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June 13 Westlands Water District meeting material

Karen Schwinn to: Teri Porterfield 06/06/2012 05:11 PM

Cc: Alexis Strauss, Philip Metzger, gorke.roger

Hi Teri -

In preparation for the June 13 meeting with the Westlands Water District, Bob Perciasepe and Bob Sussman, you asked Region 9 for information on the Bay Delta Conservation Plan. Attached is a short paper:

We anticipate that other topics related to EPA's activities in the Bay-Delta may arise. In particular, in February 2011, Region 9 issued an Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPR) regarding certain water quality issues in the Bay Delta Estuary. This was a commitment in the Interim Federal Action Plan of December 2009. For background, here is a Fact Sheet and FAQs on the ANPR:

I believe the ANPR was discussed when Westlands met with Nancy Stoner this past March. Westlands submitted comments in response to the ANPR which can be found at: http://www.epa.gov/sfbay-delta/pdfs/comments/EPA-R09-OW-2010-0976-0037-1.pdf The two page Table of Contents provides a good summary of their input.

We have recently completed our assessment of the information submitted pursuant to the ANPR. Based on this assessment, we have drafted a document, Water Quality Challenges in the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary: EPA's Action Plan, which articulates EPA's priorities. We plan to finalize this document in late June. A draft has recently been shared with the Office of Water and will be shared with other Federal agencies shortly. Please let me know if you would like a copy.

Is these anything else that would be useful in preparation for next week's meeting? - Karen

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Fw: Meeting Request for Meeting with Deputy Administrator Bob Perciasepe, Bob Sussman and Westlands Water District

Teri Porterfield to: Jared Blumenfeld, Alexis Strauss 05/17/2012 06:34 PM

Cc: Abigail Gaudario, Lawrence Elworth, Bob Sussman, Donald Maddox, Ken Kopocis, Donald Maddox, Ann Campbell, Denise Anderson

The deputy would like an email giving him an update on the Westlands and Bay Delta Plan before he meets with this group. Thank you.

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Good Afternoon Teri,
My name is Catherine Karen and I am with the law firm of Sidley Austin. I think you and I may have come across each other when I worked at the Agency except then I was Catherine Sulzer. As I mentioned just a couple of minutes ago, I have spoken to Larry and he recommended that I submit this meeting request.

I am writing on behalf of the Westlands Water District to request a meeting with Deputy Administrator Bob Perciasepe and, if possible, Bob Sussman, on June 11, June 12 or June 13. (I thought about submitting separate requests but thought that for efficiency it might make more sense to have the meeting with both of them present, if Bob Sussman's schedule permits. I can forward this same request to Don if that is helpful to you.) The purpose of the meeting is to introduce Westlands Water District's leadership to the Deputy Administrator and other senior staff in the Office of the Administrator (if he deems it appropriate) and begin to engage in a dialogue. The leadership of the Westlands Water District met with the Office of Water Acting Assistant Administrator, Nancy Stoner, on March 27th.

The Westlands Water District (WWD or Westlands) is the largest single agricultural water district in the United States, encompassing more than 600,000 acres of farmland in western Fresno and Kings counties. The District supplies water to serve farmers who produce dozens of high quality commercial food and fiber crops sold for the fresh, dry, canned and frozen food markets, both domestic and export, that generate more than $3 billion annually in agricultural-related economic activity. Westlands also supplies water to families, businesses, municipalities, and industrial users in the Central Valley. More than 50,000 people live and work in these communities and depend on the water provided by Westlands for their livelihoods. By nature of its definition, the Westlands Water District is very interested in engaging in a dialogue with the Environmental Protection Agency's leadership given a number of pending issues and items that will likely arise in the future and their impact on the Westlands farmers who rely on its water. Importantly, WWD has been participating in the development of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP). The BDCP is being developed with the guidance of a Steering Committee, which includes the collaboration of federal, state, private, environmental groups and other interested parties.

Attendees to this meeting would likely be: Tom Birmingham, General Manager of the Westlands Water District, Don Peracchi, President of the Board of Directors (tentative), Roger Martella from Sidley Austin and myself.

Thank you in advance for considering the request. My contact information is below should you have any further questions.
Best regards and I hope you have been able to get outside to enjoy this fabulous weather,
Catherine

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