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SUMMARY OF STATE STRATEGY FOR
CALFED PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE STAGING PLAN

1. **Water Supply:** No "dip". And, develop a strategy for recovery of water supply lost to the Accord and CVPIA.
2. **Storage:** Strengthen storage actions to include development of new groundwater programs and surface storage. Water conservation, water transfers, conjunctive use and new surface storage are all critical components in meeting California future water needs.
3. **Substage Bundling:** Separate the Stage 1 actions into substages, creating within each substage a balanced group of projects that must move forward together.
4. **Accord Extension and Assurance Package:** Development must begin now to assure that the program will be implemented and operated to provide for no net loss, no uncompensated takings and no actions resulting in added loss through operating rules.
5. **Regulatory Assurances:** Provide ESA and 404 assurances at the time of the ROD for in Delta and upstream diverters that participate in restoration activities.
6. **Water Quality Improvements:** Provide detail for water quality actions that include tangible water quality improvements within Stage 1.
7. **Isolated Facility Decision Process:** Add definition of a decision process for the Isolated Facility to conclude that if public health, fishery recovery standards, or recovery of water supply are not met during Stage 1, that the Isolated Facility will constitute the preferred project alternative.
8. **Water Transfers:** Establish a non-regulatory clearinghouse to simplify and facilitate water transfers.
9. **Protect landowners:** Respect and protect private property rights.