

Outcomes from Policy Group Meeting - December 18 - 19, 1997

- Need to identify major issues/concerns that must be resolved in some fashion early next year. One problem is that resolution of issues/concerns in the draft document may depend on what is actually in the draft document.
- Documents that will be produced and circulated
 - Phase II Summary Report
 - Decision Document
 - EIS/EIR
- Need to show improvements from common programs
- Need to identify differences in benefits from common programs and those from storage and conveyance.

Issues Discussion

- Water Quality -- major differences between alternatives - TOC, bromides and salinity.
- Diversion effects of fisheries - How do the actions in the common programs improve fisheries? What level of benefit or negative impact is realized from the Storage and Conveyance components??
- Entrainment - If isolated conveyance is best for entrainment effects of fisheries, which alt. is next best?
- Delta Flow circulation - Which alts. improve flow circulation? Alt. 2 improves more than 1 and Alt. 3 improves downstream flow. Some fisheries staff believe alt. 2 may be good if we can get fish by the screen at Hood. The difference between Alt. 1 and 2 will vary by species - need to look at common programs to see how big a boost the actions gave to the species -- need a THRESHOLD to know when the species will get better. Staging and phasing will be critical !!!
- Water Supply Opportunity - Perception with Alternative 3