

Outline for Discussion
Programmatic Concepts/Component Refinement
Program Manager's Meeting - 11/25/96

1. Features of Programmatic/Project Specific Environmental Document (Rick)

- Setting
- Type of Analysis
- Function of Document

2. What we need to accomplish today (Rick)

- Understand how time constraints drive the level of detail which can be included in the programmatic document.
- As a group, define what programmatic level of detail will be used so that all have a common understanding and are working at the same level.
- Apply the groups definition of programmatic to the schedule and resolve any discrepancies.

3. Function of CALFED Programmatic EIR/EIS (Rick and Wendy)

Primary Function:

To make a "broad policy decision" or create a "general plan" as to the future approach of the program by selecting one of three programmatic alternatives as preferred alternative. (Remember you have a 33% chance of being right with a random selection!)

Other Functions:

To disclose the general adverse and beneficial impacts upon which selection of a preferred alternative is based.

To address cumulative effects and other broad issues which are difficult to address at the project specific level.

To provide strategies and guidance for future project level actions relative to implementation and phasing, mitigation, finance and assurances.

4. Problems being experienced by CVPIA relative to Programmatic Approach (Wendy)

- Using jargon and pat phrases such as "establishing the bookends" to describe the programmatic function leads to very poor comprehension of what is being attempted.

- Inconsistent approach to programmatic level of detail. Use of too much detail in both written and public presentations leads the audience to expect project level analysis and decision making. People are getting hung up on the numbers rather than focusing on the decision.
- Failure to address real issues - such as “ why do you keep saying water is available? We told you before there was no water available in our district and you responded by doubling the amount you think is available” within the programmatic framework.

5. Example: Program vs. Project specific actions for each component. (Wendy)
6. Example: Ecosystem Restoration - defining the action through presentation of results. (Wendy)
7. Examples: Other Components. (Wendy)