

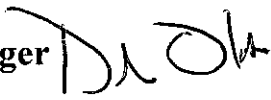
SOLANO COUNTY WATER AGENCY



MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 7

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: David B. Okita, General Manager 

DATE: August 12, 2010

SUBJECT: August General Manager's Report

After several years of very dry weather, last winter was about normal and temperatures this summer have been relatively mild, so far. We gained a little more than average runoff into Lake Berryessa this winter and water use, so far this summer has been less than most years. We project that at the end of the water year (September 30) we will be about 50,000 AF higher than we were last year at the same time. This is a good result, but the Lake could use a big boost of several hundred thousand acre feet that would come if we were to get a really wet year. We are still below long term average lake levels by about 150,000 AF. We use about 200,000 AF/Yr from Lake Berryessa.

State Water Project allocations maxed out at 50% this year with the help of late spring precipitation. This was quite a bit more than was expected when in early winter it looked like we were headed into another drought year. However, after several years of drought and export pumping restrictions, the State Water Project supply is still at a relatively low level. This year there was generally average precipitation, but the State Water Project only was able to allocate 50% of contract supply. In Solano we benefit from other water supplies pumped through the North Bay Aqueduct, so these shortages were easily managed.

If you have any questions please contact me at 455-1103 or by e-mail at dokita@scwa2.com.

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Time Period Covered: June/July 2010

**REPORT OF CONSTRUCTION CHANGE ORDERS
AND CONTRACTS APPROVED BY GENERAL
MANAGER UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY**

Construction Contract Change Orders (15% of original project costs or \$50,000, whichever is less)

Putah Diversion Compound Extra Work Order #1 - \$6,480 over excavate old leach field

Construction Contracts (\$30,000 and less)

Professional Service Agreements (\$30,000 and less)

Roland Sanford – Lake Solano Seepage Report – increase contract from \$4,500 to \$10,000

Smith Inspection – Putah Diversion Office construction inspection - \$28,000

Ernst & Young – Shared SWP Audit Services - \$15,073

Ursula Heffernon – High School Water Education Video Program - \$15,000

Bartel Associates – GASB 45 retirement health benefit analysis - \$8,750

Non-Professional Service Agreements (\$30,000 and less)

Lower Putah Creek Coordinating Committee Agreements

Lister Construction – Putah Creek fill placement - \$28,760

Construction contracts resulting from informal bids authorized by SCWA Ordinance

Note: Cumulative change orders or amendments resulting in exceeding the dollar limit need Board approval.


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Agenda Item No. 8

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: David B. Okita, General Manager 

DATE: August 12, 2010

SUBJECT: Delta Report

At this month's meeting I will be giving an overview of current Delta water issues, with specific emphasis on Delta Levee issues. For Delta levee issues, Melinda Terry and Mike Hardesty will be making the presentation. Melinda is the Executive Director of the California Central Valley Flood Control Association (SCWA is a member) and also the Manager of the North Delta Water Agency. She also sits on the Steering Committee of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan. As you know, Mike Hardesty is the General Manager of Reclamation District No. 2068. He is also the President of the California Central Valley Flood Control Association.

I will start with an update on our negotiations with the export water contractors and the State on impacts of habitat projects on the Cache Slough/Suisun Marsh areas. Then I will discuss the role of the new Delta Stewardship Council, the new Delta Conservancy and the re-vamped Delta Protection Commission. The Delta Stewardship Council may provide some opportunities to address some of the concerns we have about various activities in the Delta. In particular, the Delta Stewardship Council is taking a strong interest in the Delta levee issue.

Melinda and Mike will give their perspective on Delta levees issues. Support for Delta levee issues has always been an important SCWA policy. I'd like the Board of Directors to confirm that this is an important policy area. If the Board agrees, I plan to spend more time advocating for Delta issues such as sustainable funding for levee improvements as part of overall Delta plans and programs.

If you have any questions please contact me at 455-1103 or by e-mail at dokita@scwa2.com.

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