



Meeting Summary

Delta Regional Management Actions Work Group Meeting #1

Time: June 30, 2010, 9:00 am – 12:30 pm
Location: San Joaquin Farm Bureau
 3290 North Ad Art Road, Stockton, CA
 Presentations and Materials Available Online at www.water.ca.gov/cvfm

MEETING ATTENDANCE:

Work Group Members Present:

Name	Organization
George Booth	Sacramento County
Daniel Burmester	CDFG
John Cain	American Rivers, California Flood Management
Mark Connelly	San Joaquin County Flood Management Division
Bill Darsie	KSN, Inc.
Sarah Puckett	Natural Heritage Institute
John Shelton	CDFG
Dave Shpak	City of West Sacramento/ West Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency
Chuck Spinks	American Society of Civil Engineers
Jan Vick	Mayor, City of Rio Vista
Leo Winternitz	The Nature Conservancy

Work Group Members Absent:

Name	Organization
Mitch Avalon	Delta 5 Counties Coalition
Steve Bradley	DWR
Marci Coglianese	BDPAC and Delta Levees & Habitat
Linda Fiack	Currently DPC; retiring in July
Robin Kulakow	Yolo Basin Foundation
Gilbert Labrie	Branan-Andrus Levee Maintenance District, RD 2067, 407, 317
Karen Medders	North Delta CARES
Chris Neudeck	KSN, Inc.
Jerry Robinson	San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation
Brooke Schlenker	USACE
Jane Wagner Tyack	Restore the Delta / League of Women Voters

Support Team Present:

Jeremy Arrich	California Department of Water Resources (DWR)
Lori Clamurro-Chew	DWR
Nekane Hollister	DWR

Mike Inamine	DWR
Pam Jones	Kearns and West (K&W) (Facilitation Team)
Ibrahim Khadam	MWH
Christal Love	Center for Collaborative Policy (CCP) (Facilitation Team)
Merritt Rice	DWR
Robert Yeadon	DWR

Observers:

WORK GROUP ACTION ITEMS

	ITEM	OWNER	TIMEFRAME
1.	Mail member binders to the Delta RMAWG that did not attend meeting #1	MWH	July 9, 2010
2.	Distribute draft evaluation forms to all Work Group members	MWH/CCP	July 12, 2010
3.	Schedule Delta RMAWG meetings # 2 and 3	CCP	July 12, 2010

GROUP RECAP (meeting highlights for use by Work Group partners in their communications)

The Delta Regional Management Actions Work Group (Work Group) of the Central Valley Flood Management Program (CVFMP) initiated its work on June 30, 2010 with the following activities:

- Reviewed the development process, organization, and documentation process for management actions.
- Discussed how solution sets would be created from management actions.
- Prepared for the management actions workshops in summer 2010.

The purpose of the Work Group is to assist DWR in framing management action categories and providing advice on the general approach to incorporating management actions into the CVFPP. The Work Group will also be asked to provide an additional level of review, with a particular eye to regional significance, on the input received during CVFPP management actions public workshops. The Delta Regional Management Actions Work Group is one of five regional work groups for the CVFMP.

MEETING GOALS

- Describe next steps in the process, Phase 2 Work Groups, and opportunities for involvement – invite participation in the next phase Launch CVFPP Phase 2 and Affirm Regional Management Actions Work Group Charter
- Discuss the Relationship of Phase 2 to next Phases of the CVFPP
- Receive Feedback on the Management Actions Approach and Structure
- Organize for Phase 2 Workshops and future Phase 2 work

SUMMARY:

Welcome and Greetings

Pam Jones (K&W) opened the meeting, discussed facility logistics, meeting materials and asked meeting participants to introduce themselves. She then reviewed the meeting agenda and provided a walkthrough of the day's materials/handouts.

Review RMAWG Charter

Ms. Jones reviewed the Delta Work Group charter with work group partners, who subsequently affirmed the charter. The Work Group is chartered to complete the following tasks:

- Provide input on the management actions framework;
- Provide input on the regional applicability of management actions, including packaging management actions into groups that should be carried forward for further consideration (in Phase 3) or removed from consideration (either within the region or systemwide);
- Provide input on how management actions fit/comply with the intended scope of the CVFPP; and
- Advise about what coordination should occur with Delta region programs and projects as the CVFPP is developed (including rationale and recommendations on how to achieve coordination)

Opening Remarks

Mike Inamine (Executive Sponsor) welcomed the Work Group and provided opening remarks and an overview of the 2012 CVFPP, which will set the framework for flood system management until 2017. Phase 1 of the CVFPP planning effort focused on defining regional conditions, Phase 2 (the current phase) focuses on the identification of management actions, and Phases 3 and 4.

Mr. Inamine's opening remarks included the following updates:

- The CVFPP schedule has not changed, the deadline is still due Jan 1 2012.
- The State Plan of Flood Control, which was released earlier this year for public review, sets the framework for the flood control system.
- A draft Flood Control System Status report is currently being reworked and will be out in September 2010 for public review.
- The letter submitted by San Joaquin County regarding the Delta Risk Management Strategy (DRMS) was submitted July 2009. DWR is currently incorporating comments from the US Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) and will provide a response to San Joaquin County in August.
- DWR will be holding round 1 of the Management Actions Workshops from July 19-29 2010.
- A CVFPP PEIR effort has begun, public scoping meetings will be held later this year.

Merritt Rice (CVFPO Lead) described the relation between the State Plan of Flood Control and the CVFPP. He explained that the CVFPP is intended to look at how to fix the deficiencies in areas of the State Plan of Flood Control and that plan development will be an iterative process.

Discussion:

- A Work Group member informed the group that phase1 of the DRMS report is complete and some work has begun on phase 2. The San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors expressed concern that the USACE did not review the final report before it went out. The member added that the Delta 5 Coalition is also concerned about this issue. Jeremy Arrich (CVFPO Chief) responded that coordination efforts are currently underway.

- A participant expressed concern that this group might come up with a plan that is too vague to provide enough guidance to local government regarding the necessary flood control system changes. Mr. Rice responded that DWR does not know exactly what the plan will look like at this point. During Phase 3 the group will be asked to figure out how to put together the management actions into regional solutions, which are then combined into systemwide solutions.
- Several members expressed concern regarding releasing a plan that does not include enough detailed information. A suggestion was made to delay the release of the plan by another year to allow for greater detail. Mr. Arrich replied that implementation challenges will be identified in the 2012 plan.
- A participant stated that it was a huge compromise for the environmental interest community to agree that County General Plans do not have to comply with new flood standards until 2013. The plan deadline should be not extended farther out than 2013.

Overview of Management Actions Development Process, Organization, and Documentation

Ibrahim Khadam, MWH Technical Lead, presented an overview of the Phase 2 management actions process. The goals of Phase 2 are to compile management actions, develop evaluation and screening methods, and initiate the environmental review. The outcomes of Phase 2 will be a second interim progress report (IPS2), a Management Actions Report, and a CVFPP Progress Report.

Mr. Khadam explained that management actions are specific actions that contribute to CVFPP goals and address the problems and opportunities identified in Phase 1. Individual management actions will be combined into solutions sets that are both region-specific and systemwide. Input received during Phase 1 and review of reference documents provided over 800 management actions that were consolidated by the project team and subject matter experts to 82 management actions in 11 different categories. During Phase 2, they will be further refined by Work Group members and other stakeholders who attend the management actions workshops.

There will be two rounds of workshops to discuss and provide feedback on the management actions. The first round will review and evaluate the 11 categories of management actions for completeness, accuracy, and clarity. The second round will describe how management actions can be applied to different communities and integration of environmental, water supply, and other benefits. During Phase 2, there will also be topic-focused work groups that will discuss specific issues such as financing and revenue, climate change, and system operations. The workshops are open to the public and Work Group partners may attend as few or many as they wish.

Additional details about the upcoming workshops, management actions categories, and schedules will be available at www.water.ca.gov/cvfmp.

Discussion:

- A participant asked if there would be additional opportunities to review the management actions after RMAWG meeting #1. Mr. Khadam explained that DWR will be collecting comments on the evaluation form, and other Management Actions during Work Shop Round 1. The discussion will be more focused during Workshops Round 2, but there will be review of any new Management Actions proposed during Round 1. The Delta RMAWG meeting #2 in September will focus on regional applicability. All comments will be compiled into the draft Management Actions report that work groups will receive after meeting #2.
- The DWR Coordinator suggested that one of the Management Actions look at projects that have multiple benefits and can be implemented early on. Mr. Rice pointed out that the evaluation forms can capture whether a Management Action has multiple benefits.
- One member asked why open space and recreation are not Management Action categories. Mr. Khadam explained that those issues were captured under the existing categories and added that Round 2 will include a discussion of the integration of those benefits across the regions.

- Several participants asked how new Management Actions would be captured during the Work Shops. Mr. Khadam explained that there would be note takers capturing the discussion similar to the Work Group meetings. He added that participants are welcome to submit comments on the evaluation forms ahead of time as well.
- A member suggested adding a policy management action that promotes multi-benefit projects and ensures integration.
- A member suggested adding science education and communication management action.
- A participant expressed concern that these discussions are occurring without the big financial picture and knowledge about how the CVFPP will integrate with the other DWR programs. Recommended looking at other plans, programs and pieces of legislation that could impact or be impacted by the CVFPP.
- Several members supported the suggestion that DWR increase its internal coordination across programs.
- A member pointed out the scheduling overlap between Work Shop Round 2 and the National Association of Flood & Stormwater Management Agencies (NAFSMA) conference.

Looking Forward to Creating Solution Sets

Mr. Khadam described that in Phase 2, the Work Groups will initiate the creation of solution sets by developing management actions, or building blocks that work together to create regional and systemwide solutions. In this Phase, the Work Group will evaluate whether management actions apply to Delta region, and whether management actions should be further considered in future phases.

Discussion:

- A Work Group member pointed out that there are important environmental restoration categories that improve flood control and expressed a desire that they be considered as part of the solution sets.

Preparing for Management Actions Workshops

Ms. Jones requested that Work Group partners fill out signup sheets for the first round of management action workshops, occurring between July 19 and 29, and email them to Christal Love (clove@ccp.csus.edu) or to Ibrahim Khadam (Ibrahim.Khadam@us.mwhglobal.com).

Next Meetings, Action Item Review, Meeting Recap

Ms. Jones thanked Work Group partners for their attendance and encouraged them to attend the management actions workshops.

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