

No Action Alternative	Storage and Conveyance			Other Programs	Preferred Program Alternative
	Alternative 1	Alternative 2	Alternative 3		
<b>Agricultural Land and Water Use</b>					
Shifts in production from field crops and grains to fruits and vegetables are expected to occur.	Prime and unique farmland and other agricultural lands would be converted to other uses, and potential conflicts between proposed actions and regional land use plans and policies could occur. Storage facilities could increase the amount of water available for agricultural production.	Impacts would be similar but more pronounced than those associated with Alternative 1. Dredging to increase conveyance reduces the amount of land that setback levees require. Dredging spoil disposal could occur on agricultural lands.	Impacts would be similar but more pronounced than those associated with either Alternatives 1 or 2.	The Ecosystem Restoration Program would convert agricultural lands to other uses in the Delta, Sacramento River, and San Joaquin River Regions. The Water Quality Program would result in improved water quality of irrigation water, higher crop yields, and greater crop selection flexibility. Retirement of lands in the San Joaquin River Region could significantly affect up to 45,000 acres of agricultural land. The Levee System Integrity Program would convert Delta Region farmland but provide greater protection to farmland from flooding and salinity intrusion.	Changes in operations may affect agricultural land and water use in the San Joaquin River Region and SWP and CVP service areas.

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Table 8.1-1. Revised Summary Comparison of Environmental Consequences (Continued)