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Dear Mr. Rick Breitenbach,

In order to reduce conflicts in the Delta, existing agricultural lands should not be converted or checker boarded with non conforming land uses.

Franks Tract should be considered for shallow shaded habitat. A levee grid could be created and planted to native trees. Every other channel between the grid of new levees may have to be deeper than nine feet in order to fill the adjacent channels to the nine foot elevation.

When I-5 was built ±30 years ago, some of the fill dirt came from the proposed Peripheral Canal route. Today the trees and native growth along the proposed canal route are an example of what could be created at Franks Tract.

The advantages of restoring Franks Tract are many, a few of which are as follows:

1. No impact on NDWA income.
2. " " " reclamation district income.
3. " " " property tax income.
4. " " " sales tax income.
5. " " " existing farming operations.

In order to reduce conflicts in the Delta, CALFED must look for alternatives that fit CALFED's solution principle that clearly states that there will be no redirected impacts.

Sincerely,

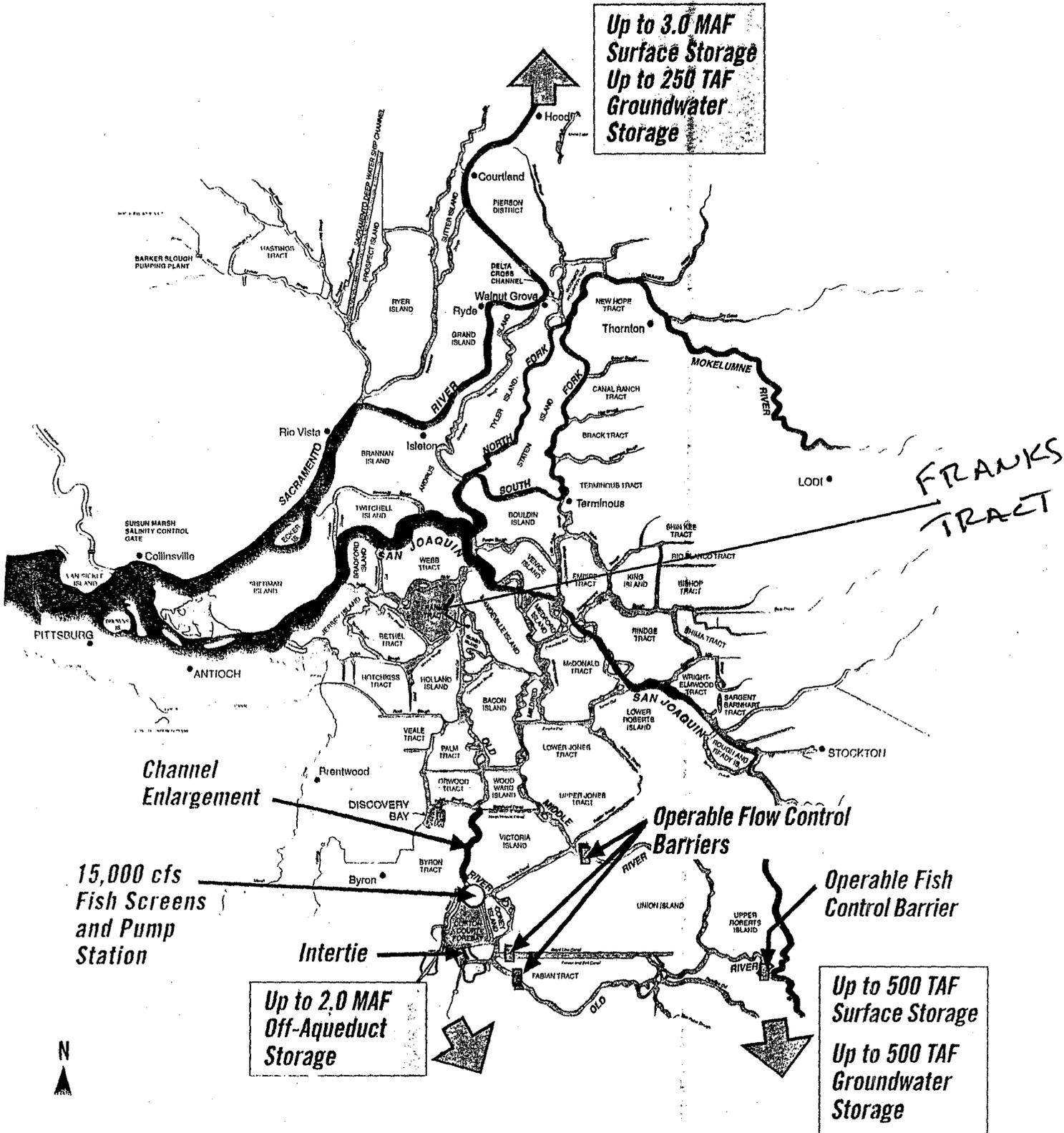


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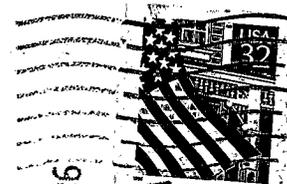
Alternative 1

Storage and Conveyance Features

Variable Program Elements



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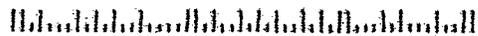
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