeting will be held at the California State Coastal Conservancy conference room in Oakland.
  - The October in-person meeting will be held at the Big Break Regional Shoreline conference room in Oakley.

## 9. Public Comment

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