

Topics for Issue Working Sessions

Updated: May 8, 2015

Note: The “regulations package” includes the regulations, guidelines, and statement of reasons.

Topic	Issue Summary	Staff Timing Needs (Subject to change)	Meeting Presented	Meeting Topic Lead	Resolution/Direction
MAY					
Definition of tributaries to the Delta	Staff will provide the Commission members a proposed draft definition* of “tributaries to the Delta” for comment. Staff will ask for tentative acceptance of the definition for developing the regulations package.	1	May	Jenny Marr	
Definition of public benefits	Staff will provide the Commission members proposed draft definitions of all the eligible public benefits for comment. Staff will ask for tentative acceptance of the definitions for developing the regulations package.	1	May	Jenny Marr	
Application Review Process Flow Chart (Part 1)	Staff will provide the Commission members proposed process and anticipated timeline for the application review process. Staff will ask for tentative acceptance of the process for planning the program and developing the regulations package.	2	May	Joe Yun	
JUNE					
Inventory of Commission Decision Points	Staff will provide Commission members an inventory of decision points through regulations development, formal rulemaking, and application review for comment.	2	June	Rachel Ballanti	
Definition of eligible projects types	Staff will provide the Commission members proposed draft definitions of all the eligible project types for comment. Staff will ask for tentative acceptance of the definitions for developing the regulations package.	2	June	Maureen King / Tracie Billington	
Grant Program – Rules of the Game	Staff will explain to Commission members legal requirements for state grant programs. Need Commission member’s concurrence that we are developing a grant program.	2	June	Maureen King / Tracie Billington	
Application Review Process Flow Chart (Part 2 – if needed)	Staff will provide the Commission members greater detail of the proposed process and anticipated timeline for the application review process, with any direction/changes provided at the previous meeting. Staff will ask for tentative acceptance of the process for planning the program and developing the regulations package.	2	June	Joe Yun	
Eligibility Criteria	Staff will provide the Commission members proposed/revised eligibility criteria, if revised based on SAC and public input. Staff will ask for tentative acceptance of the eligibility criteria for developing the content of the regulations package.	1	June	Joe Yun	

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Environmental Permitting	<p>At the March meeting, Commission requested staff to develop a process that allows for flexibility for funding environmental documentation and permitting. Staff will develop several proposals. Staff will ask for Commission direction on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How would the Commission prefer funding related to section 79755 (c) for Environmental Documentation and Permitting of a project be distributed? • How much funding will be available related to section 79755 (c) for Environmental Documentation and Permitting of a project? Does the 10% funding cap in 79704 apply? Should there be a maximum, if it is not 10%? 	2	June	Tracie Billington	
JULY					
Options for Independent Technical Review Team	Staff will provide the Commission members options for convening an Independent Technical Review Team. Staff will ask for tentative acceptance of one proposal for developing the content of the regulations package.	3	July	Jenny Marr / Tech Team	
Finalizing Goals, Objectives, and Principles Document	<p>Staff will provide the Commission members a redline strikeout version of the Goals, Objectives, and Principles Document. Staff will present changes resulting comments received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recycled water comment letter • Input from climate team <p>Staff will request acceptance of proposed changes and approval to finalize the document. The document will be used to guide development of the regulations package and proposal solicitation package, particularly project selection criteria and metrics.</p>	3	July	Jenny Marr	
Quantification of Public Benefits/Development of Common Assumptions and Unit Values	Staff will provide the Commission members the proposed methods for quantifying public benefits. This will include a summary of the work being conducted to develop common assumptions and unit values. Staff will ask for tentative acceptance of the methods for developing the content of the regulations package.	2	July	Jenny Marr / Tech Team	
Applying Priorities and Relative Value in Application Review Process	Staff will provide the Commission members proposals for considering and applying the priorities of CDFW and State Water Board during application review and evaluation. Staff will also provide a proposal for determining relative environmental value. Staff will ask the Commission to select a preferred proposal for developing the content of the regulations package.	3	July	Jenny Marr / Agency Team	
Measurable Improvements in Delta/Tribs	Staff will provide the Commission members a proposal for determining measurable improvements to the ecosystems of the Delta or tributaries to the Delta. Staff will ask the Commission for tentative approval of the proposal for developing the content of the regulations package.	2	July	Jenny Marr / Agency Team	
AUGUST					
Common & Preferred Assumptions	Staff will provide the Commission members the proposed common assumptions. Staff will ask for tentative acceptance of the assumptions for developing the content of the regulations package.	3	August	Jenny Marr / Tech Team	

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Management and Monitoring of Public Benefits	Staff will provide the Commission members the proposed methods for managing and monitoring public benefits. Staff will ask for tentative acceptance of the methods for developing the content of the regulations package.	3	August	Jenny Marr / Agency Team	
Project Selection Criteria/Metrics	Staff will provide the Commission members proposed project selection criteria and project evaluation metrics to be used for project evaluation and selection. Staff will ask for tentative acceptance of the criteria and metrics for developing the content of the regulations package.	3	August	Jenny Marr / Tech Team	
Options for Integration Study	Staff will provide the Commission members several options for conducting an operations study during the project selection phase. Staff will ask for tentative approval of one option for developing the content of the regulations package.	3	August	Jenny Marr / Tech Team	
Decision-making Tools	Staff will provide the Commission members several options for developing and using various tools (e.g., software or spreadsheet models) for project evaluation and decision support. Staff will ask for tentative approval of one option for developing the content of the regulations package.	3	August	Jenny Marr / Tech Team	
SEPTEMBER					
Upcoming Rulemaking Process	Staff will provide the Commission members a briefing on the steps and process for the formal rulemaking process. Staff will ask for approval of proposed plan.	3	September	Monica Reis	
Fist Admin Draft Review Walkthrough	Staff will provide the Commission members a briefing on the first Administrative Draft of the regulations package. Staff will ask for Commission member comments.	3	September	Jenny Marr / Regs Team	
RESOLVED ISSUES					
Definition of “state water system”	Staff will provide two options for defining “the state water system” (§79750 (b)). Staff will ask for tentative approval of one option for developing the content of the regulations package.	Resolved	April	Jenny Marr	Use broad definition

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