

Long Beach Scoping Meeting - 4/17/96

- Concern for wq from SWP

alternatives:

Q-alt a- what do you mean by land retirement? Sounds like most costly alternative. Impacts to delta with salt water intrusion and other toxics.

Alt b - ground water banking - looking down here in So ca?

To what degree is new storage providing water quality - drinking wtr?

Alt c

-isolated conveyance - is it above sea level and would it be the only one above sea level? Is this the only one above sea level and seems to be the virtue of it especially during catastrophic situations.? Would it be the intent to mix the two operations or would there be a way to separate the drinking source from the ag source? Is it something that will be modeled?

Alt d

alt e

Would this require engineering feasibility studies?

The seismic activity is severe there?

Any other activities in the S J River?

On # of these alternatives or aspects that are not directly mentioned - how do you determine the high, modest, or low?

Alt F

Suggest a quibble - when we use the word restoration - this is a manmade system - call it enhancement or improvement to it; and also improved for the future- ongoing enhancement. First big flood will wipe it out; ?Still need to count cost for perpetuity

frequently just add water and the vegetation takes care of itself - nature driven.

SJR restoration will it include area above Merced?

Even with all the debris from hydraulic mining , how does it relate to what was there before? Calif beaches are being starved for sediment

Understand trying not to recreate pre-European habitat ; be important what possible impacts on drinking water quality

Alt I

Includes Los V except possibility of greater use \_\_\_\_\_???

Does it enhance ability for water transfer- look to transfer for So Calif needs?

Has that been considered as an options in all the alternatives? - wtr transfers. Objection is how operated/ any guarantees any of the institutional issues - will it be operated properly and also in the future - 20 yrs down the road.

Really surprised that demand management is not part of all the options - need rip process; should be maximizing demand management ; need to have a process that has existed up until now; Was happy with the original Ca urban conservation and feels it should be a big emphasis

concern that other areas costs are matched and not resting just on urban water users -

Rip process/ balance of demand management costs vs other resources and coming up with a balance

Did you consider the costs

Cost CEQA doesn't cover the cost issue

Water conservation - I don't see how much more that so ca can conserve any more than has been done; and water reuse - is need for fed and state assistance for water reuse.

So Calif has done a lot of water conservation and that the pop has increased and we have reduced our water usage; Needed to review the alts that are the best for so calif and have found that none of the alts meet the needs of so calif - so calif spending and with no help from northern ca - who is going to pay for delta fix and how much is it going to cost and how much water are we going to get?

General Questions:

Which components do you like:

talk about criteria for selecting alternatives

- public health and safety- toxicants

water quality for water management

- supply and reliability and vulnerability of supplies

provision for urban deliveries

permanent and long -term delta fix

ecosystem improvement

support of native species

costs reasonable - shared

serious consideration for solution for a through delta/isolated facility and storage for urban needs

point on water quality - deal with issues of water quality -

Opinion - about what public will support - only thing general pub will support will be water quality - the rest of it is too unknown and not much concern about reliability - need to convince public of needs or unable to get public support - all urban users; evidenced by purchase of clean water at stores

Water quality - Dorothy Green - serious about riparian habitat - major restor on sac - upstream riparian habitat is great way to improve water quality.

Is there an effort to but a rough cost and estimate.?

What is process to go from 10 to 5?

Comment - riparian process - has to come to implementation and need for CALLED process to develop time line and show how the different elements connect to each other.

In Contra Costa County the Delta is in our backyard - we want an alternative for water quality for our urban users and overall delta

Comment on Chambers reliability issues - wants dependable supply - concerned that none of the solutions would provide a reliable water supply- no single alternative meets our needs and on-going now.

Support comments of Met board member - CUWA will be evaluating these alternatives also - working to evaluate and provide comments and is interested in helping and providing whatever - looking for establish system that will get us away from Enviro Prot Act - find the most benefits for the most people and not reacting to whatever type of fish shows up at the pumps - Ecosystem management vs specie by specie management

Rural Counties - Source counties - emphasis goes from Farallon to headwaters; need an Ecosystem System management and if everyone is going to pay than everyone should be able to play and participate in the benefits. Source counties have needs for water and understand that we need water also. Watershed management - problems caused by Fed land management - tremendous undergrowth in forests and specie contribution - forest service with aggressive watershed management can increase yield from 12-15 % and in some cases 20-25%. A lot of water lost through evapotranspiration. We should look about operating upstream systems

differently and operate bypass facilities differently and they have contributed to problem; what is no-project alternative clearly defined; illustrate what the costs will be by not doing anything now and in the future.