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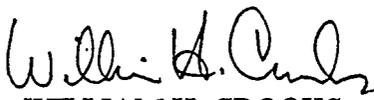
CATEGORIES OF ACTIONS FOR BAY-DELTA SOLUTIONS

I participated in the morning half of your 12 October 1995 workshop. The handout for Categories of Actions for Bay-Delta Solutions did not have a writeup for "Management of Mine Drainage". I have, therefore, taken the liberty of preparing a suggested writeup for "Management of Abandoned Mine Drainage."

It is our clear experience, backed by substantial monitoring data, that the problem is from "abandoned mines" and not operating mines. Although from time to time we may have minor to moderate problems from operating mines, our experience is that we get prompt correction under existing laws and regulations. The problem from abandoned mines is different. The owner is either non-existent or has insufficient resources to correct the problem. I hope you will consider including Abandoned Mines as one of your Categories of Actions.

In the area of 'nit pics', I wanted to bring one to your attention. Your Primary Problem/Objective Statements use the term "objective" like Funk & Wagnall does—like a goal. That is not a problem until you come to the Water Quality Statement. In that Statement, you use the term "water quality objectives". I think you are using it to mean water quality goals. I suggest that there is potential confusion between your use of the term 'objectives' and the definition of water quality objectives in the Water Code. (Actually, I apologize for even bringing this up)

If you have any questions, please call me at (916) 255-3039.


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