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TO: Monterey Area Regional Water Supply Reliability Collaborators

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SUBJECT: Draft Monterey Regional Water Supply Reliability Planning Milestones

As part of the regional water supply planning strategy, DRA proposes a series of milestones and “deliverables” designed to rapidly identify and commit to implement water supply projects and water management programs.

The overall goals are straightforward:

- The group needs to identify and agree on the water supply needs of the Monterey area.
- A list of project components needs to be proposed. Alternative “adjustments” to those projects needs to be evaluated and agreed upon in a timely fashion.
- A means to deal with disagreements needs to be created that reflects the overarching needs of the public.

Thus, as a first cut attempt to define the process, DRA proposes the following schedule. Meetings should happen monthly and usually be scheduled on the last Wednesday of the month. The schedule can be flexible for calendar conflicts such as important annual events or technical evaluation work that requires additional time to prepare. Each meeting will include a review, discussion, and concurrence of notes and other analytical documents that will be provided to participants for this review prior to the meeting where the discussion is scheduled. New and old business will be proposed and discussed at each meeting. Lastly, each meeting will include discussion of goals and agenda for the next meeting.

Meeting #1 (Scheduled for January 31, 2007)

- Agree on principles of Collaboration and milestones for the regional water supply reliability planning process leading to a regionalized alternative set of projects and water management programs that are alternatives to the Coastal Water Project.
- Determine what agencies are committed to participating in and completing the process (this is a self-selection process)
- Identify conflict resolution methods that will allow us to remain on schedule;

- Provide identities to ourselves. As a suggestion, perhaps the agencies participating in the regional dialogue could be called the Regional Executive Management Team (REMT)? The group that will conduct analytical work, led by Steve Kasower might be called the Study Team. This group will be comprised of University of California, Santa Cruz Faculty, Staff and Students, CPUC, DRA Staff and Interns, and any local agency technical staff or consultants contributed to the process for specific analyses.
- Set an on-going meeting calendar (for example, the last Wednesday of each month.

Meeting #2 (February)

Identify agency water demands and priority projects. We will hear from each agency about their water needs, current supplies and programs like conservation, conjunctive management, and recycled water uses.

- Brainstorm ways to creatively combine projects. We will entertain a collaborative discussion whereby we “cut and paste” projects, pipelines, and water management programs to serve the needs and demands that we identified earlier in the meeting.
- Identify flaws and controversies associated with each project. Discussion need to occur about the projects, and programs identified to help the Study Team understand what detailed evaluations need to be made concerning the overall project and program list.

Meeting #3 (March)

- Review the status of the regional analytical work by the Study Team with discussion and suggestions by the group of participants.
 - Progress report and discussion of the demographic evaluation.
 - Discussion and presentation of analytical modeling tools being used by the Study Team to evaluate regional project components.
- Presentation by the team that is conducting the environmental analysis for the CPUC.
 - Presentation of their ongoing work.
 - Discussion of the confluence between the ongoing environmental analysis and the Study Team’s preparation of the “Regional Plan.”

Meeting #4 (April)

- Status report of the regional analytical work by the Study Team with discussion and suggestions by the group.
- Discussion concerning the potential agreements that would need to be reached by project component partners. Individual roles that each agency could take in the regional project. Ultimately each agency will need to take the lead for their regional project components.

Meeting #5 (May)

- Formulation of a regional project implementation strategy
 - Discuss partnership details that will form the basis of this strategy.
 - Identify relevant timing considerations and constraints?
 - Can we satisfy State Water Resources Control Board Decision 95-10?

- Discuss public and stakeholder involvement initiatives for the regional strategy.
- Identify the benefits that the group can bring to successful project implementation.
- Identify what is needed to get Cal Am to adopt the regional project in lieu of the Coastal Water Project.
- Identify additional analyses needed for the success of the regional plan

Meeting #6 (June)

- Report on member agencies' agreements to implement components of the regional plan.
- Discussion of remaining implementation issues and analytical needs.
- Discuss the direction the group is going and identify any needed course corrections.

We Skipped the July Meeting

Meeting #7 (August)

- Review of continuing analytical work.
- Report on member agencies' progress on authority to commit to sponsoring components of the regional project.
- Discussion of additional analytical needs

Meeting #8 (September)

- Review of new analytical work
- Status report from group members on their agency progress on authorities and agreements.
- Presentation of the Environmental Analysis by the team performing the work for the CPUC.
- Discussion of additional analytical work that is needed for the successful implementation of the regional plan.

Meeting #9 (October)

- Discussion of issues associated with actual implementation of regional project components.
- Discussion of additional environmental analysis needed to support the regional project strategy.
- Discussion of financing alternatives.

We combined the November and December meetings into one meeting on December 18, 2007

Meeting #10 (November-December Combined)

- Identify a coordinated implementation schedule. What needs to be done by which agency to assure progress in the implementation of the regional plan?
- Identify additional analytical tasks and/or group member responsibilities

Meeting #11 (January)

- Review of plans, agreements, and reports.
- Discussion of what happens after the dialogue process is disbanded.
- Identify remaining issues that need attention and identify responsible agencies to work on them.

Meeting #12 (February)

- Last assignments before disbanding DRA's Study Team
- Perhaps we ought to have a celebration party in honor of our success? (Let us hope that success it is indeed!)