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A lot going on here. Some of it - like the letter to the State water board - we need to know about before its sent! Can you provide some more oversight to this and other water issues?
Thanks,
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From: Karen Schwinn
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To: Jared Blumenfeld
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Subject: Bay-Delta update
Jared -

There's a few things happening that you should know about -

1. RFPs
- Our SF Bay RFPs are out and we've been doing lots of outreach, including extensive email distribution and a webinar yesterday. We filled the 50 available connections with a range of State, federal, local agencies, NGOs and foundations. We've got another webinar next week. We've also done some personal outreach to groups we've not seen proposals from before, focussing on key watersheds.
- As I think you know, we're drafting another RFP targeted towards our priorities in the greater Delta watershed (priorities which flow from the ANPR). I've got an appointment to speak with Sen Feinstein's staff about this (as well as some of our other activities.) We'd like to issue this RFP in early April - I'll find time to discuss this with you next month.

2. ANPR Follow-up
Although I'm way behind in producing a decent draft "response document" describing our conclusions and plans, we are proceeding with all of our planned actions, including:
- San Joaquin Regional Monitoring Program - we had a successful workshop this week, with over 100 attendees and no vocal naysayers! We'll next be focussing on specific tasks around data sharing and regional assessments working with those agencies with the most robust data sets. (This effort will be part of our next RFP).
- Pesticide webinars - We're working on ensuring EPA-OPP has all relevant data as they re-register pesticides. Toward this end, we had a webinar this week for EPA-OPP to explain their data needs to us, the Water Boards, USGS and CA DPR. We'll have a second webinar next week where the Water Boards, DPR and USGS will explain what data they collect.
- Estuarine Habitat Workshop - On March 27, we're convening ~25 of the leading scientists that have been studying the low salinity zone since the X2 water quality standard was adopted by the State Board in the '90s. After a day discussing what we've learned since then, we plan to produce a set of technical findings that the State Board can use as they update this standard - which we believe is the most critical action for us to support.

3. State Board process to update "X2"
And speaking of X2, no sooner had the Board initiated the log-awaited process to re-evaluate X2, then they received one letter from a set of water districts urging that they wait till the BDCP was done, and a

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subsequent letter from the enviros urging them to proceed. As the Board is discussing their process at their Feb 21 Board meeting, I sent a letter supporting their current schedule (attached below). I also attached a short letter from the Board explaining how they view the BDCP as it relates to their work.

4. BDCP
The Governor and Sec Salazar are planning to announce a "project" in July, i.e. a tunnel capable of delivering x cfs in y location. This is out of sync with the NEPA and permitting process; its politically-driven to give water users (who are funding the effort) a sense of progress. We should be able to steer clear of most of the drama associated with that announcement. But we will participate in reviewing a huge set of draft documents in March (draft BDCP and its Effects Analysis; early admin DEIS). We'll selectively review those portions where we'd expect to have water quality and wetlands concerns, along with other areas that sometimes get short-changed in NEPA docs (ie. cumulative impacts; EJ). When we talk in March, we can share the results of our review.

Hope this wasn't too much. - KS

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