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Subject: Summary of Major Issues

Attached is a brief overview which loosely characterizes some of the major issues that have been identified by agencies, stakeholders, and BDAC members during the initial alternative review process. While many of the comments received focused on specific technical issues (where to put facilities or what to do to benefit a sensitive species) or position staking (i.e., opposing or supporting specific alternatives), many comments focused on identifying those issues which must be resolved in an open manner to gain overall constituency support. These issues are particularly important because they are key in the conceptual development of each of the alternatives. We have identified these as "critical path issues" and hope to facilitate BDAC deliberation on these issues to gain guidance and advice on options for addressing them in the alternative development process.

At the BDAC meeting, we will discuss each of these issues by introducing and characterizing the issue and then soliciting BDAC concerns and comments. We hope to be able to use this information to develop an efficient forum to address these and other potentially critical issues as we move into Phase II of the process.

Attachment

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