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The purpose of this fax is to offer some initial thoughts for your consideration as you draft your motion on CALFED approval of a preferred alternative. As Mike said, we would not know what we had approved if we adopted the current staff version.

There seemed to be BDAC acceptance of the idea of a preamble which would acknowledge the need for more analyses and better definition, and would establish the ground rules and boundaries for further development of the plan and for balancing among competing needs for limited resources. One approach to your motion could be to approve a preferred alternative that included a specified, explicit preamble, providing also that the staff's proposed preferred alternative must be modified as necessary to comply with the preamble.

To further illustrate my suggestion the balance of this fax is a substantially expanded version of a possible preamble. I am confident that you will develop a motion that can move us out of the current impasse.