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Revised Lists and Supporting  
Info from JSA, plus maps  
and cover memo for FWS  
staff.  
Tiki

MEMORANDUM

Date: 5/26/98

To: Cay Goude, Mike Thabault, Jan Knight, Ken Sanchez, Peter Cross, Karen Miller, Diane Windham

From: Tiki Baron and Patrick Leonard P.L.

Re: Review of CalFed Species Lists

We are requesting review of the attached DRAFT species lists for the Bay Region, Sacramento River Region, and San Joaquin River Region. The first order of review we need is for "fatal flaws." This can be a quick review of the lists to look for any glaring errors such as species on the list that do not occur in the region, sensitive species that do occur in the region and are not on the list, errors in legal status or other information, and any obvious concerns with the preliminary "may affect" or "not likely to affect" determinations. If possible, please provide any fatal flaw comments to Tiki by the end of the week (Friday, May 29).

In addition, we would like a more thorough review by the Endangered Species Division, which can occur over the next few weeks concurrent with preliminary review by other agencies and stakeholders.

Background/Notes

These are the preliminary lists of species to be covered by the Conservation Strategy (the ESA compliance strategy we are developing for the entire CALFED Program). The Conservation Strategy will form the basis of both Section 7 consultations and HCPs developed under Section 10, as well as compliance with CESA.

The lists were prepared by Jones & Stokes Associates (JSA), the Conservation Strategy consultant to CalFed, and are based on species lists supplied by the Service, NDDB, and CNPS. JSA examined the proposed CalFed actions and made determinations as to whether those actions would affect each species.

JSA made an attempt to "screen out" those species that are not likely to be affected, are not likely to become listed during the term of the Program (somewhere in the neighborhood of 25 to 30 years), or lack sufficient information to be covered by the Conservation Strategy -- -- these species are indicated by shading (or until they can figure out how to shade in Access, highlighted and then Xeroxed). These species would NOT be covered by the Conservation Strategy.

Attached Maps: The 8½x11 map shows the four CALFED Regions: Bay, Delta, Sacramento River, and San Joaquin River. The 11x14 map

shows the ecozones (defined by the Ecosystem Restoration Program) within each of the regions. The geographic area covered by these species lists *only includes the ecozones within each region.* This is a result of prioritizing; sensitive species that occur outside the ecozones but within the watersheds will be added later, if appropriate. (Note also that the preliminary species list for the Delta Region was completed a month or so ago.)

Also attached is a list of criteria used by JSA to determine if a species may potentially be affected by CALFED Program actions.

Any comments you or your staff have can be written informally. Please give your comments to Tiki.

Thanks.