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Second draft of Purpose and Need Statement

Here are my thoughts on the newest draft of the P&N statement. I had no opportunity to discuss this with other DFG staff. We anticipate the opportunity to comment on subsequent drafts of the statement.

Paragraph 1: What does this paragraph contribute? I think it could be deleted.

Paragraph 2, first sentence: Is the modifier "long-term" part of the official program title?

second sentence: Suggest ...sustainable populations of the fish and wildlife species....

Paragraph 3, third sentence: Suggest ...Bay_Delta system, adversely affecting the ecosystem. Suggest deleting "particularly sensitive fish species" which implies the problem is that the fish are just too sensitive.

Paragraph 5, second sentence: Suggest When Delta levees fail, important farmland and upland and wetland habitats are inundated. As water flows through a breached levee onto an island, saline water from downstream in the estuary is drawn upstream. Aquatic habitats are modified and water quality for local diverters and for export is impaired. Water supply systems such as the Mokelumne Aqueduct, which crosses several Delta islands may also be damaged. Long-term flooding.....

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