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The following are my ratings of the proposals discussed in the August 7, 1998 meeting of the technical team.

I. A-1 Determining the pre-screen loss rates at Clifton Court Forebay of species entrained into the State Water Project.

* Rating - High - based on information gained. Our conversation at the team meeting indicated that there was probably a better way to collect the data. The methods suggested should be re-visited.

II. A-2 Evaluation of Pre-Screen Fish Loss at the Skinner Delta Fish Protection Facility Using Wild or Habituated Hatchery Fish.

* Rating - High - addresses criticisms of previous research that affects this program.

III. A-3 Effects of Covering Secondary Screen/Louvers at the Skinner Fish Facility.

* Rating - High.

IV. A-4 Evaluation of the effects of collection and transport on the acute survival of fish at the Skinner Delta Fish Protection Facility with emphasis on delta smelt and splittail.

* Rating - High.

V. A-5 The effects of collection and transport on the long-term survival of chinook salmon at the Skinner Delta Fish Protection Facility.

* Rating - High.

VI. A-6 Monitoring Predation at CVP-TFCP and SWP-SDFPF Release Sites in Response to the release of Salvaged Fish.

* Rating - High.

VII. B-1 - B-4 were for information only at this time.

VIII. C Performance, Behavior and Physiology of Delta Fishes in Two-Vector Flows in a Fish Treadmill. No comment.

IX. Comments on the Bureau of Reclamation's list of Research Ideas/Que

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stions in the March 9, 1998 letter:

* The list of potential ideas/questions was not sufficiently developed to make a review. More specific information on background, methods, expectations and outcomes is needed in order to determine technical merit.

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