
BREAKOUT GROUP PURPOSE AND AGENDA

PURPOSE

The breakout session of the workshop has four objectives. They are:

- Clarify the alternative refinement process and the structure of alternatives. Enable participants to pose questions about both the alternatives refinement process and the specific alternatives.
- Bring a focus to the components of the alternatives. Enable participants to comment on the strengths and weaknesses of alternatives with specific reference to the components of the alternatives.
- Encourage a comparison between solution principles and alternatives. Enable participants to compare how, in their view, the alternatives match the solution principles.
- Obtain guidance for the next steps in the process. Enable participants to offer advice to staff in taking the next steps to further refining and strengthening the 10 alternatives to produce the short list of 3 to 5.

BREAKOUT GROUP AGENDA

1:00 Welcome and Introduction

- Welcome to the Group by CALFED Staff Person
- Objectives, Timing, Organization - Facilitator
- Groundrules and Agenda - Facilitator
- Distribute Sign Up Sheet - Notetaker

After a welcome and introduction by a CALFED staff person, the facilitator will review the objectives, timing, and groundrules. A sign up sheet will be distributed. Each participant will be asked to note their name and affiliation, to assist the notetakers in recording an accurate account of the breakout group deliberations.

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1:10 Questions and Answers about the Process and the Alternatives

- **Questions about the Alternative Refinement Process**
- **Questions about the Structure and Operation of Alternatives**

Participants are invited to pose questions regarding both the process of developing alternatives, and about the structure of alternatives and how they will be operated. Recorders will post the questions, and breakout group facilitators will direct them to appropriate CALFED staff resource people for responses.

1:30 Participant Comments on Alternatives

- 1:30 • Strengths and Weaknesses of System Reoperation Alternatives (A, F, D)**
- 2:10 • Strengths and Weaknesses of Reoperation and New Facilities Alternatives (C, E, G, B)**
- 2:40 • Strengths and Weaknesses of New Facilities Alternatives (H, I, J)**

Each alternative represents a combination of different components. Participants are asked to focus on the components of each alternative.

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?

Facilitators will help focus the comments on specific alternatives. Recorders and notetakers will record key points for review and consideration by CALFED staff.

- 3:10 • How Well Do Alternatives Match Solution Principles?**
- How Well Do Alternatives Fulfill Primary and Secondary Objectives?**

Participants will be asked to consider each of the alternatives in light of the solution principles and objectives. Participants will assess whether in their view alternatives match the solution principles and objectives. Participants will be asked what modifications might cause the alternatives to better match the solution principles and objectives.

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3:40 Advice to CALFED Staff on Refining Alternatives

Participants will have an additional opportunity to convey advice to staff for their consideration. Participants will also be asked to offer suggestions on the topics to be addressed at Workshop 7.

3:50 Conclude Break Out Sessions