



## Memorandum

Date: December 4, 1997

To: Judy Kelly, Rick Soehren, Wendy Halverson-Martin, Marian Moe, Greg Young, Robert Cooke, Gary Bardini, Sergio Guillen, Zach McReynolds, Ray Hoagland, Judy Heath, Terry Mills, Loren Bottorff

From: Steve Yaeger *Stu*

Subject: Review of Internal Draft EIS/EIR

Welcome to the EIS/EIR internal review team. You will need to clear time on your calendar on 12/17, 18 and 19 to accomplish the work. The 17th and 18th will be review days and the 19th will be the revision day. If you believe you need to stay away from the office to accomplish the review, feel free to do so.

### Review December 17 and 18

The document you'll be reviewing is still under development. It does have information gaps and we'll be working to fill them before we release the administrative draft to the agencies. You will see notations about technical appendices, these are not available at this time.

Remember, we are preparing a programmatic rather than a site/project specific document. Accordingly, consequences discussed give you more of a sense of direction of the change rather than the specific magnitude of the change.

This review is a bit different than what you may be use to in another way; we are asking that you lend a hand in improving the document.

We do not want you to edit the report. Your review should focus on answering the following questions:

1. Are there red flag concerns with the way we have characterized any of the information?  
What specific changes do you recommend?
2. Are there technical errors? What specific changes do you recommend?

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#### CALFED Agencies

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**California**  
The Resources Agency  
Department of Fish and Game  
Department of Water Resources  
California Environmental Protection Agency  
State Water Resources Control Board

**Federal**  
Environmental Protection Agency  
Department of the Interior  
Fish and Wildlife Service  
Bureau of Reclamation  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Department of Agriculture  
Natural Resources Conservation Service  
Department of Commerce  
National Marine Fisheries Service

3. Have we described all the consequences? What specific additions do you recommend?
4. Have we adequately described mitigation measures? What specific additions do you recommend?
5. We have tried to make the document readable and understandable; were we successful? If not, where specifically is there a problem and what specific changes do you suggest?

Your suggested changes/additions should be:

- noted in the margins if they are short; or
- on a separate piece of paper and a disc, with clear instructions on where it should be added, if they are over a sentence or two in length.

Meeting December 19 in 1147C-1

The meeting will serve two purposes, improve the document and provide some insight into what we will do at the agency meeting. The meeting will be facilitated, start at 9am and probably run all day. We'll begin with each of you providing a 2-3 minute impression of the document. Your impression should be built around the 5 questions noted under the Review heading. We'll then go through the document section by section. Again, comments and suggested changes will focus around the 5 questions.

Internal Draft Reviewers

Chapters/Sections

Steve Yaeger

Chapters 1 and 2

Marian Moe

Chapters 1, 2, 9, 10 and 11

Rick Breitenbach

All

Rick Soehren

All (availability tied to Policy Meeting demands)

Loren Bottorff

All

Wendy Halverson-Martin

All

Terry Mills

Chapter 2, Section 2.2 ERP description; Chapters 3 and 5 to understand impact analysis process (comments welcome); ERP discussions in Chapter 6 impact analysis sections; all of Chapter 7; and ERP discussions in Chapter 8 impact analysis sections.

Robert Cooke

Chapter 2, Section 2.2 Levee Program description; Chapters 3 and 5 to understand impact analysis process (comments welcome); levee program discussions in Chapter 6 impact analysis sections; 6.3.1; levee program discussions in Chapter 7 impact analysis sections; levee program discussions in Chapter 8 impact analysis sections; 8.2.1; all of 8.5.

Greg Young

Chapter 2, Section 2.2 Water Use Efficiency Program and Water Transfers description; Chapter 3; Chapter 5; WUE/WT discussions in Chapter 6 impact analysis sections; WUE/WT discussions in Chapter 7 impact analysis sections; and WUE/WT discussions in Chapter 8 impact analysis sections.

Judy Heath

Chapter 2, Section 2.2 Water Quality and Watershed Mgmt description; Chapters 3 and 5 to understand impact analysis process (comments welcome); WQ/WM discussions in Chapter 6 impact analysis sections; 6.1.1 and 6.1.4; WQ/WM discussions in Chapter 7 impact analysis sections; and WQ/WM discussions in Chapter 8 impact analysis sections.

Zach McReynolds and Ray Hoagland

Chapters 3 and 5 to understand impact analysis process (comments welcome); Sections 8.1.1, 8.1.2, 8.2.1(ag. econ.) 8.2.3, 8.3.1 (m&i econ), 8.3.3, 8.4.1 (F&W econ.), 8.4.3, 8.5.1 (flood econ), 8.5.3.

Gary Bardini and Sergio Guillen

Chapter 2, Section 2.2 Storage and Conveyance descriptions; Chapters 3 and 5 to understand impact analysis process (comments welcome); Sections 6.1 and 6.2; Storage and Conveyance discussions in rest of Chapter 6 impact analysis sections; Storage and Conveyance discussions

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in Chapter 7 impact analysis sections; and  
Storage and Conveyance discussions in Chapter  
8 impact analysis sections.

Judy Kelly

Chapter 11 Public and Agency Involvement

cc: Lester A. Snow, Dick Daniel, Stein Buer, Rick Woodard, Mary Scoonover