

Existing Conditions - Period of Analysis

- Many resource categories are dynamic and fluctuate; existing conditions must reflect "today's" environment and dynamic nature of resources

- Fisheries:
1986-1995

- Agricultural economics:
1986-1995

- Wildlife:
1986-1995

- Cultural resources:
1995

Existing Conditions - Elements

- Bay-Delta Water Quality Standards
- Biological Opinions
- Coordinated Operations Agreement
- CVP and SWP Facilities
- Trinity River Flows
- Contract and Water Rights Deliveries
- Water Conservation
- Power
- Human Population Estimates
- CVPIA Actions
- Instream Flow Requirements

Existing Conditions - Possible Additional Analyses

- Hydrology and Water Supply
 - CVPIA implementation
 - Bay-Delta Accord

No-Action Alternative - Purpose

- Describes conditions most likely to be present in the future without the program
- Serves as one of the baselines for comparing the impacts of the alternatives
- Not intended to be a judgement regarding merits of actions by others

No-Action Alternative - Overview

- Criteria
- Actions considered
- Actions selected
- Elements
- Possible additional analyses

No-Action Alternative - Criteria Used to Define

- Criterion 1: Has the action been approved for implementation?
- Criterion 2: Does the action have funding for implementation?
- Criterion 3: Does the action have final environmental documents?
- Criterion 4: Does the action have final environmental permits and approvals?
- Criterion 5: Will the action be excluded from the CALFED Bay-Delta Program actions?
- Criterion 6: Would the effects of the action be identifiable at the level of detail being considered for CALFED Bay-Delta Program analysis?

No-Action Alternative - Screening Process

- List of projects derived from CVPIA process
- Additional projects identified by CALFED
- List measured against screening criteria