



Memorandum

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To: Conservation Strategy Policy Team

From: Lester A. Snow
Executive Director

Subject: (1) Proposed resolution of level of service area impact issue

(2) Conceptual framework of Conservation Strategy and its relationship to implementation of Program actions

SERVICE AREA IMPACTS

The Programmatic EIS/EIR will contain a general discussion of the growth-inducing impacts of increased or more reliable water supplies. The discussion acknowledges that increased or more reliable water supplies may stimulate growth or remove barriers to growth. While the discussion is general and qualitative in nature, it is as detailed as possible considering that the specific location and quantity of new growth caused by the Program is not foreseeable. A draft version of the summary is attached.

CALFED proposes that the level of analysis provided in the Programmatic EIS/EIR suffice for purposes of the USFWS and NMFS. The Programmatic EIS/EIR and the Conservation Strategy can also describe the timing of additional impacts analysis for providing increased water or more reliable water supplies.

CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK

The attached diagram describes the content and purpose of the Conservation Strategy and the process for obtaining take authorization for individual Program actions.

Attachments

CALFED Agencies

California The Resources Agency
Department of Fish and Game
Department of Water Resources
California Environmental Protection Agency
State Water Resources Control Board

Federal



Environmental Protection Agency
Department of the Interior
Fish and Wildlife Service
Bureau of Reclamation
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service
Department of Commerce
National Marine Fisheries Service