

## **Bay Delta Conservation Plan Public Meeting**

Wednesday, November 16, 2011

1:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Sheraton Grand Sacramento Hotel – Camellia Room  
1230 J Street (J and 13<sup>th</sup> Streets) – Sacramento, CA 95814

### **Meeting Outline**

1. Update on BDCP processes and topics
2. Roundtable discussion for representatives of interest groups  
Discussion Topic: How demand management for water from the Delta interacts with BDCP

### **Background on Discussion Topic – How demand management for water from the Delta interacts with BDCP**

The Delta Reform Act states:

“The policy of the State of California is to reduce reliance on the Delta in meeting California's future water supply needs through a statewide strategy of investing in improved regional supplies, conservation, and water use efficiency. Each region that depends on water from the Delta watershed shall improve its regional self-reliance for water through investment in water use efficiency, water recycling, advanced water technologies, local and regional water supply projects, and improved regional coordination of local and regional water supply efforts” (California Water Code, Division 35, Section 85021).

An appendix that discusses demand management will be prepared for inclusion in the Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS), but actual demand management measures will not be included as part of the Conservation Plan. A number of different approaches on this subject have been suggested:

- Including a demand management alternative in the BDCP EIR/EIS
- Adopting demand management requirements as a term or condition as part of the Habitat Conservation Plan/Natural Community Conservation Plan (HCP/NCCP) permits for BDCP
- Deferring the question to the State Water Resources Control Board when they hear a petition for a change in place of diversion if a facility is selected by BDCP
- Developing funds, such as the proposed water bond act, to provide funds for cost sharing to support local demand management programs
- Requiring demand management from urban water agencies reliant on the Delta, but not imposing such a requirement on irrigators
- Having an agreement by some or all Delta diverters to increase the level of demand management, but outside the BDCP process as part of an overall deal.

In the public meeting, we will encourage discussion by participants of all of these ideas, and any others that people wish to bring up.

BDCP staff will use the results of this discussion to better inform the state and federal agencies involved in BDCP about public and interest group opinion on this important issue. The format of this part of the meeting will be a discussion by representatives of various interest groups, followed by public comment.