

Contingency Worksheet for April 28, 1998 Assurances Work Group Meeting

The following is a partial list of potential contingencies (unpreventable circumstances). Using the matrix or continuum line on page 4, the first item, state budget crisis, may affect everything in the Program from individual projects up to overall programmatic oversight. It is a financial contingency as well as an administrative/operational contingency since both on-the-ground actions and management objectives are involved. Effects on the program may be minor or substantive depending on the degree of funding cuts. It is not likely to be catastrophic since the Program will have multiple revenue sources. Catastrophic effects could arise, however, if some state funding was to go to key linked projects or actions and inability to find replacement funding to carry them out halted implementation plans.

Please use the worksheet to think about how the rest of the contingencies might be characterized and use the blank lines at the end of the worksheet to think of others. We will use this and the other scenarios in the memo to discuss and categorize contingency types at the April 28 meeting.

Contingency	Program Level	Program Type	Program Effect
State budget crisis	project; division; programmatic	financial; admin/operational	minor → substantive
Bond default by stakeholder			
Sea level rise makes preservation of Delta islands untenable			
Changed climatic patterns reduce water supplies for environment, water users, or both			
An agreed-to storage facility is blocked by litigation or a new ESA listing			
Monitoring and analysis indicate the X2 water quality standard provides no fishery benefits but is very costly to water users			

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New treatment technology makes urban users indifferent to source water quality, so they pull out of an isolated facility; but fishery agencies feel it is needed for environmental reasons. Who pays?			
Hyperinflation erodes the value of approved bonds			
State or federal agency is not cooperating with implementation			
Hostile executive or legislative actions			
Additional exotic species introductions			
Toxic spill			
Reduced Colorado River water			
Silt-up of storage capacity			
Prolonged drought			
Massive population growth			