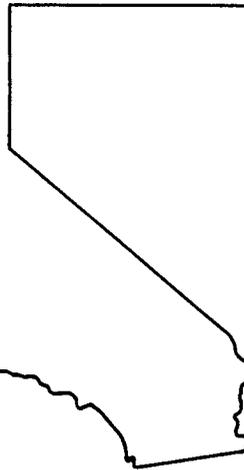


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Dear Lester:

Listed below are comments in response to discussions at the October 12, 1995 CALFED Bay-Delta workshop:

- The breakout sessions provided the opportunity for detailed discussion, but none of the breakout groups had full representation of all interests. There are at least two alternatives for future workshops: (1) give each group the same topics; or (2) after the reports from the individual breakout groups, the large group should select 4-5 key issues for general discussion.
- Suggest distributing and updating a one-page glossary, and keep it current. Not everyone can keep the various terms (action items, problems, objectives, etc.) in mind. A graphic hierarchy of terms on the back would also be useful. This is simply re-packaging of existing material in a more useful form.
- The discussion of water supply augmentation action items needs further work. There seems to be some confusion on the part of some participants as to the meaning of water supply reliability, and whether it includes water supply augmentation as set forth in the CALFED material.
- We support the combining of Workshops 4 and 5, which should speed up the process and make discussions more fruitful for the participants and the Bay-Delta Program. It may be that CALFED should tentatively set aside an evening or a second day for the next workshop in case it is needed.
- The Ecosystem Quality problem/objective statement incorrectly sets forth the primary reason for Bay-Delta system decline as habitat loss. Most people would conclude that present conflicts among competing beneficial uses has been brought on by reductions in fish populations, particularly significant species. Loss of habitat is not the only contributing factor to such declines, and there are a variety of important

contributing factors within, upstream and downstream of the Delta. Also, the "Objective" portion of this Statement mentions "sustainable populations", which should reflect previous CALFED discussions about the need for continued human intervention as opposed to naturally-sustaining fishery populations. There is also reference to entrainment and export of food and fish. "Export" should be replaced with "diversion", since there are many water diversions which are not exports out of the estuary.

- The group discussion of water transfers did not reflect the real-time experience in dealing with operational water supply and environmental conflicts in the 1991, 1992 and 1994 State drought water banks. The CALFED Bay-Delta Program could make use of valuable discussions contained in the Program Environmental Impact Report, State Drought Water Bank (DWR, November 1993), particularly with respect to reducing adverse impacts and gaining instream benefits. This report also addresses in a conceptual manner how to deal with potential third-party impacts (pp. 177-186), which were also discussed at the workshop.
- The "Action Categories for Managing Demand" includes a one-page draft discussion paper on water conservation. The discussion should include reference to environmental uses of water (in particular, managed wetlands and wildlife areas), in addition to urban and agricultural uses.
- In filling out the worksheets in the separate breakout groups, it appeared to most participants that the qualifiers/footnotes to the entries of actions vs. objectives were critical to the understanding of the table entry. In addition, we noted that each breakout group customized their rating system, resulting in breakout group products that might not be directly comparable with one another. This makes it critical that the qualifiers/footnotes be brought forward in subsequent discussions of alternatives at the next workshop.
- It seemed apparent at the general session following the breakout sessions that further discussion of demand management actions is needed.
- The "Water Conservation" action paper should reflect in the "Purpose" statement that water conservation measures could reduce water diversion needs.
- The "Water Reclamation" action paper has a statement which refers to adjustment of water rates to reflect the "appropriate cost of water." This statement needs clarification.
- The "Water Transfers" action paper includes the following statement: "In cases where the party providing the water replaces the transferred supply with

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groundwater, exacerbation of groundwater overdrafting may occur." This statement seems to conflict with Water Code Section 1745.10, which would prohibit such impacts.

Please call me if you have any questions concerning our comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Macaulay", written over a horizontal line.

Steve Macaulay
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