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Public Meeting Questions/Comments and Answers December 11, 2008

Anadromous Fish Restoration Program (AFRP) – (b)(1)

Comment – The 2002 deadline (fish doubling goal) is important to Water and Power.

Question - How much has been spent on AFRP since its inception and is there something that should have been done differently?

Answer – 2006 and 2007 fish returns were due to poor oceanic conditions. Butte Creek has been a success. The Bay Delta ecosystem is a complex ecosystem with many variables – actions aren't in a vacuum. The Independent Review may help to pinpoint actions we can take towards goals. We have to address the limiting factors.

HRP – (b)(1) “other”

Question – When grants are completed, where can the final data/reports be found?

Answer – Reports are currently only available through the project managers, but they are working to get the reports on the website. The website has a database that can be queried.

Question – Are cost share grants also in the database?

Answer – The database has all projects listed from 1996.

Comment – Stakeholders expressed concerns over how projects are selected and how they are tied to CVP.

Question – How are chosen projects tied to the Central Valley Project (CVP)?

Answer – Projects are in footprint and consolidated place of use. For example, Giant Garter Snakes in Cosumnes River were affected by CVP.

Question – How was Spivey Pond tied to CVP?

Answer – El Dorado historically received CVP water; red-legged frog was impacted by CVP.



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Question – Who does peer review?

Answer – In-house, technical review

Comment – Everyone in California should be responsible, not just stakeholders.

Question – How can the public get involved on the discussion about measuring success?

Answer – During CPAR and PART or contact John or Caroline

Question – Are the actions linked to OCAP?

Answer – ESA 7A1 programs

Red Bluff Diversion Dam – (b)(10)

Question – Is the mill site a toxic contaminant area that needs clean-up?

Answer – Yes. The clean-up costs are figured into total cost, but we are not sure how much is needed for clean-up.

Question – Do they have to go to Congress for the new pumping facility?

Answer – 3406 (b)(10) was sufficient authorization according to the solicitors

Question – Will the plant be run on electricity and who will pay?

Answer – Yes it will run on electricity, but we don't know who will pay.

Question - Is there a state split?

Answer - 25% state matching cost share is required under (b)(10).

Question – Where does the money that DWR will contribute (\$5.5 million) come from?

Answer – Bond money (Prop 13) that hadn't been used.



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Spawning and Rearing Habitat Restoration – (b)(13)

Question – How is the tonnage goal tied to the overall goal?

Answer – We do the best with the budget to replenish gravel that is blocked. We spread money out between rivers to meet species needs.

Comment – Concerns over how to measure success

Question – How is gravel source determined? Are there any restrictions?

Answer – We select sites that are close to the river, solicit bids, and process on site. There are no restrictions.

Question – Are there issues with bringing in gravel (from other watersheds or in general)?

Answer – Yes, they have to be careful

Question – Who is doing sediment monitoring?

Answer – North State Resource

CAMP – (b)(16)

Question – Is the fish doubling number the right target (in regards to AFRP doubling goals)?

Answer – Using the language in CVPIA, the AFRP sets targets.

Question – What is the projection of this year's run vs. last year's run?

Answer – We expect it will be lower.



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Water Acquisition, Refuge Wheeling and Facilities Construction – (d)(1), (2) and (5)

Question – Does the program fund improvements to existing conveyance?

Answer – The (d)(5) program provides for improvements and construction to 19 refuges

Question – Are targets adjusted for dry and critically dry years?

Answer – Yes, Incremental Level 4 varies by water year since the hydrology affects the water market.

Question – Does the \$200 acre-foot price include conveyance cost? What is the conveyance cost?

Answer – Generally no, the acre-foot price does not include conveyance cost. The conveyance cost varies by region. Sonya can provide estimates.

Question – Instead of buying water, why not build wells?

Answer – The program is using some ground water, but water quality is an issue

Question – How much water has been bought this year?

Answer – None yet.

Comment – Re-shuffle money to other programs if water is too costly. If you can't buy enough the money may be used better else where.