9/25 - CALFED Mgt. Team

A) Resources

- Need agency resources
- Need more agency staff
  - areas - fishery biol.

* - Would like agencies to consider sending staff
  - need feedback on potential

* Set up meetings w/ agencies to discuss

Screening

- Memo
- proposing - would like local resources and national resources
  - Regional level - Nov. 1
  - National level - ASAP - aim for Dec. 1

Joel - need to ~~send~~
- Nat. level 1) send superv. a letter - 2) requesting support -

No contact has been made at nat. level.

Draft information package
1) had informal discussions
2) would like help.
3) help define problem +

* Draft letter + info. package

Joel would like to talk to be sure these are correct proper

- Joel will let me know - proper people

* Request from Regional Director → local Reg. Director.

B) Restoration Coord.

* 1) - Steering Comm. will make decision on 1996 round of projects

* will ask for help w/ proposal review from agencies

* 2) Eco. Roundtable - letters have gone out appointing Roundtable.

* - first meeting - afternoon of Oct. 24
- Chairman is being pursued.

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- Sustainable ag folks have indicated they wanted seat.

- Restoration Program

- Fund coordinator's meeting
  - Need to do soon!
  - Timing is important

Eco. Roundtable - advisory to CALFED

missed

* - Program document should include language re not predecisional - still needcompliance
- only Priorities - not decisions.

Cat. III treasury.
1) Discussion of options for funding

* - Need to draft a decision paper
* - will be discussed at Cat. III Steering Comm.
* - will bring back for decision

CVPIA white paper

Issues FAC A Comm
1) - Relationship between Roundtable + Eco Group
  - membership overlap
2) Of FACA charter Comm. - may be don't need Eco. Roundtable
3) Where are we headed w/ long term stakeholder involvement

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Do we need FDCA charter group w/ longer term goal.

≈ 5 or 6 people overlap ≈ 1/3
≈ a few organizations - overlap

≈ 11 or 12 people on Rest. Roundtable

Need
Laura - for a separate group. - would be advisory to Bur. + FWS [Fed only]
- want overlap
- needs to be separate for next year or 2
- don't think Eco. Roundtable needs to go away
- priorities would come from CALFED effort

eg - issues - no. of them to be addressed.

example - of differences
- priorities for mgt. of B2 water
- overall priorities can help w/ developing uses for water

Baseline:
Lowell - presentation
- Baseline - for long-term planning
- Jerry - how do transfers fit in?
= baseline is CVP + SWP operations w/ own water
- any new water (purchases) from transfers may have new impacts.

95 Smelt opinion - did recognize a certain level of water transfers.

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- CALFED - needs how system works under existing rules.

meeting w/ Bobker + Fullerton
- agreement conceptually
  what was on table & how to address
  - define Baseline
  - value of Baseline - fall make up
  - fall makeup fight went away - really B_2 water
B_2 water - was problem - mixed issues
Issue - how far can you push to 65%
  - what are rules + criteria to push envelope

- Challenge - can trade off spring protection for fall protection

- Need element of trust
  - this year - misunderstanding - B_2 water messed up - too much impact to Dan Nelson group.
- Need rules + criteria

- Phase II Decision making process

* - Need more detail on Reg framework and how to deal w/.

- Need to be active w/ the development of the preferred Alternative - will be in the process early.

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- If an agency can't endorse a preferred Alt.
  - would be better sooner than later.

Permit coord. Efforts - Frank - Don't call streamlining *

- Had one meeting
- Developed strategy
- 1) Define Permit streamlining
  - Puzzle - 3 pieces - must fit together
  - Permits ⟷ Env. Doc. ⟷ Funding + Engineering
  - All 3 needed for implementation
- 2) Define what streamlining is not
  - not pressuring agencies to do something
  - not running slipshod over laws

Developed strategies to address

- projects w/ broad support
- not sig. cumulative or interrelated impacts
  (i.e. can't streamline permits for Reservoir for eco. water)
- put together permitting handbook
  - currently doing one for CUPIA
- combine projects w/ similar geog. areas + purposes.
- put together straw proposal
  - what would we do!
    - develop steering comm. from agencies.
    - need focussed effort - not part time

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- Funding Activities

- Fed. Bill - tacked onto Presidio Bill
- Only authorization

- San Joaquin -
  Settlement has occurred.

Ops Group
- Need common vocabulary + definitions
- esp. baseline, op. plan, deliveries, export, yield, etc.

S.A ISDP < workshops - Nov. 7+8 / public hearings - Nov. 13+14
- Give Corp. a plan for screening Δ diversions
- will do that Monday
- have written Corp to reopen permit for barriers
- If Old River barrier goes → Grant line must come out.
  - S.A water agency agreed to take Grant line out.

Screens
CVPIA - CVPIA process document out - not program - how they will address screening
- have addressed many issues - criteria; assurances
  permit streamlining
- active program - more than screens - protecting anadromous fish.
- looking for partners
- ~ 5 million/year for screening efforts
- Need to coord. w/ eco. roundtable.
- Final process document by end of Oct.
- AFS working on Assurances - 2 way street.

mtg - on Assurances + criteria

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Issues

- scope of screening efforts is anadromous fish.
  - only in Central Valley
    - broad - can look at ground water pumping to avoid screening impacts.
- screening only existing diversions
  - can couple new diversions w/ old + do screening efforts.

CALFED issue is overall = assurances + criteria development
- can use model developed by CVPIA
- doesn't matter w/ species

Time Value of water
- have been working w/ staff
- AERT meeting next week
- effort to define when water is most impact. to ecosystem + when is best time to divert
- big policy issues will come out of this!

- Target paper - in mail on 16 Oct.
  - PCT red flag review before!