

**SCHEDULE OF ISSUES
for Program Managers¹**

**Lead Program
Manager**

12/16 What should the role of watershed management be in the Program?

Rick W.

Watershed Management - While the Program has focused its watershed management activities on the water quality benefits, other benefits can be identified in the areas of water supply, forest management, ecosystem health, etc.

The issue - Should the program focus in watershed management be expanded to address these other potential benefits and if so, what is the appropriate set of ecosystem protections which should accompany this focus?

12/23 None scheduled

12/30 None scheduled

1/6/97 What should be the scope of San Joaquin River water quality actions to be consistent with the adopted problem/solution geographic scope?

Rick W.

San Joaquin River/Valley Water Quality - The high salt content of Delta water which will be exported under alternative 1 and, to a lesser degree, alternatives 2 and 3, will continue to accumulate salt in the San Joaquin Valley and, in particular, the portions of the Valley that are not tributary to the San Joaquin River.

Issue - The geographic scope for problems which the Program will address is confined to water quality degradation in the Delta. The differing benefits which the alternatives provide to long-term salt balance and water quality in the Valley need to be accounted for in the selection of a preferred alternative. How can these benefits be displayed in the Program reports, in the non-tributary areas of the San Joaquin Valley?

¹ Lead Program Managers are requested to prepare a discussion paper for topics in their resource area.

1/13 How can the Program alternatives specifically address area-of-origin concerns? Stein/Mary S.

Area of Origin - Many counties which hold area of origin rights are concerned that the storage elements which we will propose will impact their AO rights. Since most of the concerned counties are on the east side of the Sacramento Valley, physical storage on the east side with provision for added storage at a future date when such counties are built out to the point where they are ready to exercise their AO rights might be a solution. However, offstream storage sights on the east side of the Sacramento Valley are tough to find.

Issue - How can we develop the assurances which will provide an acceptable level of comfort that any water rights which we seek as part of new diversion and storage off the Sacramento River will recognize the AO rights.

1/20 What should be the Program's approach to addressing invasive species? Dick

Introduced Species - The overall health of the fishery has been impacted by the introduction of species from ballast water in the Bay and the gains from new habitat may be negated to a degree if new introductions are allowed.

Issue - How can the existing regulatory authorities of the Federal and State Agencies be coordinated and focused to address the need to control new introductions into the estuary?

1/27 How should the Program address urbanization of Delta islands and the increased risk from system integrity concerns? Curt

Urbanization of Delta Islands - Construction tracts on islands which do not have adequate flood protection pose a public safety threat from rapid, deep flooding.

Issue - Should the common program for system integrity include a recommendation for controlling urbanization in Delta islands which have a high probability of flooding?

2/3 What should be the Program's approach to facilitating water transfers? Stein/Rick S.

Water Transfers - An active water transfer market is a broad water management tool that is not part of the strict definition of efficiency (reduction in irrecoverable losses) and may be questioned as an appropriate water use efficiency tool.

2/10 How should the Program incorporate recreational enhancements/protections in the alternatives? Curt

Recreation - Protection of recreational opportunities and enhancement of these opportunities will be a big concern of the recreation groups which will focus around any of our conveyance elements.

Issue - How best can we include recreational protections and enhancement elements in each of our alternatives?

2/18 How well do the alternatives address durability issues such as sea level change, seismic vulnerability, etc. Zach

Climate Change/Sea Level Rise Impacts on Alternatives - The flexibility of each alternative needs to be analyzed for its ability to accommodate long-term changes which could result from climate change and the resultant hydrologic changes as well as sea level rise.

Issue - How big a role should flexibility to react to CC/SLC play in the evaluation of each alternative?

2/24 What share of the levee maintenance and stabilization costs should be from contributions by land owners? When funding levee stabilization, what level of commitment should be requested from land owners to implement subsidence control and reverse actions? Zach/Curt

What methods should the alternatives employ to address water supply needs of counties contiguous to the Delta? (San Joaquin County, South Sacramento County, Solano County)

Water Supply Needs of Counties that are Contiguous to the Delta - Counties which are part of or abut the Delta (such as Yolo County, San Joaquin County, and South Sacramento County) have expressed a need for additional water supply from the Delta.

Issue - How can the conveyance component be developed so as to provide opportunities to address those needs in a way which is consistent with the Program's geographic scope?