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Memorandum

Date: July 15, 1999

To: Federal/State Small Group

From: Mary Selkirk mary

Re: Outcomes/Actions Taken at Federal/State Small Group Meeting, July 6, 1999

Letter to DWR from State Water Contractors and San Luis Delta Mendota Water Authority

Kathy Kelly noted that the State Water Contractors and the San Luis Delta Mendota Water Authority had drafted a letter to Director Hannigan, among others, on SWP and CVP export curtailments. She requested that CALFED agencies draft a collective a response.

Action: Group agreed that CALFED agencies should collaborate on a response letter. Federal and state coordinators Tom Hagler (substituting for Alf Brandt) and Patrick Wright were designated to assemble proposed response language and bring to the Small Group meeting on July 13 for drafting into a response.

Tom Hagler volunteered to contact Interior people in Washington, and to coordinate with Mike Spear and Kirk Rodgers.

South Delta Improvements Package

Discussion of ESA consultation and Assemblymember Machado's request for a draft biological opinion on South Delta.

Action: Patrick Leonard of USFWS committed to get feedback to CALFED by the end of this week, or as early as possible, on further discussions between Machado and USFWS on this request.

July 6, 1999 Outcomes
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Discussion of proposed project-specific environmental analysis for early Stage I South Delta actions.

A.J. Yates raised his concern that the proposed individual EIR/S's would not address the issue of determining cumulative impacts. He did not agree that the programmatic EIR addresses cumulative impacts. He proposed one comprehensive project-specific EIS/R.

Stein Buer requested that the Small Group approve the concept of advancing concurrent environmental studies for the ecosystem actions and for South Delta facilities, while CALFED continues to work on formulating the others.

Concerns were expressed regarding the potential fragmentation of projects and associated environmental documentation. There was concern that individual environmental documentation efforts potentially violate the concept of bundled actions moving together simultaneously.

No action taken. Re-agendized for July 13.

Memo on South Delta

Stein proposed forwarding the memo to Policy Group to memorialize what they agreed to on May 18th. The group noted that language changes subsequent to that date were not incorporated in this memo. They went on to discuss revisions which would be needed before the memo could be finalized.

Decision: The group recommended that the memo not be forwarded, given the group's desire to have the memo reflect developments that have taken place since that time. The group agreed to drop further efforts to finalize this memo, instead relying on the description of the South Delta improvements in the Phase II Report as the most up-to-date description of CALFED's approach on South Delta.