

**OVERSIGHT HEARING:
BAY DELTA CONSERVATION PLAN
STATUS AND UPDATE**

Tuesday, November 16, 2010
State Capitol, Room 437
1:00 p.m.

Questions Presented to Panelists in Advance

Panel 1 *State Leadership Update*

Lester Snow, Secretary, California Natural Resources Agency

- 1) What is the current status and schedule for the BDCP?
- 2) What kind of BDCP-related document will be released on December 1? Will it be a joint State and Federal document, a State-only transition document, or another type of document?
- 3) What major issues will be presented in this document as resolved? Is there consensus among Steering Committee members that these issues are resolved?
- 4) What issues are left unresolved and what is the process for resolving them?
- 5) How has, or how will, the BDCP integrate the 2009 Delta water package legislation requirements into its process, including reduced Delta reliance, consideration of the State Water Resources Control Board public trust flow criteria, and consideration of the Department of Fish and Game quantifiable Delta biological objectives and flow criteria?
- 6) What range of alternatives is BDCP considering and what is the scientific basis for choosing them?

Panel 2 *Stakeholders' Perspectives (BDCP Steering Committee Members)*

**Roger Patterson (Metropolitan Water District); Jason Peltier (Westlands Water District)
Cynthia Koehler (Environmental Defense Fund); Jonathan Rosenfield (The Bay Institute)
Melinda Terry (North Delta Water Agency)**

- 1) What is the current status and schedule for the BDCP?
- 2) The State has indicated that a BDCP-related document will be released on December 1. Are you familiar with the contents of this document? If so, what major issues can we expect to see presented in this document as resolved? Do you believe there is consensus among Steering Committee members that these issues are resolved? If you are unfamiliar with the contents of this document, can you indicate what concerns you may have about the state releasing it?
- 3) What major BDCP issues are currently left unresolved? What is your understanding of the process which will be used to resolve them?
- 4) Do you believe the BDCP has integrated, or will integrate, the 2009 Delta water package legislation requirements into its process, including reduced Delta reliance, consideration of the State Water Resources Control Board public trust flow criteria, and consideration of the Department of Fish and Game quantifiable Delta biological objectives and flow criteria?
- 5) What range of alternatives is BDCP considering? Do you believe the best available science was utilized in selecting them?

Stakeholder's Perspective (Delta Counties)

**Don Nottoli, Delta Stewardship Council Member, Delta Protection Commission Chair,
Sacramento County Board of Supervisors**

1) The State has indicated that a BDCP-related document will be released on December 1. Can you indicate what concerns, if any, you may have about the proposed document?

2) At our prior oversight hearing on May 11, 2010, concerns were raised regarding adequate consideration by the BDCP of local Delta community issues and integration of the BDCP with the Delta Counties' Habitat Conservation Plans and Natural Community Conservation Plans. Since that time, have these issues been addressed? If not, what is your understanding of the process which will be used to resolve them?

3) Do you feel there are other remaining critical issues which BDCP needs to resolve to with regard to local communities and the five Delta counties?