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To: BDAC Assurances Work Group Participants

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Subject: Memo from Levees and Channels Technical Team

Attached is a summary of discussions from participants of the Levees and Channels Technical Team. As you will recall, the Assurances Work Group asked the Levees and Channels Team to consider assurances related questions surrounding the levee and channel element of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program.

The Assurances Work Group posed the following questions to the Levees and Channels Team:

- How can success be measured for the different elements of the program?
- What elements are important for assuring the Levees and Channels Program?
- What are the major pitfalls to successful implementation of the Levees and Channels Program?
- What conditions are appropriate to assure consistency with and advancement of the Ecosystem Restoration Program for Delta levee improvements above PL 84-99 standards?

Attached is a summary of responses to those questions and additional suggestions and concerns raised by the participants in the Levees and Channels group. This summary does not reflect any position or final decision on levee related assurances. This summary is meant to educate and inform the Assurances Work Group participants in order to help it craft program-wide assurances that satisfactorily address the Levees and Channels Program.

The Assurances Workgroup participants will have an opportunity to ask questions of the CALFED Levees and Channels and Ecosystem Restoration staff in discussing levee and channel related assurances.

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