

NORTH AMERICAN BASIN REGIONAL DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN Joint Drought Planning Task Force and Public Meeting

Wednesday, July 19, 2017; 1:00 pm
5620 Birdcage Street, Suite 110
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ATTENDEES

Task Force Member	Attendee(s)
California Department of Water Resources	
California American Water Company	
Carmichael Water District	Steve Nugent
Citrus Heights Water District	David Gordon (phone)
City of Folsom	Marcus Yasutake
City of Lincoln	Matt Wheeler
City of Roseville	Jim Mulligan, Kelye McKinney, Rich Plecker
City of Sacramento	Brett Ewart
Del Paso Manor Water District	Debra Sedwick
Fair Oaks Water District	
Golden State Water Company	Larry Dees (phone)
Natomas Central Mutual Water Company	
Orange Vale Water Company	
Placer County Water Agency	Brian Rickards, Mike Finnegan
Regional Water Authority	Rob Swartz, John Woodling, Amy Talbot, Adam Robin
Rio Linda/Elverta Community Water District	
Sacramento County Water Agency	Mike Huot
Sacramento Suburban Water District	Rob Roscoe
San Juan Water District	Tony Barela
U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation	Sheri Looper
Water Forum	

Others In Attendance	
El Dorado County Water Agency	Ken Payne
GEI	Chris Petersen (phone)
Stantec	Ibrahim Khadam, Vanessa Nishikawa, Rebecca Guo

MEETING SUMMARY

- Presentation topics included: overview of North American Basin (NAB) Regional Drought Contingency Plan (RDCP), question & answer (Q&A) session, and review schedule & process.
- Agenda and hard copy of the presentation slides were distributed as materials (also attached).
- Meeting participants' questions and feedback:
 - NAB RDCP
 - Drought Monitoring Section
 - Suggested that the Folsom Lake storage plot show the average from the last 10 years (or since the Water Forum Agreement or latest Biological Opinion) instead of entire historical average.
 - Consider adding an indicator related to Lower American River temperature.
 - Consider adding the Northern Sierra snowpack as an indicator. Lake Shasta conditions have an indirect effect on the NAB.
 - Possibly look at Folsom releases compared to normal average as an indicator.
 - Question arose on where we should stop in terms of scope for the indicators. It was noted that management (e.g., Reclamation's operation of Folsom impacts how much water agencies will get) is also an issue, not just hydrology.
 - For the Unimpaired Inflow into Folsom Reservoir, consider adding a <400 TAF threshold value and identify a Response Action for it (refer to Water Forum Agreement). At <950 TAF, agencies are typically not worried and this may simply be a courtesy notification.
 - Suggested that the Response Action section discuss what should be done when one or more thresholds are met. Are the responses different if multiple thresholds are met?
 - Vulnerability Assessment Section
 - Consider adding groundwater and Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) compliance as a possible drought-specific water supply vulnerability.
 - It was noted that the Regional Water Reliability Plan will cover agencies outside of the NAB and also a wider range of vulnerability (and mitigation actions).
 - Mitigation Actions Section
 - Check numbering on funnel chart for screening of mitigation actions.
 - Question arose on whether the outcomes listed in slide 20 should be in monitoring.
 - Consider adding SGMA compliance as a future threat. Ongoing/upcoming work through American River Basin Study and potentially water marketing could help address that threat, and could be listed as additional mitigation actions.
 - Q&A
 - Attendees requested their most recent water supply portfolios. These portfolios will be included in the standalone Vulnerability Assessment Technical Memorandum.
 - Review Schedule & Process
 - none

- Next Task Force meeting tentatively scheduled to be held in September 2017, post release of the final NAB RDCP.
- **Action Items:**
 - **Swartz** to distribute PDF of meeting packet.
 - **Swartz** to contact Tom Gohring to discuss a potential temperature indicator.
 - **Stantec** to provide most recent water supply portfolios to agencies.
 - **Swartz/Stantec** to revise RDCP to reflect comments received in the meeting.
 - **All** to review and provide comments/feedback on draft NAB RDCP to Rob Swartz by Wednesday, August 16, 2017.