

Teleconference Summary

February 1, 2013 (10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. PST)

1. Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 10 a.m., February 1, 2013, by the Chair of the Delta Independent Science Board (ISB or the Board), Dr. Richard Norgaard. One member of the Board was physically present at the teleconference location in Sacramento: Dr. Richard Norgaard. Seven members attended by phone: Brian Atwater, Elizabeth Canuel, Tracy Collier, Harindra (Joe) Fernando, Edward Houde, Jay Lund, and Judy Meyer. Two members were absent: Vince Resh and John Wiens.

None of the Delta ISB members made any new disclosures.

Delta Science Program (DSP) Staff in attendance were: Lauren Hastings and Peter Goodwin.

2. Discuss review of the Administrative Draft of Chapter 7 of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan

Meyer, Atwater, Wiens, and Lund sent comments on the administrative draft of Chapter 7 regarding the BDCP proposed governance structure to Norgaard. Norgaard will have a draft memo ready for the February 14-15 meeting which the Board may finalize at that meeting.

Norgaard said that the memo will comment on many of the same issues that were brought up in the Board's June 12, 2012 [memo](#) (titled "Initial Recommendations for Integrating BDCP Science and for Improving the Reviewability of Draft BDCP Documents") to Jerry Meral, Deputy Secretary, California Natural Resources Agency, and Dale Hoffman-Floerke, Deputy Director, Delta and Statewide Water Management, California Department of Water Resources, but the discussion could be expanded upon. Collier said that the major point will be that comments made by the Board in the previous June 12, 2012 memo were not responded to.

February 10 is the deadline for comments from Board members to Norgaard. Norgaard will send out the next draft to Board members by February 11 or 12. He will work with Lund, Collier, and Atwater.

3. Discuss review of the Draft Substitute Environmental Document (SED) in support of Potential Changes to the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay-Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta Estuary: San Joaquin River Flows and Southern Delta Water Quality

Les Grober, Assistant Deputy Director, Hearings and Special Programs Branch, explained his [index to the SED](#). The SED bases its recommended flows on unimpaired flows ("the flow that would be expected if reservoirs were removed but the contemporary watershed and valley land uses remained", November 2012 Final Draft Delta Plan, page 133). For February through May, the SED recommends flows of 35 percent of the unimpaired flow with an adaptive management range of 25 percent to 45 percent. A public workshop is scheduled for March 20-21 to accept public comments. The deadline for public comment is March 29. The State Water Resources Control Board will make a decision in August or September. Fernando and Meyer

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will take the lead on writing the Board's comments with help from Houde. The Board will discuss their comments at the February 14-15 meeting.

4. Discuss Delta ISB's habitat restoration review report

Canuel prepared a revised version of the habitat restoration review report with help from Lund, Meyer, and Houde. Wiens is helping develop a table that summarizes the similarities between the Delta ISB recommendations and recommendations from the National Research Council reports, [*A Review of the Use of Science and Adaptive Management in California's Draft Bay Delta Conservation Plan*](#) (2011) and [*Sustainable Water and Environmental Management in the California Bay-Delta*](#) (2012). Canuel thinks that the draft report is in good shape, but too long. She will distribute a draft copy by February 8.

Canuel asked Board members to send their comments about consultants' role in habitat restoration, which the Board heard about at their January 16-17 meeting, to her.

5. Public Comment (For matters that were not on the agenda, but within subject matter jurisdiction of the Delta ISB.)

None.

12:00 p.m. – Adjourned