

BDCP Public Outreach Activities January 2009 - June 2009

Goal

Facilitate public understanding and obtain public input in concert with BDCP Steering Committee development of conservation strategies and other key elements of the Plan. The objectives of this outreach are to 1) improve the deliberations of the Steering Committee by providing accurate, timely and relevant information and data, and 2) keep the public and stakeholders as informed as possible in preparation for upcoming formal public participation activities.

Subject Matter Focus

- Goals of the BDCP
- Approach to, and status of, the planning process
- Substance of the conservation strategy under consideration
- Public opportunities to provide input on the plan; its alternatives; and the scope, impacts and proposed mitigation of the plan
- Potential mitigation to reduce or avoid impacts
- Any other information that the public and stakeholders believe will assist in developing the BDCP, or improve the Plan in any way.

Activities

Real-time access to BDCP information

Updated and reorganized BDCP website to enhance access to BDCP documents developed by the Steering Committee, its workgroups and technical teams, BDCP consultants, and written comments received from the public. Continue to refine and improve based on public input.

One-on-one stakeholder briefings

Continue with formal and information briefings to stakeholders in the Delta and statewide. BDCP outreach staff will begin spending Friday afternoons in the Delta as needed to provide Delta residents and other stakeholders with more convenient and reliable access to information. – See schedule below

Delta County Board of Supervisor Briefings

At the request of Delta County elected officials, the BDCP management team will brief Delta County boards of supervisors about the BDCP, conservation measures contemplated within their jurisdiction, process for working with County staff to better understand impacts, and public outreach activities within their jurisdiction. – See schedule below

Public-friendly materials

Develop a public-friendly executive summary of the Overview document and approach to the BDCP conservation strategy as a companion piece to the existing BDCP brochure and fact sheets. This document will provide an orientation to draft chapter 3 to facilitate productive and meaningful participation in BDCP public meetings. – Draft January 30

BDCP Orientation Meeting and Webcast

BDCP staff will host an orientation meeting about the BDCP and its conservation strategy as developed to date, and make the video available for streaming from the BDCP website. The purpose of the informational meeting and webcast is to facilitate productive and meaningful participation in BDCP public meetings. – See schedule below

Public Meetings

BDCP and EIR/EIS staff will host public meetings to fulfill CEQA and NEPA scoping requirements in a manner that also offers ample opportunity for discussion and dialogue about the Plan, its alternatives, and the scope of impacts to be analyzed in the EIR/EIS. – See schedule below

BDCP Outreach Meeting Schedule (as of 1/16/09):

January 15	Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District
January 27	Yolo County Board of Supervisors
February 3	Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors
February 11	Delta Counties Technical Advisory Committee
February TBD	Sacramento County Board of Supervisors
February TBD	Solano County Board of Supervisors
February TBD	San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors (pre-briefing for San Joaquin Water Committee)
February TBD	BDCP Orientation Meeting & Webcast
February TBD	Lower Yolo Bypass Planning Forum
March 9-April 2	Public Meetings