

Red Bluff Scoping mtg 4/11/96

Q. How is your program going to effect Tehama Co /Red Bluff?

Q. Did you say that the agency was created just one yr ago?

Steve

Questions on alternative:

Model of Chesapeake Bay develop by COE - kept records of fish production-they found that the system had been much more productive than the richest ag land currently- consider converting to natural back to fisheries- maint levees makes it very expensive land and trying to justify AG land there seems very strange to me, should be opportunity to convert back to the original system.

Q- spoke about storage So of Delta to 1-1.5 af to a pumping plant - what is purpose of water that will be stored and what is the pumping plant - what's purpose ?

Storage lakes - what is purpose of water in-island storage?

Then it will be used for the Delta itself ? How many acre ft of Sac River reaches the Delta and is there or not a sufficient amt of water reaching the Delta. 20m aft reach delta? Why are we looking for all this excessive water - why are you looking for more acre ft going into the Delta?

Q- Act C - 3 ½ maf so of the Delta? (½ no and ½ so)

Q - the 10 alt seem pretty conclusive - flows in the SF Bay with viable waters into the ocean sector - don't see any focus on the issue at all. - increase flow through the SF Bay , flows need to move west

Q - here at Red Bluff will the problem with the fish abeyance be held up until this program to slow up this program?

Q - Michael Jackson - disturbed that you are cutting them down from 10; you have 5 alts with peripheral canals and 4 w/o and only 2 have upstream storage ; Any water going to downstream storage is slanted to delivering water to So. Calif - I d,b,e,f, - which are - leave all 10 in and put additional 3 from cuwa, and 1 from them(RCRC)

Q. Demand management - When raised the price - disastrous cause irrigators have to go back to wells, and the water table goes down; deliver water at a reasonable price.

Q. Geographic area of alternative - what is that?

# of alts - call for additional actions which require retirement of AG land- please explain marginally productive AG land.

Q - does that mean the delta wetlands water project - In Delta water storage for enviro program. Good way to take pressure off delta users -

Q - can you further define conjunctive use ?

Q- How many million af are taken out of Delta for So Calif? If they didn't take water would this project be necessary?

Q- Noticed in none of the alts did I see plans to change or re-habitat state pumps - Is it going to be part of the alts at all - No serious problems with operation of how they are developed now?

Q- recognize that this process is in initial stage - problem is water going South -are you eventually going to discuss areas of origin - promises between state and counties and government respected and written up and promises are not being observed

Q - I believe that if Northern CA water resources are going to meet all the needs , must be upstream storage and coupled with areas of origin and complete some of other promises; benefit of flood control and those things need to be considered.

Q. At H & I recognized limit in Tracy pumps and why does alt j goes beyond Tracy's pumps capacity?

Talking about a 20k capacity all the way to the pumps?

Q- would help in an explanation to a briefing on the hydrology and we were spilling a lot of water out of Shasta and heavy discharges from west side streams for storage and help flood control; get the info on what the fluctuation of the flows are - and the water that goes out is a waste - lost to us, no storage.

- the storage in the islands and they are 25ft below sea level and what consideration is given to the islands

Q- Alt - water shed management- why not mentioned in all the alternatives; support capacity of dam facility would be a benefit to all the alts - there would be funding for that?

Q - one of your core action on upstream storage - concern during drought and our fish and will that be in your EIR? What mechanism. Will you use to see if the conveyance gets the water or the habitat?

Q - noticed on core plans - conjunctive use - concerns about water banking in No. Calif; were no deposits of water and many withdrawals - forcing surface water uses lower water table - no justification for use and to see drought crisis imbedded very unnerving - not transfer water from one

Q- studies have you looked at amt of water being sold to Las Vegas - Suggest that this isn't going to supplement this supply - would like to use water in the North.

Q-There is a sincere concern for ; prob is this all to be developed and sent South with North area of origin and those management plans need to be considered as long as our needs are met

Q - support long term storage of water and area of origin - long range plans - storage of water for 100 yrs from now -

Q - Area of origin important - County just completed 300k af of water and preliminary projections, may be using 1/2m af and keep water here for Alt J - Eastside - assume 15 cfs during winter?

Q - describe wholesale locked water rates - Who would manage it? Do you have a idea of how much you can get this

Q- how will this new facility give protection - fish passage be there?

Q- understand that funding ranges from 10b - 25b and where is funding coming from? Where do you propose funding coming from .?

Q - you're talking about moving dirt and placing concrete - water biological substance - forest filters your water- determines quantity and quality of water you get - enhancing underbrush and properly managing the forests - we don't have the finances and people to do the work of cleaning up the forest

Q - concerned with plan- seems very grandiose - 4 areas of concerns - fisheries are concerned with fish production, is this in conjunction with ocean fish production; increase fish pop with management through the delta;

Q - MJackson - areas of origin alt I - Westside convey and river restoration - very good one, support by broad section of No calif - but hard to get support without off-stream storage - move water to west side , might be good area promised that we would received for our needs for enviro and for our growth - we have sacrificed our ability for growth - until you deal with who owns that reservoir - which watersheds and could charge for it and be able to use , right now that you're going to build more storage ( similar to Sonora , and they don't get any of the water) and some alt should address our needs -

Q- conjunctive use and water banking - areas of state that conjunctive use works very well - Sac Valley not pumping water - transfer during dry years - great storage res. - underground

Q- Auburn Dam is that a dead issue?

Q - Alt I - believe construction of 2 lakes? Brought up some real concerns - people willing to work on program to store water for future use and have to use surface water.

Q- none of alts address minimum levels in Shasta and Whiskeytown and affect our recreation and - reduces our flexibility

Q- comment on block pricing - our water costs has increased 300% and have experienced great harm in the agri economy.

Q- minimum storage level in Lake Shasta - due to recreation and needs to be addressed; will be look at the North and South long-term need; what will be the demand long term.

Q- Costs - Would be split amongst users? how do you get plants and fish to pay; farmers cannot pay any more than currently paying.

Q - our county has need for water and depends 2/3 on ground water and developing greater need for water - water is banked is it the first water that is lost when it spills out of the reservoirs? Are you looking at surface storage?

Q - Costs to do the study ? Program costs? To do program.

Q - of the 10 alt - do any include a version of the Red Bluff diversion dam?

Q - According to alt I - it looks like you will be eliminating the Red Bluff Dam -