

Bay-Delta Program Issues

Conveyance

- Comparison of alternatives
Have we adequately described how the alternatives perform under the distinguishing criteria? Which alternative performs best according to these criteria?
- Size of Isolated Facility Under Alternative 3
Should Alternative 3 include an isolated facility with a capacity of 10,000 (\pm 2,000) cfs, or a broader range?
- Operational criteria
How should potential changes in operating criteria/standards be described and evaluated?
- Phasing Under Alternative 3
To what extent is phasing appropriate to define and shape the design and operation of Alternative 3?

Storage

- Level of Detail/Range
Is the range and level of detail on storage appropriate? How and when will we better define potential sites?
- Portion for Ecosystem Protection
To what extent should storage be reserved for ecosystem protection?
- Decision Process
Given that there appears to be no "optimal" level of storage, how will we determine a recommended level?

ERPP

- Conceptual models and indicators
How are we addressing the issues raised by the scientific review panel, particularly with respect to the need for conceptual models and indicators?
- Stakeholder/agency comments
How are we addressing the specific comments of the agencies and stakeholders?
- Appropriate Target Levels
- Targets for Striped Bass and American Shad

- Level of protection
Should the Delta levees be rehabilitated to PL 99 standards?
- Levee Maintenance
Should levee maintenance and habitat mitigation requirements be changed?
- Status of Review
What is the status of agency and stakeholder review of this program?
- Dredging
What is the status/potential for reuse of dredged materials for Delta levees and ecosystem restoration projects?

Assurances

- Status
What is the status of the Assurances package?
- Possible need for new entity for ecosystem restoration
Will the Program recommend the formation of a new entity to implement the ERPP?
- Area of origin
Will the Program include assurances under the area of origin statutes?
- HCP/ESA Assurances
Will the Program include an HCP or other ESA assurances?
- Level of Detail
Will the level of detail be adequate to provide meaningful assurances?

Finance

- Costs
What are the estimated costs of the Program elements?
- Need agreement on principles
What principles will be used to determine who pays the costs?
- Financing Plan
Will the next document include a specific financing plan?