

Organization

Comment on Conveyance - 1996

Santa Clara Valley Water Districts

Alternative should be such that it will effect more efficient means of transporting water from North Delta to South Delta and address decline of fish species.

Tri_Cities Water District Management

CALFED reach a decision on a recommendation that will provide all agencies with a dependable supply that address environmental concerns/ uses, those of the citizens served directly, and our business community supplying the job. A speedy resolution will end the uncertainty allow all california and its communities to grow.

Northern California Water Association

Its alternatives should include comprehensive measures that address water supply reliability and the resolution of environment problems within bay delta watershed.
Alternatives should be consistent with existing restoration efforts and agriculture activities.
Water rights priority system and state law and policy regarding commitments to the areas of origin must be be honored as part of any final Bay/Delta plan.

Planning and Conservation League

Terminate any further considerations of the East side canal and its variants.
East side canal could release water into truely foreign drainages, causing severe fish migration disruction.
I believe that the tributary problem should be solved within their own watersheds, and not by importing water from different watersheds.

California Central Valley Flood Control Association

Improve specific channel capacity.
Increase Cross- Channel gate capacity.
Constrict the flow of georgiania slough.
Install water transfer facility across Andrus Island.
Develop fish control measure for Delta diversions.
Establish a stable and properly funded levee support program including emergency response provisions.
Set Appropriate agricultural water quality standards consistent with state law and existing contracts.
Stablize and restore the San Joaquin River inflow.

Northern California Power Agency (NCPA)

The alternatives must reduce conflicts in the system:
The twenty alternatives primarily focus on how to improve water supply to Southern California,regulatory agencies are increasing their focus on ustream issues, increasing pressure on water supply reliability and land use, do not enhance upstream water supply reliability or-resolve upstream BAY/Delta environmental problems.
ALtenatives must be Equitable:
alt may not alleviate water supply reliability and environmental problems affecting upstream water users, may direct most of the impacts of temperature control releases or Delta water quality and habitat restoration primarily on the upstream water users.
Alt must be affordable:that derive no direct benefits to northern California.
Alt solution must be durable:an off stream storage project Northern California.

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Delta Wetlands

Following items should be deleted from the alternatives analysis, but included in an overall balanced package.

Water Supply:

- a. Reduce Demand
- b. Conjunctive Use/ Groundwater Banking.
- c. Water Transfer.

Water Quality:

- a. Pollutant Source Control.

Ecosystem Quality:

- a. Bay Delta Habitat Restoration.
- b. San Joaquin River Improvements.
- c. Upper Sacramento Restoration.
- d. Obtain Water for Environment.
- e. Store water for Environment.
- f. Screen Diversions

System Vulnerability:

seperate analysis of the core actions from the major alternatives, an another analysis should include a measure of yield based on the State Water Resources Control Borad's 1995 Water Quality Plan.

We believe that the four operable barriers that need to be installed in the south Delta should move forward as a no project alternative at the earliest possible date.

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There are no yield numbers for the alt.

There are no evaluation criteria

There appears to be no term for the solution.

Comments by CALFED staff and other that alt would not be evaluated on the basis of how the overall state water problem could be solved, but how well an alt would "fix the Delta". We suggest that this concept is contrary to all objectives developed at workshop 2, especially the water supply objective. Alt's must be evaluated to determine how well they satisfy the objective over a long term 100 years.

When will additional detail and cost estimates for the 20 alt be available. Why are there no core actions pertaining to satisfaction of the water supply objective.

Alt 1:

"efficient water management practices can't save 500,000 to 1 million acre-feet of water per year". How were the 500,000 and 1 million acre-feet number determined.

Alt 2:

without knowing locations of potentials conjunctive use projects, amount of water available, costs etc, there is no way to determine that such a plan would solve the problem or would be practical and cost effective. Add these constrains and concerns in the alt mentioned below:

Alt 3:

canal constructed through the west side of the delta wouyld be susceptible to potential flood and seismic damage. San Joaquin river salt problem would continue. The proposed purchases of 100,000 A-ft of water from eastside tributaries ignores the ultimate "area of origin" needs

Alt 5:

There appears to be no yield of additional water for people uses.

The proposed purchases of water from eastside tributaries ignore ultimate area of origin needs. There would be no improvements of the San Joaquin River Salinity problem.

Alt 6,7,8,9,11,12,,14,15,18,20,19:

There are no water yield figures. The proposed purchases of water from eastside tributaries ignore ultimate area of origin needs. There would be no improvements of the San Joaquin River Salinity problem.

Alt 10:

There are no water yield figures. No improvement to the San Joaquin River salt problem. Proposed transfer of water from from eastside tributaries ignore area of origin needs. Any facility west of stockton will be susceptible to flood and seismic damage. Any diversion must be upstream of Sac River wastewater plant, and upstream of delta smelt

Alt 13:

Fish entrainment in South Delta would be eliminated if canal water were taken directly to the pumps or aqueducts. Instream flows on the feather and American River would not bereduced and flows in the mokelumne, Calaveras, Stanislaus, and Tuolumne would be increased with phase 1. Merced and San Joaquin flows would be increased with southerly extension. 100,000AFA would not need to be purchased from eastside tributaries. An extension to Friant would solve the San Joaquin River salt problem by allowing all eastside river to flow without diminishment by current divorters.

Alt16:

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We find little in the alt to indicate any increase in water supply being a significant purpose of the program. Before any decisions are made we need to have information on costs, allocation of costs among beneficiaries and repayment must be developed. What exactly does Delta Ecosystem Restoration means. And can this be rather changed to ecosystem management so the goals are little more realistic.

Sacramento Metropolitan
Water Authority

Alt G can have very direct and negative impact upon Folsom reservoir, the region water supply, the fishery in lower American River. The proposed canal could easily transport water from the Scaramento region causing great harm because of the potential diversions from American river.

Water Forum

Alt G:East side canal should not be continued as an alt under consideration

Consulting Engineer

Core actions should be given three columns of Activities, Objectives, Benefits. A better concept would be to have essential actions formulated as the initial set of core actions to be implemented in stage 1. Base the structure of the alt on four solutions for delta water flow and aquatic habitat conditions ie to fix the delta

1. Through delta
2. Large eastside Conveyance
3. Dual Conveyance
4. No Action

Each of these should be combined with balanced approach actions to meet major objectives such as New storage, Ecosystem restoration,demand management, water supply improvement, levee system vulnerability.