

**CALFED Ops**  
**February 27, 2013**

**State Water Board Update**  
**(New items in red)**

1) Phase 1: San Joaquin River Flow and South Delta Water Quality Objectives

- The State Water Board will hold a public hearing on the adequacy of the draft Substitute Environmental Document (SED), and continuing on March 21-22, 2013, if necessary. (The State Water Board released a draft Substitute Environmental Document (SED) on December 31, 2012.)
- Written comments are due on March 29, 2013 (by 12 noon).
- A final SED is anticipated in the spring of 2013.

2) Phase 2: Comprehensive Review

- On January 17, 2013, Brock Bernstein, the facilitator of the Phase 2 public workshops and a sub-contractor of ICF International, released a draft report summarizing the three workshops:
  - Ecosystem Changes and the Low Salinity Zone (Sep 5-6, 2012),
  - Bay-Delta Fishery Resources (Oct 1-2, 2012), and
  - Analytical Tools for Evaluating Water Supply Hydrodynamic and Hydropower Effects (Nov 13-14, 2012).

The report includes key points of agreement and disagreement, uncertainties and questions.

- On April 9, 2013, Dr. Bernstein will present to the State Water Board an informational item on the next steps for the draft summary report.

Additional information on 1 and 2 above is available at the Division of Water Rights' website at: [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water\\_issues/programs/bay\\_delta/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/bay_delta/).

3) Bay-Delta Compliance

- On February 26, 2013, the Delta Watermaster, Craig Wilson, met with the Dept. of Water Resources' South Delta temporary barrier staff to review DWR's 2013 Construction and Operations Plan.
- Staff from the Delta Watermaster's office will be meeting with the USBR in early March 2013 to discuss Vernalis pulse flow requirements.

4) Water Transfers

- No new information.

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