

CALFED SCOPING MEETING

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My name is Bob Huntley, and I serve as a Director of the Municipal Water District of Orange County, the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, and a Board member of the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Board. I am here today to suggest criteria that should be addressed in seeking a preferred alternative with respect to the Bay-Delta Fix.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY - DRINKING WATER QUALITY -

Source water control of total organic carbon and bromide levels is necessary, because reliance on treatment alone will NOT be durable.

WATER QUALITY FOR WATER MANAGEMENT -

Salinity control of source water is essential to assure opportunities for recycling and conjunctive use.

SUPPLY AND RELIABILITY - VULNERABILITY OF SUPPLY -

There must be certainty of adequate urban supplies - and reliability, considering future endangered species actions, as well as provision for restoration of urban deliveries within six months of a major seismic event.

PERMANENT BAY-DELTA FIX -

There needs to be a long-term assured programmatic approach, rather than a limited term project-specific solution.

ECOSYSTEM IMPROVEMENT -

Pollutant source controls are necessary, and emphasis should be placed on healthy populations of native species, trading off, if necessary, with introduced species.

COST AND FUNDING -

Cost must be reasonable, with all beneficiaries paying a fair share, - and funding for all program elements inter-linked.

CONSERVATION AND DEMAND MANAGEMENT -

There must be both urban and agricultural conservation and demand management, and any land retirement program should be integrated with the water quality improvement plan.

WHAT SOLUTIONS WILL WORK? -

The preferred alternative should include a through-Delta facility, an isolated closed conveyance and appropriate storage facilities for urban needs.