



Update on the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) including a discussion of financing by Dr. Jerry Meral and additional panelists

Background

The Bay Delta Conservation Plan will create an integrated Conservation Strategy for the recovery of Delta species, habitats, and natural communities listed under the federal and state Endangered Species Acts. When adopted and approved by federal and state fish agencies, it will result in the issuance of long-term permits for the operation of state and federal water projects in the Delta.

As part of the development of the draft plan and to help resolve key issues, several work groups have been established. The Financing work group is evaluating public and private funding sources for the project.

Dr. Jerry Meral, Deputy Secretary for the California Natural Resources Agency will make a presentation to the Commission about BDCP Financing. Representatives from state and federal water agencies and NGOs will participate in a panel discussion and provide additional information about BDCP financing issues.

Participants

Dr. Jerry Meral has served as deputy secretary of the California Natural Resources Agency in charge of the Bay Delta Conservation Planning Program since January 2011.

Roger Patterson is assistant general manager for the Metropolitan Water District.

Jason Peltier is the Chief Deputy General Manager of Westlands Water District.

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