

Attachment C

PRINCIPLES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF CATEGORY III

The State and Federal governments and agricultural, urban and environmental interests are committed to the implementation and financing of "Category III" measures as an essential part of a comprehensive ecosystem protection plan for the Bay-Delta Estuary.

To achieve this objective we agree to the following principles:

1) Level of funding:

Category III activities are expected to require a financial commitment estimated to be \$60 million a year.

2) Sources of funds:

It is anticipated that new sources of funds will be required to adequately finance Category III activities. A process for evaluating existing funding and possible reprioritization will be used to finance a portion of Category III activities. Additional funds will be secured through a combination of Federal and State appropriations, user fees, and other sources as required.

3) Monitoring:

It is further agreed that monitoring is a high priority in addition to the Category III elements, and has a high priority for separate funding.

4) Unscreened Diversions:

It is agreed that the highest priority Category III activity for funding is the screening of currently unscreened diversion points in the Bay-Delta watershed. An evaluation of the benefits of a screening program for listed species will be conducted immediately and used to improve listed species survival no later than during the 95/96 water year.

5) Consensus Process:

CUWA/Ag will work with CALFED and environmental interests in an open process to determine precise priorities and financial commitments for the implementation of all Category III elements. The CUWA/Ag work plan currently being developed will be revised consistent with these Principles.

6) Deadline:

This process will be under the sponsorship of CUWA/Ag, which commits to an open and collaborative approach involving CALFED and the environmental community. It is agreed that detailed implementation for these Principles will be finalized before publication of the final SWRCB standards, which is currently planned by March 31, 1995.