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To: CALFED Policy Group

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Subject: Request for Agreement: Affected Environment, No Action Alternative and Cumulative Impact Analysis

There is agreement among the CALFED agencies on the resource categories to describe the Affected Environment, the projects to be used to describe the No Action Alternative and the projects to be used to assess Cumulative Impacts. There is also agreement about the non-project items such as operational and regulatory criteria which are needed to model and further describe both the Affected Environment and the No Action Alternative. However, there is some difference of opinion over how to implement some of these items and characterize others for modeling purposes. For example, we are in agreement that both the Affected Environment and the No Action Alternative should include CVPIA's (b)(-2) water (800,000 acre feet) but there is no agreement on how it is to be implemented or modeled at this time.

We will be seeking acknowledgment of the Policy Group's agreement with the resource categories, the projects and the non-project items at the July 2, 1997 CALFED Policy Group Meeting. We will keep you informed of our progress on how to implement and model some of the non-project items.

Reports on the Affected Environment, No Action Alternative and Cumulative Impact Analysis were sent to the Policy Group, Management Team, and Program Coordination Team (PCT) on May 20, 1997 and June 9, 1997. On June 19, 1997, a PCT Ad Hoc meeting was held to discuss and wrap up our work on these efforts.

Attached for your consideration are:

- Table 1. A summary list of the resource categories to be covered in the description of the Affected Environment;
- Table 2. A list of projects that would be used to describe the No Action Alternative;

**CALFED Agencies**

**California**

The Resources Agency  
Department of Fish and Game  
Department of Water Resources  
California Environmental Protection Agency  
State Water Resources Control Board

**Federal**

Environmental Protection Agency  
Department of the Interior  
Fish and Wildlife Service  
Bureau of Reclamation  
Department of Commerce  
National Marine Fisheries Service

- Table 3. A list of projects for cumulative impact analysis; and
- Table 4. A list of the non-project items to be used to describe and model the Affected Environment and No Action Alternative.

Only Table 4 was modified as a result of comments received on the two reports. Table 5 provides an overview of the comments and recommendations received on the list of non-project items. We will go over these items at the Policy Group meeting. If you have questions or comments, please contact Mr. Rick Breitenbach at (916) 657-2666.

Attachments