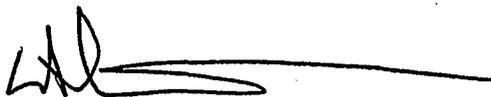


Memorandum

Date: August 5, 1997

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From: Lester A. Snow



Subject: August 15 Briefing for CALFED Policy Group

Each of you is assigned to participate on a team to develop a half day briefing session for the August 15, 1997 meeting of the CALFED Policy Group. Rick Woodard will take the lead.

The main objective of this briefing is to instill a sufficient level of understanding on the part of the Policy Group members to enable us to move toward identification of a Preferred Alternative. The presentation will feature computer projection, and will be designed to accommodate the fact that not all Policy Group members have a high level of familiarity with the Delta estuary and its problems. The presentation will be designed as if I am to deliver it in its entirety, with the understanding that sections of the delivery may be reassigned as the product comes to fruition.

The presentation will be done using a workshop format, and will be interactive in nature.

The briefing should include the following components, in the order shown:

Basic Delta hydrology - How the Delta behaves under certain conditions, influence of Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers on the Delta; wet and dry conditions, salinity intrusion, reverse flow, effects on exporters, influence of storage north and south of the Delta on its tributaries, and off stream storage South of the Delta.

The problems of the Delta - Levee and Channel system integrity, ecological, water quality, and supply reliability.

How the alternatives are intended to solve Delta problems - Focus will be placed on Alternatives 2B and 3B as complete examples of integrated alternatives. Emphasis will be placed on how the alternatives function in their entirety.

How individual components of alternatives may or may not solve specific Delta problems. For instance, the relationship of storage capacity to the ability to provide environmental water, and the potential effect of reduced water circulation in the South Delta.

Discussion of specific issues of importance that are not generally well understood, such as the degree to which Water Use Efficiency does or not result in reduction of Delta water demands.

I would like a draft version of the presentation to be ready for review and discussion at our August 11, 1997 meeting of the Program Managers. Completion of the project will be by COB on August 13, 1997.

I believe this presentation has great importance to our ability to move forward through this critical stage in the Program, and I am depending on each of you to contribute to its success.