

EWA WATER ACCOUNT DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Policy Paragraph

In order to better understand the potential advantages and disadvantages of an EWA, CALFED evaluated simulations of how such an account could be operated. Under the guidance of the Quinn/Spear Group, DNCT developed several EWA scenarios that might be implemented at the beginning and end of Stage 1. These scenarios included a mix of EWA assets, operational rules and financial resources. Computer simulations were run for each of the scenarios and evaluations were conducted to determine the impacts on fisheries, water supply, and water quality. EWA implementation issues were defined and hypothesis to be address by technical groups developed. The results of these evaluations were presented to the Quinn/ Spear Group on July 19th. At that meeting the DNCT was ask to produce a general development report that would lead to an EWA detailed plan by the end of this year. This report was to summarize the general conclusions of the EWA simulations and evaluation, issues and possible solutions, a organization to develop the plan and the schedule. These elements are addressed by the DNCT in the attached report.