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hopefully, attached, also faxed to you Campbell 4:59 PM 3/22/00

NRCS comments:

Chapter 4: The tables are very helpful. A few totals and some white space between them would be good, ie.:

Table 4-2, total the totals

Table 4-4, space between the alternatives

Is there a table that shows all of the program alternatives by acre, such as Table 4-4, that can be compared then to Table 4-4 for an easy summation of what is intended, and for clarity as to how much is actually on Important Farmland. I totaled ERP acres in Table 4-2 and then checked Table 4-4 which doesn't equal the same, so some potential impact area must be on farmlands that are not in the "Important Farmland" category. If the proportion that is in this category were easily distinguishable, we may be able to more graphically explain that CALFED is trying to avoid "Important Farmlands".

4.3.1 last bullet on page 4-13: there must be a missing concept, does this refer to floodplain easements that allow for continued agricultural use? If not, what would CALFED be renewing?

4.3.2: page 4-14, second line, "retried" should be "retired".

Chapter 10: no comments

Implementation Plan:

Page 1, third paragraph, third underlined sentence, add "important farmland".

Please make the changes sent 3/9 for action items 1, 7, 23, 29, 30, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82.

Delta Levee Emergency Management and Response Plan: I am not sure if this is intended to be edited or not, if it is, then NRCS should be added under 2.a. Federal Assistance on page 5. NRCS has authority under the Emergency Watershed Protection program (Section 216 of PL 81-516 and Section 403 of PL 95-334) to assist with emergency recovery efforts in a declared disaster.

Congress provides funds each year, and supplemental funds are often made available to respond to major disasters. NRCS technical and financial assistance is secondary to assistance from FEMA and from the CORE, and is coordinated through them and through the State designated agencies with the local sponsors who are usually the local county flood control district or Board of Supervisors.

Water Quality Program Plan:

5.3.3. pages 5.3-8 and -9, and -11, the bulleted items, can't we use "may" instead of "can"?

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