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Subject: species goals -Reply

Marti,

Re: Species designations & conservation measures.

1. Mason's lilaeopsis:

As far as I and botanists are concerned, Mason's lilaeopsis potentially will be impacted significantly. More importantly, the range of the species is w/i the CALFED area, and thus, CALFED actions likely have the species fate in their control-- thus R.

Mason's lilaeopsis has been one of the most visible of delta plants with regards to conservation effort or lack of. It is not stable or increasing in #, habitat quality, or any other measure of species viability. In addition, if ERP does not take action for conservation, other common programs (levee maintenance, water transfer) are likely to greatly contribute to the decline of lilaeopsis.

2. Conservation measures highlighted in the JSA table:

I have distributed Pete Rawling's table to DFG biologists that took part in the MSCS workshops or with expertise in one or more of the R/r taxa.

To the person, they have shared that each measure in that table is essential for the basic protection of the given taxon.

In addition, it has been brought to my attention that ERP still does not contain conservation measures [recommendations/comments] shared with CALFED prior to the MSCS initiative. I have yet to hear from biologists regarding the fishes.

Thus, as I have maintained before, we need to include all the measures in either the MSCS or ERP. In addition, it is my hope that DFG will have the time to compare Pete's table, the tables in the draft MSCS, and the tables produced from the expert meetings to determine if essential measures from the expert tables have not made it into the draft MSCS or Pete's review.