



Memorandum

Date: January 23, 1996

To: Program Coordination Team and Extended Review Team

From: Steve Yaeger *S*

Subject: Review of Alternatives

Attached for your review and comment are the following Bay-Delta Program work products:

- Revised core action descriptions - modified to reflect your comments from the December meeting.
- Discussion paper on solution principles - fleshed out definitions and criteria for use of the solution principles in refining and screening of alternatives.
- Summary descriptions (2 pages each) and full descriptions (6 to 10 pages each) of the 20 preliminary alternatives which have emerged from our screening of over 100 initial alternatives.

You probably recall, from our discussions at the December review team meeting, that the core actions are intended to be part of each of the 20 preliminary alternatives. Thus, your review of the alternatives should consider the full alternative in the context of building upon the benefits provided by the core actions.

While the program team and consultant team have directed a great deal of effort toward making the preliminary alternatives balanced between the benefits to each of the Programs' four resource areas, your review will probably note that additional balancing is needed. Some alternatives focus too heavily on exports and others do not provide sufficient discussion of the benefits to water supply reliability. This is true of system vulnerability and water quality also. The specifics of these deficiencies are discussed in more detail in the introduction to the alternatives. The program team and consultant team will continue to

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

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Environmental Protection Agency
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Department of Commerce
National Marine Fisheries Service

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refine and balance the preliminary alternatives, however, our efforts would be greatly aided by your comments and suggestions at this juncture. The specific questions that we would like for you to address in your review are detailed in the introduction to the preliminary alternatives.

We will entertain a lengthy review and discussion of your official comments on the core actions and preliminary alternatives at the January 31 (9:00 a.m.) meeting of the review team. However, since the refinement of alternatives is progressing at a rapid rate, any draft comments that you can fax to us at (916) 654-9780 by COB on Friday, January 26 would greatly aid our progress.

Attachment