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 Subject: small group discussion
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Hi Mary-- the following reflect my impression of the outcomes of the subjects discussed relative to the south Delta bundle:

Project Purposes: The current draft was distributed for affirmation by the group. However, two concens were raised. Some asked whether the CVP should be included in the project purposes along with SWP. Others asked whether the EWA should be explicitly included in the purposes statement. I believe that it was generally agreed that the EWA should not be explicitly cited in project purposes.

Action: Alf Brandt will follow up with Interior discussions on the implications of including CVP in purposes statement. The Small Group will take the issue up again next meeting, with the goal of a decision, including written concurrence by the Corps acting in its regulatory capacity.

Approval and Signatures for TFF and CCFB screen design: The August 9 version was again distributed.

Action: Agency representatives agreed to each sign a separate copy, and convey to Stein by next week.

Proposed Localized Dredging: Stakeholder concerns about local siltation and consequent loss of access by marinas and landowners was described. Stein asked whether Small Group would support more detailed planning on an interim project to address these concerns, to address potential project impacts and to demonstrate that SWP and CVP were responsive (good neighbors), even if exact cause of siltation could not be established.

Action: Stein was directed to convene a staff level meeting to flesh out the technical details of the proposal, and come back to Small Group next week with more complete info.

Funding for South Delta Associated ERP: Frank Wernette provided a rough breakdown of estimated dollars needed for the next federal fiscal year, totaling about \$700k. It was agreed that this relatively modest sum would be committed to support this effort, but that specifics would be worked out about October 1.

Action: Frank's team will continue with ERP program planning, budgeting, scheduling activities.

Consultation under CESA, ESA: Stein indicated that the SDIT had agreed that informal consultation should resume for the SDI Facilities component of the South Delta bundel, and that the SDIT was the logical forum for this. Small group disagreed with this approach and suggested that "consultation", informal or otherwise should be used carefully. Consultation should be tiered off the MSCS, so SDIT could continue with technical supporting work (impact evaluation, formulation of mitigation) and coordinate with MSCS, but not call this consultation.

Local Ag Screening: Small Group reiterated its decision from last week that the allocation of responsibility for local ag screening should be in accordance with the writeup prepared by USFWS, DFG, and NMFS, which was handed out at the meeting.