
INTRODUCTION TO WORKSHOP 6

This information packet is designed to help you prepare for Workshop 6, which will focus on the presentation and discussion of 10 draft alternative Bay-Delta solutions. These 10 alternatives represent a consolidation and refinement of the 20 alternatives presented at Workshop 5 on February 26.

A ROADMAP OF THE INFORMATION PACKET

Here is a brief "roadmap" of this workshop packet:

- The balance of this section, "Workshop Preparations," includes an agenda for the overall workshop. Note that the morning session is a plenary presentation of the alternatives and the alternative refinement process. The afternoon is devoted primarily to a breakout session.
- This portion of the information packet conveys the workshop agenda. To help you focus your preparation for the workshop, we have included a section titled "Instructions for Participants" and a participant worksheet. In these sections, you will see the key questions we will ask you to consider in the afternoon breakout session. *We hope that you have the opportunity to read through these sections before you come to the workshop.* Also included in this section is the detailed agenda for the breakout group discussion. As was our practice at the last workshop, we will assign each participant to a breakout session. The goal is for the participants in each of these sessions to mirror the diversity of stakeholders involved in the CALFED process.
- The second section of the packet entitled "Process, Solution Principles and Objectives" begins with a review of the CALFED process and recaps the key outcomes of each of the prior five public workshops. The solution principles and objectives are fundamental guides for evaluating alternative solutions.
- The third section of the packet includes summaries of core actions and of the essential elements. The core actions are steps that will be taken to improve the Bay-Delta regardless of which alternative is chosen. The essential elements are other high priority actions which are included to various degrees in the various alternatives. Together, they constitute a "floor" level of intervention that will be carried out to improve the Bay-Delta.

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- The fourth section of this packet presents the Refined Alternatives. The 10 alternatives in this packet are largely a combination of the 20 alternatives presented previously. Each alternative now conveys staging and sequencing of a series of related actions.
 - The development and refinement process for generating these alternatives is the first part of this section. This is followed by solution strategies. These solution strategies have been developed by staff to clarify the logic by which various actions are combined in the ten alternatives.
 - Summaries of the ten alternatives, A-J, are presented next. ***Remember, each alternative represents a combination of actions.*** An action-by-action description of each alternative is provided in Appendix B. We suggest that you first read Alternatives A-J in the main body of the text, and then turn to the appendix if you want more detail or information. The final part of the Refined Alternative Section of this information packet addresses the preliminary costs assessment of alternatives. The final part of the Refined Alternatives Section of this information packet describes how ranges of costs are being evaluated to help continue the alternative refinement process.
 - The packet concludes with four Appendices--a detail of the core actions, detailed descriptions of alternatives, a summary of Workshop 5 which conveys both the broad themes of the workshop and key comments from the breakout sessions, and finally a glossary of terms used.

KEY QUESTIONS FOR WORKSHOP 6

After you scan over the instructions for participants, we ask that you review the solution principles, objectives and the program strategies, and then look closely at the 10 alternatives. Here are the four questions we want you to be prepared to address in the breakout sessions:

1. What questions do you have about the alternative refinement process or the alternatives?
2. What are the strengths and weaknesses of each alternative, particularly with regard to the individual components? Which components (demand reduction, channel capacity improvements, isolated conveyance, surface storage, conjunctive use/groundwater banking, water quality, bay and delta habitat restoration, upper Sacramento River restoration, and reduction of system vulnerability) work well?

Do the components work well together? Which components should be restructured or strengthened? How could the alternatives be improved?

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3. How well do the alternatives match the solution principles and objectives? Which alternatives, without modification, match the solution principles? What modifications could cause the other alternatives to match the solution principles and objectives?
 4. What suggestions do you have for CALFED staff as they continue the hard work of alternative refinement?

THE IMPORTANCE OF YOUR INPUT

Your input to the CALFED Bay-Delta Program continues to be vital as we work towards the short list of 3 to 5 alternatives. Please take time to read over this packet, complete the worksheets if you can, and come prepared to participate on April 15. If you cannot attend the workshop, we still want your comments. Please use the enclosed worksheets and mail your responses to the CALFED Bay - Delta Program, 1416 9th Street, Suite 1155 Sacramento, CA 94814 by April 30. Comments will be compiled and considered by CALFED staff in their refinement of alternatives.