

Sacramento Scoping 4/15/96

-What specific area are we talking about?

-- W/Shop comment -would like to see each alternative laid out with the "overlapping circle" style - to should how they reflect inter-connectiveness.

Basic process questions

Who decided what agencies would be involved in CALLED?

Why did the governor not include Corps of Engineers?

What can you do with the Peat levees to improve them?

Where do you get that material?

Those levees are built at an angle

How would you implement retire ag land?

So it wouldn't be mandated?(retiring ag land)

So you will be retiring ag land?

Meandering through the upper Sac River? - How are you going to dike that up there?
People are amazed at the wildlife in the upper Sac

Why do you need to improve the levees?

We are concerned with use of San Luis Drain - Are you going to do something about improving it or treating it? - Dissolution is not the solution

Ag retire - willing seller basis.

Can you be more specific 6-8 m af storage on the westside?

Comments to all alt - nrdc - Ronnie Weiner - Support retirement of ag land ; concerned about backing off of land retirement; increase of dry year options; incentive for crop shifting; look at hierarchy of storage options/ ground water banking first (conjunctive use); water pricing looked at more thoroughly, per acre feet user fee - and look at impacts; higher level of management and options and futures should be in all alternative; look closer at institutional guidelines - they must

be ironclad - these need ironclad protection.

Steve Evans - friends of the River - some concern with upstream storage - programmatic document that sends us down the road to a Auburn Dam, and etc.; Nervous about programmatic nature and lack of information about the specific issues in the alternatives.; Alts - ditto on conjunctive use and demand site management and the emphasis should be spread around - also alts a & f plus hab restor and meander belt on the Sacramento; curious about restoration not on the San Joaquin - did we kill it 30 yrs ago and then if so lets just say it.; uncomfortable about the cost issues and who/how are you going to pay for it. Adopt policy of you pay for what you get. Start looking at costs and be very truthful to the public. Upstream storage - if its too far up in the valley - you are relying on Sac for conveyance and increased erosion. Impasse on selenium ect

Humbolt State University - Lack of combination demand manag with habitat restoration and save more money and then have more resources -- could do a cost benefit study for the general public and to the property owners., also family farmers vs. Corporate farming costs differences.

Comment - Steve McCauly - core elements and essential elements - would like to see all resource areas move forward and see array of alternatives - like to know special concerns of the south bay aqueduct and the north bay aqueduct; reinforce comments on redirected impacts - very significant. Impacts on third party; 1991 water bank - had all kinds of wildlife impacts. Very concerned about that -

Byron Buck - Treatment isn't going to solve our problems in the future - looking at different combinations; for urban areas looking for the highest quality water source. Support through Delta alter provide urban and hab improvement - isolated moderate size and storage tiered on that as well and will be submitting alternative and some analysis guidelines

Are you talking about water going to LA? - You don't want to give the San Joaquin any more water?

Floyd Sommers - core issues implications - that the position/location of facilities are staying the same - can we move the pumping locations / implication that all the water has to go through the same system and to all users at the same quality level - maybe some uses could use lesser quality water and somehow be separated as such - State has responsibility to provide high water quality to consumers; storage does not have to be all surface storage water; and conjunctive use; the demand management focus is on reducing ag so that ag has to hurt in some way - maybe look at municipal and industrial restrictions or reduce demand; water quality - there is opportunity if we take the water out of the Sacramento - most of the storage comes from winter flooding and maybe include temp control; might be opportunity. To do restoration of coastal ie; coho restoration ;

Margit Aramburu - Commission's adopted plan - 3 land uses / ag/rec/ and restoration -habitat; emergency levee protection ; ag land in delta are traditional built in habitat value - flooded islands for bird wildlife habitat - identify and recognize that up to 60k acres that proposed for reserve; high value, high uses ; recreation - most popular - boating and fishing and habitat

enhancement - don't see looked at provide recreation programs - like to see it accessed as part of the delta. Dept of boating and waterways - have they been consulted? Boating groups that are lobbyists and fishing groups and people would be glad to provide information - looking at different levels of rec, or limited boat usage;

Gary Conover - Dairy industry -: Land retirement - moving to a higher level of land production and moving - what is your definition of least productive land or crops/ how do you decide - what is the deciding factor - nutritive or economic tiered, etc. Higher level - groups - do you want milk, you have to pay for the alfalfa - There are some groups that go directly to animals and the product produces milk which is a very financially/economically and/or nutri qualities;

City of SF - # of the alternatives ask for increase in waste water management, concerned that the numbers are very rough. Should determine available reclamation and costs. 20 Bay Area agencies studying reclamation and eliminate roadblocks. Also transport for irrigation. Want to connect their study to CALLED.

Randy Kanouse - EBMUD - Calif has one of the toughest water quality standards in the nations; issue of supplying the health bay standards - look more closely at reclamation projects; demand mang - one of the techniques in the electricity industry - tiered pricing must remain a local issue ; conjunctive use - should not be minimized; spread through all the alternatives

Roberta Borgonovo - Express ; alt a and f that we can move CA to a sustain ecosystem that will carry us through for a long time ; land retire - drought management and it is also important to send the right pricing signals - incentive to move toward demand management - cost benefit analysis please include ; ecosystem - like f, but with the watershed all the way down to the ocean

Dale Peterson - Fresno -conservation pricing and conjunctive use work against each other; should not be uniform - or something to get farmers to divert and flood; costs - CVIA - Friant unit was assessed - farmers switched to ground water and the impact on the ground water are being felt. - anything you can do to reduce costs is important for implementing these alternatives; don't understand why strengthen levees - c,d,f

Fred Sh - contractor - difficult situation - requirements on water supply and quality - alt A looks like it works well; which groups are going to get priority with what water is used by, for, and where? Is there a commission where all the people concerned and look at the priorities and who has the kind of power to make these different situations happen -

There has to be priorities within these different groups - some solution with who gets priority in alternatives; The theme is in the north, the south is taking our water and how can we fight that? Looks like we are trying to fix things that shouldn't of happened in the first place. Matter of what is more important and how well we work with the different interest groups

East side diversion - (Foothill) - looks good- people can drink warm water and save the colder water for the enviro needs. - concern about the salinity in the San Joaquin

Feels that the alt j - main one you'll really do because of all the money behind water going to So cal and is more interested in cleaning up the river