

DRAFT -WATER MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT TEAM CHARGE

September 24, 1999

- Evaluate all actions that could be taken in Stage 1 to increase water supplies and their reliability for environmental or ag/urban use or for water quality improvement.
- Develop a framework for the Environmental Water Account and for a Stage 1 Water Management Strategy as part of the broader Water Management Program. This framework should include the following:
 1. Identification of the actions that will be taken in Stage 1 to increase water supplies for environmental or ag/urban use or for water quality improvement
 2. The cost of each action and the sources of funds to offset these costs
 3. Identification of all steps (permits, agreements, securing of funds, etc.) necessary to implement each action
 4. A schedule showing when each of the steps necessary to implement each action would be carried out during Stage 1
 5. Operational constraints that would apply to the use of each action
 6. For each action, an agreement in principle between the entity contracting on behalf of the EWA or the water projects and the entity with direct control of the action setting forth:
 - The general conditions of use
 - Payment for the asset
 - Other relevant matters
 and stating the intent of both parties to complete a more specific agreement as necessary to implement the action

7. Rules that specify how the actions will be allocated among the EWA, water supply, and water quality
8. Overall operating rules for the Environmental Water Account and the Water Management Strategy
9. For the Environmental Water Account, a description of its governance structure, its procedure for making decisions about how to use EWA assets, and identification of the entity that will contract for assets on behalf of the EWA.
10. A description of how the Environmental Water Account and Stage 1 Water Management Strategy will be integrated or coordinated with other programs.
11. Assurances that all parties will receive the Stage 1 benefits intended by this framework.