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Phone conversation with Ted Roefs

>Please add the Drainage Program report to our Reference list. For your information, I have a copy of the report. Thanks.

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>As mentioned on voicemail, Ted and I chatted on the phone. Generally genial
>conversation. Here are his main points:
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>*_Ted hasn't received a meeting announcement. It would be good to fax it to
>him and to call him to confirm that he knows. Let me know if I need to help
>with this.

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>*_Had heard that there was a Calfed WQ meeting on drainage tomorrow,
>because we are working with Nigel's group to get drainage source data, and
>had told them that Ted and Nigel are active in the group. I clarified that,
>to assure adequate meeting presentation quality, we would be having a
>presenters' dry run for the Monday meeting, and that nothing would pass
>between us that he would not also have a chance to see Monday.No problem.
>Also informed him of what USBR is doing for us at this stage, and why. No
>problem.

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>*_He feels that the San Joaquin Valley Drainage Program report should be
>used, and notes that it is not on our reference list. Here is the ref, and
>perhaps Sarah or Carol could add it.
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>San Joaquin Valley Drainage Program. 1990. A management plan for
>agricultural subsurface drainage and related problems on the westside San

>Joaquin Valley; Final report of the San Joaquin Valley Drainage Program.
>USBR, USFWS, USGS, CDFG, CDWR.
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>Now that we are into drainage, we will compile a reference list to be
>added, reflecting what we have on hand on the subject.
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>*_Ted was incensed by what was said about the aquatic toxic program during
>the last meeting. States that toxic testing should be focused on testing
>specified hypotheses, not managed in a shotgun manner. Also needs to take
>account of available methodologies.
>*_
>*_Claims that we need to identify where the most technical knowledge is in
>a particular domain, and request that these people develop technical issues
>related to that domain. I said that would be a fine strategy, but that we
>also know that we must take account of what different group members are
>able to provide in the way of time commitment, and that was why we tried to
>use the meeting format to guide staff with the broader group's input.
>Seemed ok, but I think that we should use him where we can, and let him
>tell us what he does not have time for.
>*_
>*_Disagrees with drainage storage, pointing out that Kesterson was
>conceived for this purpose. I suggested that, as with the P. canal,
>assurances could help. For example, an assurance of annual dumping, in
>spite of hydrologic conditions (dry years), would serve. He pointed out
>that this would violate Vernallis standards, and we decided that such a
>technical solution would require policy decisions.
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>*_Reminds me that there is a pending lawsuit by 17 growers against USBR
>with Westlands as an intervener, and that Fed court decided that USBR
>should construct a drain. Interior appealed, and the issue is in
>mediation. This may compromise some of the technical input we get on ag
>drainage.
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>That is the gist of the phone call. It was a good call to have me spend
>some time with him. I also shared with him the general approach for Monday,
>so that he would not come upon it cold. We will see what effect all of this
>has then!
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