



Memorandum

Date: November 29, 1999
To: WMDT Agency Members
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Subject: Draft Water Management Framework

Attached is a draft water management framework produced by Alf Brandt, Steve Macaulay, and Tom Hagler. Please read it over before tomorrow afternoon's meeting so we can discuss it there. It represents a first cut at a framework. As this document was drafted, a number of unresolved issues arose that will require discussion by us. In some cases, the draft framework includes proposals for resolving certain issues, which are intended to promote fuller discussion of the issue.

Particular issue areas that arise include:

Governance: Who will "administer" the tools (i.e. accounting, modeling, determining availability) Who will decide when the EWA and/or water supply reliability tools are employed? Who has "title" to assets after development?

Extent of Framework Detail: Will we be ready to insert a "preliminary distribution" of assets by Tuesday, December 7? How do we address water quality? How do we answer the baseline issue -- no comment, has no impact on tools, set CALFED baseline? How much do we discuss assurances -- commit to all sides taking risk, set a bar for reconsultation, propose assurance objectives? How much will assets be refined -- cost estimates, development responsibility assignment, specific potential groundwater projects? Can we agree on EWA/reliability objectives for tools? (Currently, we have the objectives for modeling.) How explicit do we want to make the connection between (b)(2) and distribution of tools?

Finance: Who will pay for implementing the tools? Who are the beneficiaries of EWA and water supply reliability tools? Will public appropriations finance their creation, allowing for repayment by the user of the tool? Are the EWA tools funded completely by public appropriations? Will the water users get access only if they pay the full cost?

Next Steps: For those issues where we provide little detail, how and when will we resolve those details? (The current draft suggests a straw proposal due in February.)

Attachment

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