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Rebecca,

Yuba County Water Agency's position on Yuba Tools has not changed since my previous communications with Terry Mills.

1. The past Yuba Tools discussion process was not stopped by YCWA. We offered to set up the next meeting but the Yuba Tools party asked to postpone the meeting. We continue to be available to discuss the YCWA flood control study with any interested party.
2. CALFED needs to formally communicate their policy on funding flood control projects. Dick Daniels stated in a public meeting that CALFED did not look at flood control outside the Delta. It would be prudent to clarify this policy before more effort is spent. We request a formal letter on this issue before we decide to spend any money on the Yuba Tools process. This policy statement needs to address at least the following flood control items 1) meadow restoration/riparian improvement, 2) reoperation of existing facilities to increase flood storage capacity or efficiency, 3) trans-basin diversions, 4) relocation of existing facilities in the floodplain, 5) floodplain conservation easements, 6) levee raises or setbacks.
3. There are several flood control studies currently in process. These include the Coprs Comprehensive Sacramento Valley study, the Sutter Basin study and the YCWA Supplemental Flood Control study. To save money the issues in Yuba Tools could be addressed in these flood control studies which would make more efficient use of dollars.
4. Yuba Tools presents information that is biased or inaccurate that needs to be restated so the facts are represented accurately so the review process can make its decision based on good information.

YCWA feels that CALFED needs clarify its policy on funding flood control actions outside the Delta before YCWA can begin making any decision on participating in the process described in Wendy Halverson's Yuba Tools Process letter.

Please call or email me if you have any questions.

Curt Aikens