



HCP STEERING COMMITTEE AGENDA

DATE: Thursday, January 17, 2013

TIME: 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

PLACE: Solano County Water Agency (Note new address)
810 Vaca Valley Parkway
Vacaville, CA 95688

Agenda:

1. Introductions
2. Update on Solano HCP
3. Update on ACOE Regional General Permit Program
4. Future Role of Steering Committee
5. Update on other Northern California HCPs
6. Next Steps

Recommendation: Next meeting: *TBD*

If you have any questions please contact Chris Lee at (707-455-1105) or email at clee@scwa2.com.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: HCP Plan Participants, HCP Steering Committee, and Solano Stakeholders

FROM: Chris Lee, Principal Water Resources Specialist

DATE: October 26, 2012

SUBJECT: Solano Habitat Conservation Plan

The Solano Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) is moving closer to the Public Draft stage. The Water Agency appreciates your patience, continued support, and involvement in the process. Over the last year, the Water Agency has been meeting regularly with the wildlife agencies to craft the Public Draft HCP.

The HCP is currently at the state of where it is about ready for public review. We are making a few minor edits to some of the graphics and acreage calculations based on questions raised during the EIR/EIS preparation. While the wildlife agencies will not officially call this version a Public Draft just yet, we do not anticipate any further significant edits or changes. The Water Agency wants to give all of the stakeholders in Solano County a preview prior to the release of the Public Draft HCP. The draft HCP sections, tables, figures, and executive summaries are available for viewing at www.scwa2.com.

In order for the HCP to be formally released to the public for review, the draft Environmental Impact Report/ Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) and draft Implementing Agreement (IA) must all be ready to be released simultaneously. The US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) must also issue public notices through the Federal Register. The steps moving forward from this point are outlined below.

Step 1 requires that all documents are complete and have agency buy-off. The draft HCP is complete, the draft EIR/EIS and draft IA should be complete by the end of

December, and the formal Incidental Take Permit Applications will be submitted to USFWS, National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), and the California Department of Fish and Game when the other documents are complete.

Step 2-the Federal Register process begins once all of the above documents are deemed complete. This process can take up to 60 days from initiation to when the actual announcement is published by US Fish and Wildlife Service that the documents are available for review. The Water Agency will also need to release a notice for CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) to announce that the documents are available for review.

Step 3-A 90-day comment period will commence once the Public Draft HCP, draft EIR/EIS, and draft IA are released. During the comment period, a CEQA Public Hearing will take place to present the HCP and receive public comments.

Step 4-Public comments are due 90 days after the documents are released for public review. Comments are either incorporated into the HCP and EIR/EIS or addressed as comments not incorporated and a reason is given why.

Step 5-USFWS issues a 30-day Notice of Availability for Final documents once all comments have been accounted for.

Step 6-After the 30-day period, the Water Agency Board of Directors (BOD) will need to certify the EIR and adopt the HCP. The Water Agency BOD will adopt a resolution approving and implementing the HCP. All other Plan Participants to the HCP will also need to adopt a resolution or ordinance implementing the HCP. USFWS will need to complete an internal Section 7 Consultation (of the Endangered Species Act) and legal review of the HCP and EIS. Each Plan Participants governing body needs to sign the I.A and USFWS and NMFS approve the EIS. USFWS and NMFS sign the I.A. and issue the incidental take permits.

The Water Agency will meet with the Steering Committee On January 17, 2013, to brief them on the HCP and answer any questions on the HCP or the process. Notification of the meeting time and location of our new office will be sent out a week before the meeting.

If you have any questions, send me an email at clee@scwa2.com or give me a call at 707-455-1105, thanks.