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PART B
OUTCOMES

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3885 Delta Stewardship Council

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Delta Plan Implementation

Staff Recommendation: Approve.

Vote: 2-1 (Nielsen, no)

3875 Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy

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Item Proposed for Discussion

Delta Plan Implementation

Staff Recommendation: Hold Open.

Vote: Did not discuss.

3860 Department of Water Resources

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Items Proposed for Vote-Only

- 1. DWR Implementation of the Delta Stewardship Council's Delta Plan.** The budget requests \$153,000 (Proposition 50 bond funds) to facilitate the department's work associated with the implementation of the Delta Plan. This proposal is consistent with the Delta Stewardship Council's request (see page 2).
- 2. Climate-Change Portion of the Multi-Benefit Planning and Feasibility Studies (Years 5-6).** The budget requests \$1.2 million in reversion and new appropriations from Proposition 84 to continue the previously-approved Climate Change Evaluation and Adaptation Program.
- 3. CERES Environmental License Plate Fund (ELPF) Position Redirection.** The budget proposes three positions for the California Environmental Resources Evaluation System (CERES) program and a transfer of \$380,000 in ELPF to provide environmental and scientific data and technology services and support.
- 4. Delta Water Quality Improvement Program (State Operations).** The budget proposes a reversion of \$1.8 million Proposition 84 state operations to establish an annual appropriation of \$250,000 for administration of local assistance grants for projects that reduce Delta salinity or other pollutants at agricultural and drinking water intakes.

Staff Recommendation: Approve Items 1-4.

Item1-3: 2-1 (Nielsen, no)

Item 4: 3-0

*Items Proposed for Discussion***1. Water Action Plan and Drought Bill Update**Page 9

Budget Proposals. The following proposals are consistent with the drought package for the budget:

- 1. Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring Program.** Consistent with actions taken in the SB 103 (Budget and Fiscal Review Committee), Chapter 2, Statutes of 2014, the Governor's budget requests \$13.8 million (General Fund) in multi-year funding to support continued implementation of the program. This is a technical adjustment to continue the funding in the budget year.

Recommendation: (1) Approve Item 1. (2) Approve LAO recommendation to require the department to provide an implementation strategy with the 2015-16 budget. The LAO should draft supplemental reporting language to this effect.

Item1: 1-2 (Nielsen, no)

Item 2: 3-0

The subcommittee required the Administration to respond to Senator Jackson's request for information on a specific water issue at Lake Cachuma.

Water Use Efficiency ProgramPage 10

Recommendation: Approve.

Vote: 2-1 (Nielsen, no)

Agricultural Drainage Water in the San Joaquin River

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Recommendation: Hold Open.

Vote: Hold Open

DWR Workplace Safety Program

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Recommendation: Approve.

Vote: 3-0

3600 Department of Fish and Wildlife

Items Proposed for Vote-Only

1. **Fisheries Restoration Grant Program Database.** The budget requests two positions (Federal Trust Fund) to operate and maintain the Fisheries Restoration Grant Program database.
2. **Land Management Agreement Review and Tracking.** The budget requests \$34,000 (Wildlife Restoration Fund and Federal Trust Fund), and one position, to develop and implement a comprehensive process to review and track leases for management of department lands.
3. **Interagency Ecological Program Management Support.** The budget requests two positions (reimbursements and Federal Trust Fund) to address the increased demands for reporting and tracking of obligations and objectives associated with biological opinions and water rights decisions.
4. **Santa Rosa Plateau Ecological Reserve Manager.** The budget requests one position (reimbursements) to assess the resource impacts from activities on the reserve.
5. **Minor Capital Outlay.** The budget proposes the following minor capital outlay projects: (1) \$210,000 (Hatcheries and Inland Fisheries Fund) for power lines and utilities at Darrah Springs; and, (2) \$405,000 for overhead electrical system replacement at Fish Springs Hatchery.

Staff Recommendation: Approve Items 1-5.

Items 1, 3: 2-1 (Nielsen, no)

Item 2, 4, 5: 3-0

*Items Proposed for Discussion***1. Marijuana-Related Enforcement**

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Staff Recommendation: Approve proposal. Adopt supplemental reporting language requiring the Administration to report back at budget hearings next year on its recommendations to require “215” growers to comply with regular permitting, and any needs for regulation changes to allow on law enforcement to accompany regulators for site visits.

Vote: Hold Open

This item will be heard in conjunction with the State Water Resources Control Board, California Department of Food and Agriculture, and other agencies on **April 24** at the regularly scheduled hearing.

2. Statewide Oil Pollution Program (Marine and Inland)

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Staff Recommendation:

1. Approve budget proposal.
2. Hold trailer bill language open to work with the department and Senate and Assembly policy and budget staff to determine final trailer bill language.

Vote: Hold Open

3. Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILT)

Staff Recommendation: Hold Open

Vote: Hold Open