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**DELTA COUNTIES COALITION  
MEETING SCHEDULE / NOTES (DECEMBER 2-4, 2009)  
WASHINGTON, DC  
REVISED 12-7-09**

**SUMMARY OF NEXT STEPS**

1. Draft Letter to DOI/CEQ from DCC (cc: Rep. Miller, etc.) requesting full participating in BDCP, without pre-conditions, and requesting technical assistance from one or more Federal Bay-Delta Leadership Committee members. **Target Completion Date: 12/9/009**
2. Draft Thank You Letters. **Target Completion Date: 12/9/009**
3. Dirk Brazil to schedule follow-up meeting with Ed Burton, State Conservationist, California, NRCS, the week of December 21st or sooner. **Target Completion Date: 12/9/009**
4. Modify existing WRDA proposal to include specific project recommendations, per request of Rep. George Miller. **Target Completion Date: 12/11/09**
5. Review CALFED Bay-Delta Authorization Act and other legislative proposals to identify existing proposals that could be strengthened and meet DCC objectives. **Target Completion Date: December, 2009**
6. Secure updated list of opponents to the State legislation from Senator Lois Wolk's office and circulate updated document with those offices that received the earlier version. **Target Completion Date: December, 2009**
7. Develop recommendations regarding comprehensive Delta legislation for Senator Feinstein's office. **Target Completion Date: January, 2010**
8. Schedule follow-up meeting with DeeDee D'Adamo, District Director, Office of Representative Dennis Cardoza. **Target Completion Date: January, 2010**
9. Schedule follow-up meeting with Frank Piccola, head of planning in the Sacramento District Office of the Corps of Engineers. He can be reached at 916-557-6735 or via email at [Francis.c.piccola@usace.army.mil](mailto:Francis.c.piccola@usace.army.mil). **Target Completion Date: January, 2010**
10. Identify a target date for a follow-up trip to DC. **Target Completion Date: TBD**
11. Schedule meeting with David Nawi, Senior Advisor to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior for California and Nevada. **Target Completion Date: TBD**
12. Develop consensus DCC appropriations request(s) for the FY 2011 appropriations process that address DCC joint objectives. **Target Completion Date: January, 2010**
13. Draft letter to Senator Boxer describing the specific requests of the DCC in future federal legislation or through future federal administrative action. **Target Completion Date: January or early February, 2010**

## Wednesday, December 2

- 8:00 a.m.      **Breakfast Briefing** at Dubliner (*reservation under Larry Ruhstaller for 12 people*)      *All*  
Phoenix Park Hotel  
520 N. Capitol Street, NW      Phone (202) 638-6900
- 9:30 a.m.      **Congressman Gerald McNerney**      *All*  
**Andrew Horowitz**, Legislative Director  
312 Cannon House Office Building  
Phone (202) 225-1947  
*Agenda: DCC joint interests regarding concerns related to federal-state initiatives that seek to achieve the co-equal, long-term goals of sustainable water supply and environmental restoration in the Delta*
- Key Points/Follow-up:* Rep. McNerney expressed strong, unconditional support for DCC objectives; pledged to be of assistance in any manner possible. Rep. McNerney said that Rep. Oberstar, Chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, which has jurisdiction over the Corps of Engineers, among a number of other agencies, may be able to help the Delta congressional delegation free up resources to assist the DCC in its efforts to seek federal support for BDCP analysis. The implication was that the Corps could be a source of funds.
- 10:30 a.m.      **Congressman John Garamendi**      *Larry, Ken, Mel*  
**Josh Franco**, Legislation and Policy      *Mike, Roger*  
2459 Rayburn House Office Building  
Phone (202) 225-1880
- Key Points/Follow-up:* Rep. Garamendi supports reconstruction/improvements of the levees in the Delta; referenced possible funding source to support local Delta projects that might be secured in a second stimulus package or from Build America Bonds. Rep. Garamendi expressed strong support for water reuse: 1 million acre feet of water/equivalent of the third largest river in California could be created through expanded water reuse. He also expressed support for expanding real-time management of California rivers, expanded modeling, to improve the efficient use of existing supplies.
- 11:30 a.m.      **Lunch** at Monocle (*reservation under Paul Schlesinger*)      *All*  
107 D St NE      Phone (202) 546-4488
- 1:15 p.m.      **Senator Barbara Boxer**      *All*  
**Lynn Abramson, Ph.D.**, Legislative Assistant  
112 Hart Senate Office Building  
Phone (202) 224-3553  
*Agenda: DCC joint interests regarding concerns related to federal-state initiatives that seek to achieve the co-equal, long-term goals of sustainable water supply and environmental restoration in the Delta*
- Key Points/Follow-up:* Senator Boxer expressed serious reservations about BDCP process, in particular, the exclusion of Delta Counties (need memo on documents that include the citation that any participant in the BDCP Steering Committee would have to agree, in advance, to accept construction of a conveyance facility). Senator Boxer asked the DCC to send her a letter outlining the issues to be addressed at the federal level that were not properly dealt with in the State legislation. She asked that DCC reach out to other groups that opposed the State legislation and seek to secure their support for the DCC package of changes, if possible. She wants it stated in terms of the DCC wants the following assurances that were provided during the 1982 peripheral canal debate and a modest list other improvements (she referenced the 1982 assurances and three or four other improvements, as an example). She indicated support for encouraging DOI and Commerce to work more closely with the DCC and indicated that she would support a specific request for her assistance in making that happen. Finally, Senator Boxer's office indicated a willingness to work with the DCC on both a WRDA request and on a single, unified DCC request for the FY 2011 appropriations process.

2:00 p.m. **David Wegner**, Staff Director, Water and Power Subcommittee **All**  
**Kiel Weaver**, Minority Staff Director, Water and Power Subcommittee  
**Tyler Kruzich**, Majority Legislative Staff, Water and Power Subcommittee  
House Committee on Natural Resources  
1327 Longworth House Office Building  
Phone (202) 225-8331 (Robyn Fischer)  
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*Key Points/Follow-up:* NAS panel will be announced the week of December 7<sup>th</sup>. Wegner and Weaver both indicated support for the concerns of the DCC members and the importance of making certain that the DCC members have a stronger role in the BDCP process.

4:15 p.m. **Senator Dianne Feinstein** **All**  
**Leah Russin**, Natural Resources Counsel  
**John Watts**, Legislative Director  
331 Hart Senate Office Building  
Phone (202) 224-3841  
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*Key Points/Follow-up:* Senator Feinstein emphasized that she is focused on getting something done/solving problems in the Delta. Levee improvements should occur (she focused initially on encouraging the Counties to force the levee owners to make improvements in the levees, themselves). She was not aware of the requirements that BDCP had imposed that all steering committee members agree, in advance, to support conveyance, regardless of what the study effort yielded. She expressed some concern about the loss of land use authority (develop a list of land use authority reductions/changes from BDCP??). She encouraged DCC to find a way to become a “significant facilitator.” She encouraged the Counties to “float a bond” to help pay for Delta improvements. She was not aware that there was a 50/50 cost-share required in the bond language for mitigation projects (follow-up memo on this??). She talked about her broad Delta legislation. She expects to have a draft ready for circulation in the late winter, early spring; targeting introduction in April of next year. She is also expecting to push for hearings next year. Senator Feinstein asked the DCC members to work with her office on the legislation, including a recreation title and a substitute program for the proposed Heritage Area designation for the Delta region. The DCC members extended an invitation to Senator Feinstein and her staff to tour the Delta Counties with them as she prepares her legislative package.

### **Thursday, December 3**

8:00 a.m. **Briefing** **All**  
Phoenix Park Hotel - 520 N. Capitol Street, NW

9:00 a.m. **Tanya Trujillo**, Counsel **All**  
**Josh Johnson**, Professional Staff Member  
Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee  
304 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Phone (202) 224-4971  
*Agenda: DCC joint interests regarding concerns related to federal-state initiatives that seek to achieve the co-equal, long-term goals of sustainable water supply and environmental restoration in the Delta*

*Key Points/Follow-up:* Josh Johnson recommended that the DCC go through the CALFED Bay-Delta Authorization Act to identify provisions that the DCC supports and potentially could be strengthened. He also recommended that the DCC make contact with Betsy Cody at the Congressional Research Service, to discuss the DCC’s policy objectives/concerns.

- 11:00 a.m. **Anne MacMillan**, Senior Policy Advisor to Speaker Pelosi (Ag issues) *Larry, Leslie, Terry*  
**Karen Wayland**, Senior Policy Advisor to Speaker Pelosi on (Energy issues) *Dirk, Roger, Kevin, Joe*  
H-232 Capitol Building  
Phone (202) 225-0100  
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- Key Points/Follow-up:* Requested that the DCC follow-up with her on the outcome of the joint Member meeting. She emphasized that the Speaker's office is interested in deliverables that work for the Delta and those south of the Delta, as well.
- 11:30 a.m. **Congressman Jim Costa** *Supervisors, Mel, Keith*  
**Jaclyn Murray**, Legislative Assistant  
1314 Longworth House Office Building  
Phone (202) 225-3341  
*Agenda: DCC joint interests regarding concerns related to federal-state initiatives that seek to achieve the co-equal, long-term goals of sustainable water supply and environmental restoration in the Delta*
- Key Points/Follow-up:* Rep. Costa indicated a desire to work with the DCC to protect the Delta while at the same time creating the opportunity to make improvements that will allow more water to move south of the Delta.
- 12:45 p.m. **Joint Congressional Meeting**  
Meet at 2205 Rayburn (Rep. George Miller's office) to be escorted to *Supervisors*  
1:00 p.m. meeting at HC-7 Capitol Building with the following Members.  
Congressman George Miller, Congresswoman Doris Matsui,  
Congressman John Garamendi, Congressman Mike Thompson and  
Congressman Gerald McNeerney  
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- Key Points/Follow-up:* Rep. Miller requested that DCC write a letter to DOI and CEQ requesting that the counties be permitted to participate in BDCP without pre-conditions and that DOI/CEQ work to provide technical assistance to help the Counties participate fully and constructively in that process. Rep. Miller also indicated that he and the balance of the Delta delegation would like to work with the DCC on a revised WRDA proposal, and requested that the DCC generate a list of specific projects that could be authorized for funding in WRDA. Reps. Miller and Garamendi, among others, expressed strong support for expanding federal efforts to promote water recycling.
- 1:00 p.m. **Congressman Thomas McClintock** *Ken/Terry/lobbyists*  
**Igor Birman**, Chief of Staff/Policy Advisor  
**Kristen Glenn**, Legislative Director  
508 Cannon House Office Building  
Phone (202) 225-2511  
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- Key Points/Follow-up:* Rep. McClintock said he would work with the DCC. He expressed his opposition to water recycling programs and his strong support for surface water storage. He also stressed his strong support for protecting and preserving water rights, viewing them as a critical property right that provides the economic foundation for transfers and the more efficient use of water.

- 2:00 p.m. **Congressman Dennis Cardoza** *Ken/Terry/lobbyists*  
**Callie Varner**, Senior Legislative Assistant  
**Marilyn Shapley**, Legislative Assistant  
1224 Longworth House Office Building  
Phone (202) 225-6131  
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- Key Points/Follow-up:* Rep. Cardoza’s office indicated strong support for the DCC’s WRDA proposal and stressed their desire to work with the DCC to protect the Delta while at the same time creating the opportunity to make near-term improvements that will allow more water to move south of the Delta. Rep. Cardoza’s office requested that DCC organize a meeting with DeeDee D’Adamo, Rep. Cardoza’s District Director, to work with her on DCC initiatives/concerns.
- 2:30 p.m. **Congressman Dan Lungren** *All*  
**Peter Tateishi** , Deputy Chief of Staff  
**Sandra Wiseman**, Senior Legislative Assistant  
2262 Rayburn House Office Building  
Phone (202) 225-5716  
*Agenda: DCC joint interests regarding concerns related to federal-state initiatives that seek to achieve the co-equal, long-term goals of sustainable water supply and environmental restoration in the Delta*
- Key Points/Follow-up:* Rep. Lungren’s office expressed strong concern regarding the lack of local involvement in BDCP. They offered to follow-up with CEQ and DOI to encourage them to include the Counties fully in their deliberations.
- 3:30 p.m. **Michael Boots**, Associate Director for Ecosystems, Lands and Water, *All*  
*Council on Environmental Quality*  
**Matt Klasen**, Presidential Management Fellow  
*Council on Environmental Quality*  
**Matthew Siegel**, Program Examiner, Water and Power Branch,  
Energy, Science and Water Division, Natural Resources Programs,  
*Office of Management and Budget*  
**Roger Gorke**, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of Water,  
*Environment Protection Agency*  
**Kira Finkler**, Deputy Commissioner, Office of External and Intergovernmental Affairs  
*Department of Interior*  
**Kelly Denit**, NOAA  
*Department of Commerce*  
**Jason Weller**, Chief of Staff, Natural Resources Conservation Service  
*Department of Agriculture*  
**Jim Townsend**  
*Army Corps of Engineers*  
722 Jackson Place, N.W.  
Phone (202) 395-5750 (Courtney Hight 395-2308)  
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- Key Points/Follow-up:* The meeting brought together representatives of each of the departments/agencies participating in the Federal Bay-Delta Leadership Committee. Matt Klasen requested a single point of contact for the DCC to keep the group informed of developments and/or solicit input.
- 5:00 p.m. **DCC Briefing** *All*  
Phoenix Park Hotel - 520 N. Capitol Street, NW

## **Friday, December 4**

8:30 a.m. **Dave White**, Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service  
**Jason Weller**, Chief of Staff for Dave White, NRCS  
**Ed Burton**, CA State Conservationist, NRCS  
1400 Independence Ave, SW, 5th Floor  
Phone (202) 720-7246

*Mary, Keith, Leslie, Mike,  
Jim, Dirk, Paul, Roger, Joe*

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**Key Points/Follow-up:** Dave White said he was very sympathetic to the DCC's concerns that the Counties were relegated to a very limited, unofficial role in the BDCP process. He stressed that NRCS works on a consensus basis and works closely with local government jurisdictions in the areas in which they operate. He stressed that NRCS is a small player in the Delta, but said there were several near-term opportunities for NRCS to assist the Delta Counties: competing for funding under NRCS's Conservation Innovation Grants program and negotiating one or more cooperative agreements for NRCS technical assistance funding. Ed Burton offered to hold a half day meeting with the Delta Counties to discuss the above mentioned funding opportunities in more detail and explore ways NRCS can work with the DCC going forward.

10:30 a.m. **Special Assistant Let Mon Lee**, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army  
Civil Works  
Department of the Army  
Lee Conference Room, Pentagon TBD  
Phone (703) 697-9809

*Mary, Keith, Leslie, Mike,  
Jim, Dirk, Paul, Joe*

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**Key Points/Follow-up:** Let Mon Lee requested that the DCC meet with Frank Piccola, the head of planning in the Sacramento District Office of the Corps of Engineers. He can be reached at 916-557-6735 or by email at [Francis.c.piccola@usace.army.mil](mailto:Francis.c.piccola@usace.army.mil). Corps wants to work with the DCC on issues, such as the Delta Islands and Levee Stabilization Study.

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### ***DCC Attendees***

Supervisor Mary Piepho, Contra Costa County  
Keith DeVore, Director, Water Resources, Sacramento County  
Leslie McFadden, Legislative Advocate, Sacramento County  
Supervisor Larry Ruhstaller, San Joaquin County  
Supervisor Ken Vogel, San Joaquin County  
Mel Lytle, Water Resources Coordinator, San Joaquin County  
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Supervisor Jim Provenza, Yolo County  
Dirk Brazil, Deputy County Administrator, Yolo County

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