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Technical Report

As was discussed at the July 23 Vegetation and wildlife group meeting, I agree with the general point that it is difficult to differentiate the level or degree of impact among the alternatives. Tables 5.1-1, 5.1-2 and 5.1-3 are a good start at illustrating the differences of the environmental impacts. I believe that the CALFED consultants said at the meeting that they would develop some sort of summary table that would further illustrate the difference in environmental impacts. I think this is a good idea.

If the plan is to present the results of the environmental analysis in the EIR/S as a "Consumer Reports" table of empty, filled or half filled circles, I would suggest that that effort begin now. This Technical Report could be the basis for establishing which ranking is selected for each alternative in each impact category. The Tables could then be analyzed and any categories for which the alternatives ranked equally could be eliminated. A summary table could be assembled that would show the differences of impacts caused by each alternative. By involving agency representatives in this process you could facilitate agency acceptance of the results.

Thanks for having a meeting to discuss this document, it was quite helpful for me.