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Attached is the updated list of decisions and actions discussed at the Principals Workshop last week. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Best regards,

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**Governance and Adaptive Management**

**Finalized**      **Governance and adaptive management structure as expressed in the decision table language and principles.**

1. Maria Rea and Laura King Moon will update the decision table to reflect agreement. Done.
2. Laura King Moon, Carl Wilcox, Maria Rea and Mike Chotkowski to work with attorneys to finalize Chapter 7 and Chapter 3.6 based on decisions made as expressed in the decision table. Chapter revisions do not need to be completed prior to announcement on July 25<sup>th</sup>.
3. Karla Nemeth will draft a narrative document to explain governance and adaptive management – merging the “Governance 101” document with the decision table. Due by July 10.

**Decision Tree**

**Finalized**      **Decision tree approach and policy paper.**

**Finalized**      **The decision trees will focus on three issues (a) Fall Outflow for CM1, (b) Spring Outflow for CM1 and (c) Entrainment.**

1. ICF, Laura King Moon, Carl Wilcox, Maria Rea and Mike Chotkowski will work to more precisely define “Entrainment.”
2. ICF, Laura King Moon, Carl Wilcox, Maria Rea and Mike Chotkowski will work to identify the adaptive range for each branch of the decision tree.
3. ICF, Laura King Moon, Carl Wilcox, Maria Rea and Mike Chotkowski will work to recommend how the effects analysis will be performed.
4. ICF, Laura King Moon, Carl Wilcox, Maria Rea and Mike Chotkowski will compare combined species 5 operations to three decision trees and other operations to be included in the analysis.

This working group will determine due dates for these assignments.

**Biological goals and objectives**

**Finalized**      **Delta Smelt Biological Goals and Objectives  
Steelhead Biological Goals and Objectives  
Sacramento Splittail Biological Goals and Objectives  
Green Sturgeon Biological Goals and Objectives  
White Sturgeon Biological Goals and Objective**

1. Carl Wilcox, Laura King Moon, Maria Rea and Mike Chotkowski will work to finalize biological goals and objectives for longfin smelt during the week of July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Target for completion: July 9<sup>th</sup>.

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2. Will Stelle and Maria Rea to lead effort to address salmonid biological goals and objectives.
  - a. Ask other agencies and ICF to review Maria Rea's power point presentation on salmonids.
  - b. Prior to July 13<sup>th</sup> lead a working group session on a review and discussion of the NMFS salmonids presentation, for the purpose of providing input to NMFS prior to delivery of technical memo on July 13<sup>th</sup>. Michael Schiewe to participate.
  - c. Lead a Principals conference call during the week of July 16<sup>th</sup> to decide how to address BGOs for salmonids and make judgment as to how to use the information.
  - d. Laura King Moon / Karla Nemeth / Letty Belin are to decide whether it is advisable to release some BGOs without also, at the same time, releasing the salmonid BGOs.
3. Karla Nemeth agreed to prepare an executive summary of Chapter 3 – biological goals and objectives. Due by July 10<sup>th</sup>.

**In-river diversion decisions**

- Finalized**      **The proposed project will authorize construction, testing and operations of 9,000 cfs of new diversions, with three separate units totaling 9,000 cfs.**
- Finalized**      **The diversions will apply an agreed upon composite performance standard for survival of passing juvenile salmon, accounting for direct and indirect mortalities.**
- Finalized**      **The diversions will apply the NOAA fish screen design and operating criteria.**
- Finalized**      **The performance standards specified above will be enforceable terms of the permit.**
- Finalized**      **Once an engineering firm has been engaged to design the fish screen / diversion, a workshop will be organized to bring together top fish screen experts from a wide array of sources, to facilitate design of the best possible structures.**
- Finalized**      **Convene a science / engineering forum to discuss the design and building of these fish screens / diversions.**

**Finance**

- Finalized**      **No additional documents are required. Significant work on costs and finance need to be accomplished following the July 25<sup>th</sup> announcement and before this fall's release of a public proposal.**
- Finalized**      **A webinar will be scheduled to provide an update on the Sunding study. Jerry Meral to determine if feasible to do on Thursday, July 5<sup>th</sup> or at a later date.**

**Other elements contributing to the Co-Equal Goals and the Delta**

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Two themes were considered as organizing principles: (1) the Delta is not the sole source of water for south of Delta and (2) BDCP is not the sole source of species recovery.

**Finalized**      **Don Glaser, working with Mark Cowin, Jerry Meral and Mike Connor, will take the lead in writing this up. Will be ready for July 10<sup>th</sup> NGO meeting.**

- 1. Organize the discussion into four to five programmatic ideas / areas around the two key themes.**
- 2. Mark Cowin will follow up with the contractors on urban conservation goals.**
- 3. David Hayes and Mike Connor will review potential federal commitments using existing / authorized programs.**
- 4. Don Glaser, working with Mark Cowin's team, will prepare a five page outline.**
- 5. There was a general consensus to connect the funding with existing program delivery vehicles [e.g., State's Integrated Water Resource Management Program, Reclamation's Water Smart program]**

**Schedule**

To provide for timely completion of the BDCP planning process, the Effects Analysis and environmental documentation should incorporate work already completed to the greatest extent possible. Existing analysis will be augmented as needed to provide for an adequate administrative record, with consideration to additional analysis that might be completed between public draft and final versions of the BDCP. We will need a proposed work plan and budget for additional work needed to support a final decision.

**Definition of the Area of Impact will be discussed during lead agency phone call next week.**