

## **Update on Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP)**

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**Requested Action:** Review report, discuss outline and provide direction.

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### **Summary**

Independent consultant ARCADIS continues to perform targeted review of BDCP materials, identify and monitor major unresolved issues, and has prepared a discussion outline of potential scoping comments. The Third Update on Matrix of Unresolved Issues is attached, as is the second BDCP scoping comment letter to the Department of Water Resources.

### **Background**

The BDCP Steering Committee is scheduled to complete what is being called a Steering Committee Working Draft on November 18, although the final product likely will not be release until later in the month. This draft will represent progress to date on the BDCP, but admittedly will be incomplete pending closure of several key issues and completion of modeling runs and an effects analysis.

Although the Steering Committee has no meetings scheduled after Nov. 18, it is expected that work on the plan will continue in the new administration and keep to the scheduled release of a draft BDCP along with a Draft EIR/EIS in late spring or summer of 2011.

Any delays in producing the BDCP – both Plan and EIR – will inevitably impact the Council, because the Council is obligated by statute to adopt the Delta Plan, and commence implementation, no later than January 1, 2012.

### **List of Attachments**

Attachment 1 – Third Update on Matrix of Unresolved Issues

Attachment 2 – BDCP Scoping Comment Letter to the Department of Water Resources

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