



HCP STEERING COMMITTEE AGENDA

DATE: Thursday, January 21, 2010

TIME: 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm

PLACE: Solano Irrigation District
508 Elmira Road
Vacaville, CA 95687

MEETING CANCELLED

Recommendation: Next meeting: *All Steering Committee Meetings postponed until further notice.*

If you have any questions please contact Chris Lee at (707-455-1105) or email at clee@scwa2.com.

Note: HCP text, Steering Committee Agenda materials and Meeting Notes can be found on the Agency's Website at www.scwa2.com.

SOLANO COUNTY WATER AGENCY



MEMORANDUM

TO: Solano HCP Steering Committee

FROM: Chris Lee, Supervising Environmental Scientist

DATE: January 14, 2010

SUBJECT: Steering Committee Meetings

SCWA is cancelling all Steering Committee meetings until further notice.

While we are making considerable progress on the HCP from the standpoint of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), interactions with the California Department of Fish and Game (DFG) have been lacking. As you are all aware, there have been considerable constraints on the State of California, from budget issues, lost positions, furloughs, etc. This has taken a toll on DFG participation on the Solano HCP.

In recent discussions with Fish and Game, SCWA has been told that the Solano County position has been vacated since November of 2008. SCWA has also been told that there has also been some re-organization within the Bay Delta Region of DFG, there is a new Branch Chief for Solano County. The new Branch Chief was recently authorized to hire a person to fill the position for Solano County. Fortunately, she was already in the same office, working on timber harvest plans and coastal projects. There will still be a learning curve, but it shouldn't be as steep as we have seen in the past when we have had these staff changes. DFG management said the HCP will be her main priority starting around mid January. DFG management said she would get comments to us within 2-3 months.

Once we receive comments from DFG on the Solano HCP Final Administrative Draft, we will reconvene Steering Committee meetings.