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Revised Phase II Report Comments

This is in follow-up to Mr. Lester Snow's request to review the Phase II Report and provide comments through you in advance of your meeting with Mr. Snow on May 24, 1999. The Department of Fish and Game has reviewed the Phase II Report and offers the following attached comments. Our comments cover policy and technical issues. Comments with policy implications are denoted by a **P** in the right hand column of the attached table. Those same policy related issues are summarized below with a reference to the specific tabular comments.

- **Clarification of the Environmental Water Account-** The Department recommends significant changes to the characterization of the EWA so that it more accurately reflects the potential benefits and limitations of this water management tool to helping restore the health of the Bay-Delta's aquatic resources.
(Comments 8, 18, 33, 35, 38, 43, 47, 48, 60, 64, 66, 69, 76, 78)
- **Incorporation of the Suisun Marsh Levees in the Preferred Program Alternative-** Several comments were made requesting changes that reflect policy decisions to incorporate the Suisun Marsh levees in the Preferred Program Alternative.
(Comments 10, 14, 20, 45, 74, 75)
- **Benefits of Delta Conveyance System Alternatives-** The Department recommends several modifications that reflect our position that several of the alternatives for conveyance through the Delta to do not inherently decrease the detrimental effects of water management on the ecosystem. (Comments 19, 73)
- **Potential Conflict between ERP and Water Quality-** Implementation of certain ERP actions such as restoration of tidal wetlands may conflict with efforts to seek water quality improvements particularly for urban users. We recommend language to ensure the goals of the ERP are not compromised. (Comment 29)
- **Recommendation from Stakeholders on Habitat along the Sacramento River in the Delta-** The Department highlights a need to explicitly decide whether or not this recommendation will be used. (Comment 77)

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- **Elements of North Delta Improvements-** The Department recommends that elements listed for improvements in the North Delta be clarified, their interrelationship described, and made consistent with recent policy decisions. (Comment 81)

This concludes our comments. If you have any questions or need clarification on any of these issues please feel free to contact me at 916-653-7556.

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