

Meeting Announcement – October 22, 2008, 12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

NOTE NEW STARTING TIME - 12:30 p.m.

The Southern California Water Dialogue will meet at the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California headquarters, 700 N. Alameda, Los Angeles, (213) 217-6000. Please RSVP to JoAnn Carrillo @ jcarrillo@mwdh2o.com for the meeting. *Lunch will not be provided. Please feel free to bring a brown bag lunch or buy your lunch at the cafeteria on the first floor and bring it to the meeting.* We look forward to seeing you.

Meeting Topic:

Bay-Delta Planning Moving to the Finish Line – Update on the Delta Vision Blue Ribbon Task Force and the Bay-Delta Conservation Plan

Monica Florian, Delta Vision Blue Ribbon Task Force Member

Laura King Moon, Bay Delta Conservation Plan Program Manager

Speakers will discuss key elements of a comprehensive Delta revitalization effort intended to address the growing crisis in the Delta ecosystem and water supply reliability. Last year, the Delta Vision Blue Ribbon Task Force adopted the Vision for long-term sustainable management of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. After five drafts and two years of public meetings and workshops, the Task Force will adopt its Strategic Plan on Oct. 17. Ms. Florian will discuss the elements of the Strategic Plan, including increased water-use efficiency, new facilities to improve conveyance and storage, investments to reduce risks to people, property and state facilities in the Delta and a governance structure.

In a separate but related effort, the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) is intended to help recover endangered and sensitive species and their habitats in the Delta in a way that allows for long-term permits for the state and federal water projects. BDCP will soon be releasing its Draft Conservation Strategy that will cover conveyance, habitat restoration, and other stressors such as contaminants and invasive species. Ms. King Moon will discuss development of the BDCP, the environmental review process, and how BDCP will mesh with Delta Vision.

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