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Frank, these few comments on the Economics sections related to fish, wildlife and recreation are from Kent Nelson of my staff. In addition to these comments, I have some hard-copy comments on the Cultural Resources section. The comments were prepared by Bob Orlins, Archeologist with DWR. I will put his comments in the mail directly to you at CALFED. Let me know if you have any questions.
Dale H-F

From: knelson@water.ca.gov
Date: 23 Jul 97
Subject: CALFED Comments
To: dalehf

Dale,

I have reviewed two CALFED technical documents that will support the development of the PEIR/S:

1. Fish, Wildlife, and Recreation Economics
Affected Environment
Technical Appendix
2. Fish, Wildlife, and Recreation Economics
Environmental Impacts -
July 1, 1997 Draft

My comments relate only to those sections addressing the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Region.

GENERAL COMMENTS

1. Ecosystems around the world with high intrinsic and aesthetic values tend to attract global recognition and attention. Much of this attention manifests itself through tourism and

recreation. Many of the elements of the common programs will, when implemented, yield a Delta which is higher in intrinsic and aesthetic value, and should produce higher recreation visitor-days. This concept will apply regardless of which alternative is evaluated and selected. The variation in overall economic value between the alternatives will depend on the final combination of amenities offered by each. I don't think this concept is well represented in the reports.

2. The reports itemize the benefit of expanded floodplains for waterfowl. However, those alternatives that include expanded floodplains do not recognize the benefits to fisheries, threatened and endangered species and other wildlife resources. These benefits will increase consumptive and non consumptive recreation uses in the Delta. (Alternatives 2D, 2E and 3H)

3 There are a lot of "uncertain and unknown" economical effects associated with many of the alternative actions. What is being done to resolve these uncertainties? How will a preferred alternative be selected if there are so many unknowns?

SPECIFIC COMMENTS: "Fish, Wildlife, and Recreation Economics Environmental Impacts"

1. Page 3, Levee System Integrity, =B61: Public access to privately maintained flood control levees can result in disturbance to protective armoring, increased fire risk, destruction of levee habitat, and vandalism to adjacent private properties. Adequate patrolling of the Delta's hundreds of miles of levees would be extremely difficult.

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