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SUBJECT: Data/Information Needs for the Conservation Strategy

The following summarizes the data and/or information we anticipate needing from the Conservation Strategy team to assist with preparation of the Conservation Strategy. We would like to receive all or portions of the requested data/information as soon as it can be made available and would like to have all requested data/information no later than July 31, 1998 to help ensure preparation of work products on schedule. Perhaps we could discuss data/information needs and priorities at the July 8, 1998 team meeting.

Please call if you have questions.

- 1. Species Accounts:** We have reviewed species account information (i.e., life history, habitat requirements, present distribution, and historic distribution) previously prepared for CALFED and CVPIA for those species likely to be considered in the Conservation Strategy (i.e., species not shaded on the species lists). We have complete accounts for 54 species, incomplete accounts for 6 species, no accounts for 54 species with federal or state status (i.e., threatened, endangered, proposed, candidate, rare, and fully protected species), and no accounts for the 83 remaining species. I will indicate the species for which we require account information on a copy of the complete CALFED species list we will provide you on July 6.
- 2. Summary of Species Conservation Efforts:** We have brief summaries of previous and ongoing conservation efforts for the 54 species for which we have complete species account information (see item 1). This information, however, will need to be reviewed and updated to incorporate any additional conservation efforts that may have been implemented since the original summaries were prepared. We will require information regarding past and ongoing

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conservation efforts for the remaining 145 species that may be considered in the Conservation Strategy.

3. **Recovery Plans:** We will require current recovery plans (completed and in-progress) for the Conservation Strategy species for which they have been prepared.
4. **Critical Habitat:** We will require mapped locations and descriptions of critical habitat designations for federal listed Conservation Strategy species.
5. **CALFED Actions to Be Analyzed:** We will need descriptions of proposed CALFED actions to be evaluated in the Conservation Strategy, including conveyance, storage, Water Quality Program, Ecosystem Restoration Program, Water Use Efficiency Program, and Levee System Integrity Program actions. Because CALFED actions are in an ongoing review and revision process, it is important that the team also identify a specific iteration of proposed actions to be evaluated (e.g., actions described as of July 15, 1998) and defer evaluation of subsequent iterations of actions to a later date.

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