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From : Department of Fish and Game

Subject Input on Problem Definitions and Objectives

Please consider the following when finalizing the input you received last Thursday at the second public workshop for your program:

- The title "Vulnerability of Bay-Delta System Functions" is overly broad for the actual issues dealt with in this category. The brief reference to losses from toxic spills only provides a small peak at the myriad of problems associated with the system's vulnerability. Leaving out those other issues, e.g. earthquake damage to water supplies (EBMUD aqueducts), lack of suitable shallow shoal habitat in the western Delta to ensure adequate rearing habitat during low outflow years, etc., is problematic. We recommend that the issues of the system's vulnerability that are not directly related to levees be included in the specific problem category, i.e. water quality, water supply, and ecosystem quality. The remaining problem area should therefore be retitled to reflect this more limited interpretation. A potential new title could be: "Inundation Protection Problems".
- done* • Under Ecosystem Quality, consider modifying E.5 from "waterfowl" to "wildlife". This will describe a more appropriate focus on a broader array of species including shorebirds.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Please contact me at CALNET 8-423-7800 if you have any immediate questions about this input.

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