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Directives

1. Update on wq program - current status
2. Linkages

Paramaters of Concern

Target Ranges

November Deadline for EIR/EIS is inflexible

CALFED does not alter the roles of regulatory agencies

Costs of all parties will be included in consideration

Numerical criteria - adequacy would be decided @ another level

CALFED Component Refinement Report

Accumulating Comments & respond to them as appropriate

PROJECTS

Criteria
- can't consider a project that would impact the EIR/EIS process

$143M - President's Budget overall

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After June — projects rec'd — thrown into hopper w/ other projects

Q — Feasibility of implementing projects that support EIR/EIS

Public Workshop (Bob)

→ POC, Projects, Axns, Target Ranges
→ WQ is ahead of other groups
→ mtgs need closure & consensus for the mtgs so have the mtg & then another mtg to build consensus
— Reps of diff groups need to get together & finalize the consensus

Ted Roefs — Who did / does the technical review? — Question
The WQ TG — Answer — RW

Chris Foe — Projects — structural or studies?
WQ willing to fund studies to determine which Axns are cost effective & feasible?

Question from Ted R.
Where do we decide which POC's are most important to address from an ecosystem perspective?
→ Need more technical review by technical people

Answer from RW
— We're forming a team in the future to do this review

Comment
EPA Data Set — Cu redxn & impacts on fewer sp.

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when we begin linking w/ other groups than more specifics will develop

Q by Gail Harris Document to reach closure on issues discussed @ meetings? Yes - it will do this - answer by RW

We will address a process for technical review at the April 1, 1997 meeting

- Chris Foe
- Fred Lee

& others interested in participating in technical review committee

⇒ Criteria need to be defined before we form technical committees to evaluate projects

⇒ Funding Sources - what are they?

⇒ POC's addressed & to what degree should be change of technical committee

⇒ Comments on selexn Criteria for Projects - will be provided to us by end of this month

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After Morning Break

- RW - indivs interested in being part of a technical group to review work should fax their name to RW - need by end of month, preferably sooner
  - → 1 task of the tech review team would be to rank the priority of the projects

Relationship betw Ecosystem Group & WQ Group ✓

DICK DANIEL

Focus Area: Delta is focus - probs that manifest themselves in the Delta
- To solve probs in Delta we need to consider the rivers
- maps of study areas - Delta & lger rivers

Ecosystem Restoration Program Plan (ERRP)
- Focus on habitat & ecosystem issues not a single species
- working on this document right now

Implementation Strategy - schedule of as much as 30 yrs
- Indicators
- Targets → Developing a Monitoring Program
- Actions (based on IEP
- Phasing

Monitoring of anad fish - as part of CVPA

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- Focussed research to understand the system will be part of ERRP

- Adaptive management part of ERRP
  - thru acquisition of data & dev of insight

- Study Area — upper Sacto & SJ River; SF Bay

- Example Axis in Delta
  - Diking of lands
  - influence of tides, energy exchange — probs since agric & other land use
  - 50,000 acres of reestablished tidal habitat
  - riparian habitat
  - watershed management
  - Key Elements — dev & manage H_2O supplies for wildlife
    → 100,000 af of yield

- Ex Axis N of Delta
  - stream hab rest.
  - mine drainage control
  - watershed restoration

Soln Principles CALFED
- don't transfer impacts

- Developing ERRP now — April — Public mtg
- Working Draft — early April — late Summer — Refined

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Greg Young - Water Use Efficiency Component

- Policy Program not a technical program
  - diff from WQ & ECO prog.

- Ken Objs

  - (1) ensure water use effic component in B-D soln
  - (2) Emphasize incentive / disincentive based tools + regulatory tools
  - (3) Preserve local flexibility
  - (4) Remove Disincentives & Barriers to efficient water use
  - (5) offer greater help in the planning & financial of local water use man tools

- Water Use Efficiency Common Program

(1) - Physical efficiency
  - Achieving CALFED Objs
  - Economic efficiency

(2) Most effic axns taken by local agencies
Support axns . . .
. . . .

(3) Ag water use effic Axns
  - water man Planning
  - Techn & Planning Assistance
  - Funding Assistance
  - Ibr implement management improvements to achieve multiple benefits

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Urban Water Use Efficiency — SB15 - need transfer resp

- Urban BMP Imp & Reporting
- Improved urban water management planning
- Funding Assistance
- Technical & planning Assistance

Efficient Use of Environ Diversions

Water Recycling

Water Transfers

3 ben Assurance Mechs

Efficient water use a prerequisite for:

- New ~~DAFED~~ water from the DAFED Prog
- ?
- ?

Ag Assurance Mech

- 2yr voluntary planning & imp
- trigger to planning & Imp Reqs

Urban Assurance Mech

- Expanded role for Urban Council
- Stakeholder effort to recommend mechs

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Curt Schmuttee — levees & channels

1100 miles Uli Delta of levees

McCormick Williamson, Stuart Tract - flooded

200+ miles = CVP levees - federal

(the rest are non fed levees

2 parts of levee program

1 part prioritizes programs, the other doesn't

AB360 - effective Jan 1 - started implementing emergency response activities

Salinity Gradient in Relation to 8 Western Delta Islands

- Sherman Island - furthest west
- lose islands - moves salinity gradient into river

Flooding Effects - most islands below sea-level so they are holes not islands

Contra Costa Canal Intakes - ↑ salinity when levees fail

subsidence control ~ 2-3 inches/year due to carbon oxidation in peat soils

flood islands periodically to ↓ carbon oxidation & ↓ subsidence

Beneficial Reuse - dredge materials to reuse for levee contrac

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Can safely use dredged material for levees – check to make sure dredge mats not contaminated; marine seds contain salt which can be problematic. (preleaching or to vestry delta)

Throughout US – ACE is reusing dredge materials

LTMS – long term management strategy re: levees in the delta

→ Recreation Subteam

→ In Channel Island Subteam – Marsha Brockbank

→ Emergency Response Subteam – drafting a workplan

→ Seismic Susceptibility Subteam – Ralph Torres
– quantify risk, long term strategies

→ Beneficial Reuse – Jerry Burns, Bill Croyle

→ Land Subsidence } these 2 link to wqtg

links to wqtg

→ Levee Assoc'd Habitat

Water Use efficiency – if you conserve water will you surrender your water rights?
→ refers to existing supplies
↳ SB15 & legislature will be addressing this
– lots of vols of water conserved not yet determined – this will be done only for impact analysis

– making imps in local management to achieve CALFED obj's
– physical
– economic

– tailwater recycling may not save water but may have wq benefits

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Stein Buer – Storage & Conveyance

- many dams, canals, pump stations & tying into CALFED is difficult
- 100 facilities – to narrow down these need selection criteria that are defensible
- Determining costs of facilities – differs a lot – use cost indices & bring the 100 facilities up to the same level but this is a gross estimate
- Balancing competing needs – PWA & stakeholder modelers – how diff uses fit together
- Most imp linkage is Water Quality in Delta – – seawater intrusion – runoff
- Selection of alters on conveyance will integrate several needs

– Physical Inventory of locations
– Environmental Screening
– System Modelling

PW – WP & other groups will meet together from now on to discuss issues

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Carol Howe - linkages

- Components of WQ, Water Use Effic, Ecosystem, & Storage & Conveyance

- wetlands creation as an ex)

WQ - wetlands creation as treatmt method
- axn 15, axn 20, axn 22A&B, axn 24
Eco - wetlands creation as habitat enhancemt

wetlands Issues

WQ

benefits - nutrient, pesticides, metals can be ↓
hazards - bioaccum & toxicity hazards to wildlife, groundwater, Toc loading, degradation into haz byprods,

Dick Daniel - linkages - wetlands from Ecosystem Perspective

- focus on Delta so focus on tidal wetlands
- lge scale managed wetlands are not the focus for restoration in Delta - plenty of duck ponds

Colusa Basin Drain - pesticides & herbicides, warm
- ↓ thermal input to Sac R
- ↓ params of concern input to Sac R
- Reuse H2O from drain to grow tomatoes so ↓ diversions from Sac to R & improve Sac R WQ

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TOC – still good but removed by exports or flushed out
– obj to utilize TOC from islands & upstream areas
to ↑ food chain productivity

Levees & Diversions

– residence time has ↓ w/ ↑ velocities of water & ↓ wetlands
– Alts 2 & 3 can ↑ resid time by ↓ velocity & ↑ wetlands

Tidal wetlands – want to estab ~~in~~ in Yolo Bypass

Yolo Bypass – used to be part of Sac R floodplain –
want to reestab w/ years flow @ all times
– Cache Creek drainage may be providing
Hg into the area – this is a concern

To make fish safe to eat in Bay – Delta would be
a good idea – linkage between areas

Western Res probs will always be part of any
consideration of wetlands rest/use/& development

Floodplain Reestab along SJR for flood control & habitat enhancement

Ecosystem will probably not go further west
than San Pablo Bay
→ San Pablo Bay to Sacramento = tidal influence

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W/o human intervention → wetland/Delta would remain as is

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Greg Young - Water Use Efficiency as relates to wetlands
- water use effic is more policy ~~oriented~~ than technical
- Consumptive Use - ↑ wetlands means ↑ water use
- Levee control reduces head / flow to wetlands
- Mitigation for seasonal wetland loss due to EWP's - canal lining

Curt Schmutte - levees & channels as relates to wetlands
- Subsidence control
- Hydraulic Detention
- Setting levees back on So. Fork of Mokelumne R
- Conveyance capac ↑ for flood control
↑ marshes for Delta Smelt

Stein Buer - Storage & Conveyance as relates to wetland
- Flood Constrn Impacts on Jurisdictional wetlands
- Levee Setback - could ↓ wetlands for areas below sea level or ↑ wetlands for higher elev. areas
- Consumnes R. Preserve - flooding, need to set back levees & ↑ floodplain
- wetlands ~~that~~ require seasonal flooding

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Mokelumne R a Consumnes R – braided channels + Channel islands – if ↑ flow can wipe these areas out

CVPIA process – additional flows in area

Water Quality – Delta – alterations in flow are impacted by Δ's in salinity – Suisun Marsh – National Wildlife Refuge – some lakes → need wildlife Refuge
└ urban runoff 16,000 acres provides water to wetlands – maybe a concern pbs → Botulism could result
but redistribute flows to these areas to ↓ concen of pollutants

Question
↑ TOC created by ↑ wetlands could create WQ problem
⇒ How do TOC levels in Delta compare to TOC levels in rest of country? Some areas higher, some lower
└ Florida
⇒ Type of TOC is important +
diff areas have diff types of organic matter
– hydrophobic vs hydrophillic
– diss vs particulate

Bioavail as matter to organisms = bad TOC } Rw response
Not bioavail = bad TOC

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Dave Jones: How long wetlands can be used for treatment? 8-10 yrs for metals treatment? Big maintenance probs.
Carol: depends on flow, loading & design
Nigel: same pt could be made for Selenium

Fred Lee:
Wetlands - effectiveness depends on season & hydrology
Kissimee River System & wetlands is good ex/ for us
Everglades - wetlands not good for removing everything @ all times

French woman
Linda M: Coupling of wetlands & treatment is probably needed

Bill Crooks: Colorado - treatment of mine drainage in wetland creates the wetland as a haz waste site

Fred Lee: Yolo Bypass - putting in wetlands right now

Dick Daniel - concerned about creating a haz waste pit by creating wetlands

⇒ Put wetland into Colusa Basin Drain to trap sediment input to Sac R.

Rich Brew - Use wetlands for ag when no pesticides, metals issues so we can use nutrients - nutrient recycling

Dick Daniel - reuse dredge material for wetlands creation & levee construction

Dave Jones - Fine seds in quiescent areas are the ones that are dredged, not seds in open waters bec/ they don't

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Dick Daniel
- Ideas for collecting/trapping sed's @ confluence of SJR & Sac R. — is this clean?
- Areas w/o circulation are full of more pollutants

Chris Foe
- need pilot studies to determine whether there is a prob & where clean mats are

DD - How long would this study need?

Fred Lee
DDT & others aren't necess bioavail when dredged but Chloride is a problem

Curt Schmutte
- dredge materials aren't a wq problem
- interested in pursuing sed traps
* - Sediment transport experts to put top a proposal *
SFEI 1995 Report finds substantial toxicity in finer grain sed's in the Bay

Carol Have:
Wetlands for treatment only
wetlands for Polishing Treatment & Ecosystem/Habitat
wetlands for Ecosystem/Habitat only

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Timed Release Issues - Carol Howe

WQ

- load/concen/flow relationships
- wq improvements hazs in impoundments
- Regulatory feasibility

Dick Daniels - Ecosystem

ECO

↑ instream flow in all rivers = goal
- SJ River - problematic (Spring Run extinct)
flow → temp, wq, habitat effects

TMM - probably never be able to elim this source

Greg Young - Water Use-Effic

- Source Redxn
- Long Term Applied Water Impacts
  - Storage ⇒ soil salinity / soil profile → crop prodxn
- ↓ water flow to an impoundmt ↓ the nuisance by
  ↓ the size & potential for attracting wildlife

Steve Beur - Storage & Conveyance

- hold dirty H_2O until high flows
- hold clean H_2O to dilute dirty water

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(13) Dave Jones
Ag on westside of valley w/ deep underground tiles — don't they have 3-5 yrs of storage underground?

John Dickey
- urban runoff & ag do use soil for storage & shallow groundwater for dilution - may not be applicable everywhere - feasibility is questionable

Ag person: Not sev yrs of storage in soil

Idea: manufs of pesticides - pt source discharges so why not water & runoff from ag fields?

Approach Suggestions

(1) Prep material - How ag tile water is released?
(introductory info

(2) Quantify water we're trying to get rid of, timing of flood flows

(3) How much flow is needed to do any good - Fred Lee

(4) Level of Detail would help us focus
- Se
- Hg
- other
) all diff geog, chem, biologically
so we should focus on 1 constituent @ a time

(5) Timed Releases - need subcats
- reservoirs
- sm holding ponds

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(6) Wetland Rest & Timed Releases - how should we proceed

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Future WQTG Meetings

April 1
June 3
August 6
October 1

RW – members of group are welcome to present @ future mtgs if they want

KT Shum:
How will Param Assessmt Team modelling link w/ DWR modelling?

RW: We need DWR, PAT & Bay-Delta modelling to be coordinated. We need to interface with them

Steve Beur
Stakeholders have taken the lead w/ some modeling
⇒ so CALFED & CALFED CT needs to coordinate w/ them.

Carol Howe
Need info on what can & can't be modelled based on data avail & models avail

Fred Lee:
make sure model beyond traditional physical / chemical models like salinity.

RW – we will.

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