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Lester Snow and Steve Ritchie briefed me on the outcome of the executive level meeting on SDI on 4/20/99 in which the Subteam's two alternatives package was reviewed and discussed. They used the package in which the proposed actions were classified into three columns, labeled Lower San Joaquin River and South Delta, Other Geographic Areas or Stage 1 Bundles, and New Policy Issues Raised. Meeting participants included Mike Spear, Kathy Kelly, Ryan Brodrick, Wayne White, and perhaps others. They reached the following conclusions:

- The South Delta Improvements environmental documentation will tier off the CALFED Programmatic EIR/EIS.
- The need to achieve the flexibility of 10,300 cfs SWP pumping capacity as soon as feasible was reaffirmed.
- CALFED will take on the role of updating the SDI alternatives document and will seek to bring the remaining areas of disagreement to resolution as rapidly as possible. The next iteration of the package should include both a display of the alternative component actions as well as an evaluation of the impacts associated with them, in a readily readable format.
- Since all the alternatives under consideration include the Head of Old River Barrier, it is confusing to refer to barrier and "no barrier alternatives". We should come up with more accurate shorthand alternative labels.

Referring to the draft alternatives package, they agreed on the following changes:

- All actions in the right hand column; New Policy Issues Raised, should be deleted from this package and considered elsewhere in the CALFED Program.

- With one exception, all actions in the middle column should be deleted from this package and considered elsewhere in the CALFED Program. The exception is on page 11, "M2. SWP/CVP Intertie, which should be moved into the left hand column.
- Specific references to funding levels should be deleted on page 12, "H. Component: Agricultural and Wetland Diversion Screening", and on Attachment A, first page of table, "Consolidation, Extension and Screening of Ag Diversions..."
- Provide additional explanation of ERP habitat acreage in south Delta region and justification for additional acreage as part of the two alternatives.