

Oakland - 4/9/96 - Large notes

1. Alameda Co. Components need to be evaluated against all objectives, multiple benefits should be shown.
2. CK - Concern - no vision of ecosystem you are trying to achieve. Ecosystem recovery? Range of alternatives should achieve this.

Alternatives

- Why demand management is not a component in all alternatives/ Why not extensive?
- Not clearly shown what is done for environmental flow.
- Concerned with preoccupation with everything but water. Show amounts of water dedicated to ecosystem.
- Core Actions need more detail - could be most important!
- What level of export reduction is in workshop package?
- Upper Sacramento River restoration, no range of environmental water - unless you accept PC or major storage.
- Do all alternatives provide water above CVPIA flows?
- How much fresh water is needed to keep Suisun Marsh healthy?
- Always been concern over fish and pumping - real need for improve the habitat. (Look for environment - more habitat areas and fish flows? Also public health and safety issues in Delta.
- On demand reduction - use in Bay Area continues to go down on a % basis. Harder to achieve % reductions - Do we have a benchmark?
- Habitat restoration inadequate without flow
- Permanent fallowing = land retirement?
- Water transfers appear in which alternatives moderate/extensive?
- 20 Alternatives included increased hatchery production - not in 10- eliminated?

Comments

Alameda W.D. - get water from Delta H. M. CVWA member - support CVWA principles - suggested as screening - drinking water quality each year more constituents are regulated. Alameda has a \$47 M Treatment facility to treat Delta water. Bromade problem. Higher Quality source or new technologies CFBDP Alternative should include highest source water available (continues w/Mkt)

Q.'s

1. 50% supply from Delta - concerned with vulnerability of system. From flood management and seismic.
2. Water supply availability and reliability (Alameda W.D.) - Project future shortages. Desire to reduce dependence on SWP.
3. Santa Clara W.D. Provide Flood control and supply 60% water imported 80-90% in critically dry years.

Good conjunctive use, but still rely on surface water to replenish. Developing integrated resource plan, still rely on Delta. CF should improve ability to transfer. Water quality improvement. No relying on treatment alone.

Arthur Feinstein

Water is the issue. When land retired, what is water used for? MAF and cfs - be consistent with terms, they are confusing. Dams = original problem but most alternatives include dams. Loss of upland habitat should be considered.

EBMUD

Concern with drinking water quality. CF should have anti-degradation policy - Environment document should acknowledge actions detrimental to species. Tiered rates local discretion - continue to consideration if any option.

BJ Miller

Change project purposes to accurately reflect users needs. Storage - widespread belief among users confine program to Delta - not full CA problem Delta storage should only be used to make Delta solution work . Could include storage to make project acceptable (split opinion among users) Fish screens impede water flows - fish get stuck at screens.

BJ Miller - SL Delta/Mendota

Agriculture concerns : every alternative includes land retirement “marginally productive” term could apply to businesses, etc. Cruel. Land retired - Should be considered but not in all alternatives. Some alternatives should just supply water to agriculture. Current problem = can’t store in environmentally - benign way.

Arthur Feinstein - Santa Clara

Ability to pursue transfers and banking and provide improvement in drinking water quality - look for best source. Want improve system reliability. Concerned with money - look to IRP options as comparable.

EBMUD

M. Water source sp

concerns: Public health in looking at benefits - we should adopt Non-Degradation Policy

Restoration: Should acknowledge sp.

Actions - Committed to developing tools to assess Demand Management. Specific projects at EOR stage - like to discuss relationship to BPP

BJ-2 Made comment - No accurate description of Urban & agr water needs. Have supplies (thru stakeholders and other) 3-fold: a) to secure l.t. reliable supplies to meet ___ needs b) improvement in water quality to urban needs c) improvement in vulnerability - soil are liquefiable under levees, don’t think its sound. Levee maintenance does not equal improvement. Worried that ultimate solution will not accurately reflect urban and AG needs. Change Purpose and Needs statement to accurately reflect above.

Water users split on what B.P. should focus - storage opportunity are there. Intakes are a problem.

Polly Smith

Water Quality huge issue.: One thing need more discussion address pollution at source AG and industry San Luis Drain is not a solution - reuse of water possible? Require BMP and efficient water practices AG & urban. Cant be voluntary Don’t forget environmental water needs / equal basis with other.

Mike Jackson - 9 points:

1. Don’t deal with area of origin needs we don’t have enough water for environments (1.5 maf of new water in trinity 500 kaf needs to come out to take care of the Trinity River needs.)
2. No effort to protect Spring Run Salmon
3. Don’t address natural drainage in Sierra, or Bay flow needs. Veranlis standard not being met
5. Don’t address S Run Salmon because in Delta at max w/drawal times.
6. Suisun Marsh - need water
7. Estimate or what districts want - growth inducement analysis
8. Believe in lowest possible diversion.

9. SF and EBMUD should divert from Delta too. More freshwater in central Delta
10. Projects in our backyard, we get no value. Fix problems of last 40 years Delta & upstream (fisheries depleted, tourism declined.)

Peter - Economist, Contra Costa County Citizen

1. Component to include in charges = average use water urban us. AG. Predictions for both 20-30 yrs. Also show impact on available water
2. Predictions re water price - Probably will rise.
3. Any consideration to recycling - two pipes in each home, one fresh - the other recycled waste water for toilets and watering yards.

Arthur Feinstein

Need analysis of 65% Diversion allowed under accord affects on Suisun Marsh
ID the Peripheral Canal as such. Know potential impacts to system if more reservoirs are built
will we dry it up?

Farallon Plum needs?

Hérons, egrets, others, etc - Lose if it continues to go to salt.

Identify PC analogs as such.

Stewart Cohen - Sierra Club water Policy Committee Likes land fallowing in all alternatives
win-win Any marginally productive land gets heavily subsidized water Room for a deal.. Keep
fallowing in all alternatives.

Jim Dixon

Transfers - much more water north of Delta available to transfer but need reliable export across
Delta. 1992 20% supply unacceptable for urban agency.