

Bay Delta Conservation Plan Agricultural Outreach Meeting

Tuesday September 13, 2011

UC Cooperative Extension, 501 Texas St (First Floor), Fairfield 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

AGENDA

The objectives of this meeting are to have a direct dialogue with Delta Agricultural interests on how the Bay Delta Conservation Plan can find ways to fit with the needs of Delta Agriculture. This is an effort to begin a dialog focusing on specific and unique needs of Delta Agriculture and how environmental restoration can couple with those needs.

12:45 – 1:00 p.m. Registration

1:00 – 1:05 p.m. Welcome

1:05 – 1:30 p.m. Perspectives from the Delta Stewardship Council, Delta Conservancy, and Delta Protection Commission.

The State of BDCP – Where are we? How did we get here? What is the schedule?

1:30 – 3:50 p.m. **Discussion:** There are a large range of issues and concerns you have already expressed. What are other issues related to potential habitat restoration for a variety of species and local water flow issues need to be considered? What ways can we move forward to discuss those issues and determine how to address them?

Some issues include:

- Effects on agricultural land from adjacent restored tidal habitat, such as seepage.
- Neighbor effects of increased endangered wildlife species on BDCP preserves next to agricultural lands (increased restrictions on agricultural practices due to increase endangered species use on and adjacent to agricultural lands).
- Increased presence of listed fish species at agricultural diversions and potential regulatory effects where aquatic habitat restoration increases listed fish densities.
- Water quality and salinity issues for agricultural irrigation as a potential result of water facilities operations and tidal habitat restoration.
- Water elevation changes at agricultural intakes as a result of water facilities operations.
- Increased risk of levee failure due to changes in levee configurations with tidal habitat restoration actions.
- Weed control on habitat lands and Vector control (mosquitoes, etc)

If there is value in having these conversations, how do you suggest this dialogue continue? What are your ideas?

3:50 – 4:00 p.m. Thank you and wrap up. Agency representatives will stay behind to answer individual questions and talk