

List of Potential Policy Issues

ISSUE	FORUM/ COMPLETION DATE	PRIORITY
System Integrity		
<p><i>Urbanization of Delta Islands</i> - Construction tracts on islands which do not have adequate flood protection pose a public safety threat from rapid, deep flooding.</p>		PRIORITY B
<p><i>Issue</i> - Should the common program for system integrity include a recommendation for controlling urbanization in Delta islands which have a high probability of flooding?</p>	PCT/BDAC 3-97/ 5-97	
Miscellaneous		
<p><i>Recreation</i> - Protection of recreational opportunities and enhancement of these opportunities will be a big concern of the recreation groups which will focus around any of our conveyance elements.</p>		
<p><i>Issue</i> - How best can we include recreational protections and enhancement elements in each of our alternatives?</p>	PCT/BDAC 1-97/ 2-97	PRIORITY A

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Finance		
<i>Starting Point</i> - All parties in the CALFED process must move forward together. However, is the starting point for each group based on existing conditions, or is some adjustment in existing conditions needed to equalize starting points?	Finance WG/PCT/ BDAC 5-97/ 7-97/ 9-97	PRIORITY C
<i>Capacity</i> - what is the total revenue capacity of the various revenue sources or sectors? What is affordable? What is too much?	Finance WG/PCT/ BDAC 5-97/ 7-97/ 9-97	PRIORITY C
<i>Equity</i> - what is an equitable formula or process for allocating costs or agreeing on cost allocations that are seen as acceptable? What is equitable?	Finance WG/PCT/ BDAC 5-97/ 7-97/ 9-97	PRIORITY C
Ecosystem Health		
<i>Watershed Management</i> - While the Program has focused it's watershed management activities on the water quality benefits, other benefits can be identified in the areas of water supply, forest management, ecosystem health, etc.		
<i>The issue</i> - Should the program focus in watershed management be expanded to address these other potential benefits and if so, what is the appropriate set of ecosystem protections which should accompany this focus?	Ecosystem WG/PCT/ BDAC 12-96/ 1-97/ 2-97	PRIORITY A
Assurances		
<i>Implementation</i> - The Work Group's task is to identify mechanisms to give stakeholders, the public, lawmakers, and agencies confidence that the Bay-Delta solution will be implemented as agreed. Therefore, it is beyond the scope of the group's task to formulate the solution, or assure that an action will yield a particular result.		
<i>Issue</i> - What is the appropriate institution to ensure that over the long term, actions will yield particular results?	AWG/PCT/BDAC 1-97/ 3-97/ 5-97	PRIORITY B

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Once all foreseeable stakeholder concerns have been identified will it be necessary to determine whether every concern must be met with assurances?	AWG/PCT/BDAC 1-97/ 3-97/ 5-97	PRIORITY B
What are the overarching guidelines that ought to govern the selection of a preliminary package of assurances?	AWG/PCT/BDAC 1-97/ 3-97/ 5-97	PRIORITY B
Are there limits on the types of tools or methods that may be used as assurances?	AWG/PCT/BDAC 1-97/ 3-97/ 5-97	PRIORITY B
Once a preliminary package of assurances has been identified, whose task is it to assure that once implemented, program components will yield the results anticipated?	AWG/PCT/BDAC 1-97/ 3-97/ 5-97	PRIORITY B
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<p>Water Quality</p> <p><i>San Joaquin River/Valley Water Quality</i> - The high salt content of Delta water which will be exported under alternative 1 and, to a lesser degree, alternatives 2 and 3, will continue to accumulate salt in the San Joaquin Valley and, in particular, the portions of the Valley that are not tributary to the San Joaquin River.</p>		
<p><i>Issue</i> - The geographic scope for problems which the Program will address is confined to water quality degradation in the Delta. The differing benefits which the alternatives provide to long-term salt balance and water quality in the Valley need to be accounted for in the selection of a preferred alternative. How can these benefits be displayed in the Program reports, in the non-tributary areas of the San Joaquin Valley?</p>	<p>Program Team/PCT/ BDAC 1-97/ 3-97/ 5-97</p>	<p>PRIORITY B</p>
<p>Storage and Conveyance</p> <p><i>Water Supply Needs of Counties that are Contiguous to the Delta</i> - Counties which are part of or abut the Delta (such as Yolo County, San Joaquin County, and South Sacramento County) have expressed a need for additional water supply from the Delta.</p>		
<p><i>Issue</i> - How can the conveyance component be developed so as to provide opportunities to address those needs in a way which is consistent with the Program's geographic scope?</p>	<p>Program Team/Tech Team/PCT 12-97/ 2-97/ 5-97</p>	<p>PRIORITY B</p>
<p><i>Area of Origin</i> - Many counties which hold area of origin rights are concerned that the storage elements which we will propose will impact their AO rights. Since most of the concerned counties are on the east side of the Sacramento Valley, physical storage on the east side with provision for added storage at a future date when such counties are built out to the point where they are ready to exercise their AO rights might be a solution. However, offstream storage sights on the east side wof the Sacramento Valley are tough to find.</p>		

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<p><i>Issue</i> - How can we develop the assurances which will provide an acceptable level of comfort that any water rights which we seek as part of new diversion and storage off the Sacramento River will recognize the AO rights.</p>	<p>Program Team/PCT/ BDAC 12-96/ 2-97/ 5-97</p>	PRIORITY B
Ecosystem Health		
<p><i>Introduced Species</i> - The overall health of the fishery has been impacted by the introduction of species from ballast water in the Bay and the gains from new habitat may be negated to a degree if new introductions are allowed.</p>		
<p><i>Issue</i> - How can the existing regulatory authorities of the Federal and State Agencies be coordinated and focused to address the need to control new introductions into the estuary?</p>	<p>Program Team/PCT/ BDAC 5-97/ 7-97/ 9-97</p>	PRIORITY C
Miscellaneous		
<p><i>Climate Change/Sea Level Rise Impacts on Alternatives</i> - The flexibility of each alternative needs to be analyzed for its ability to accommodate long-term changes which could result from climate change and the resultant hydrologic changes as well as sea level rise.</p>		
<p><i>Issue</i> - How big a role should flexibility to react to CC/SLC play in the evaluation of each alternative?</p>	<p>Program Team/PCT/ BDAC 5-97/ 7-97/ 9-97</p>	PRIORITY C
<p><i>Corps 404 Permit Process</i> - The 404 Permit Process and its special implications for the way that the alternatives are developed and analyzed needs to be considered at every milestone in Phase II.</p>		
<p><i>Issue</i> - How can the Program Team keep the 404 requirements integrated with the Phase II work?</p>	<p>Program Team/PCT/ Mgmt. Team 12-96/ 1-97/ 2-97</p>	PRIORITY A

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