Central Valley Project Improvement Act – Program Review

CVPIA Program Activity Review

Working Group

April 3, 2006





Agenda

- Introductions & Agenda Review
- Working Group Process
 - Purpose, Ground Rules, and Roadmap
- Matrix Review Program Descriptions
 - Flows
- Refining Performance Goals
 - Preliminary Completion Binning
 - Grouping for Discussion
 - Progress and Performance
 - Priorities for Discussion
- Section 3407
 - Issues and Perspectives
- Example Performance Goals
- Wrap-up
 - Action Items
 - Next Meetings
 - Review

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Draft Purpose Statement

- The purpose of the Central Valley Project Improvement Act (Act) Program Activity Review is to define completion criteria, clarify performance goals, and assess the status and progress of the Section 3406 and 3408 provisions of the Act.
 - The Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) and Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) will conduct this Program Activity Review with other federal, tribal, and state agencies, stakeholders, and other interested parties.
- Reclamation and the Service will prepare a document summarizing the results of the Program Activity Review by July 2006.
 - The document will contain: implementation status and achievements to date; summarized perspectives and conclusions; and recommendations.

Ground Rules

Participate Fully

- Ask for what you need from the meeting process and participants
- No cell phones, pagers, voicemail, etc.

Honor Time Constraints & Deadlines

- Use agendas to stay organized
- Keep comments and discussion concise
- Stay focused on the topic Use the parking lot for other issues

Respect Each Other

- Listen carefully to other participants
- Respond to ideas and issues, not individuals

Support Constructive Discussion

- Build on the positive history of working together
- Suggest improvements and solutions
- Build on others' ideas Use "and" instead of "but"

Support Responsible External Communication

- Inform and involve your managers in this process (and be cognizant of others' constraints)
- Be consistent (seek agreement on messages as a group)
- Represent the group positively (don't take storm clouds external)
- Bring issues and challenges to this group first

CVPIA Program Activity Review

Confirm &
Refine
Performance
Goals

Document
Existing
Performance
Goals
(Act & Program)

Assess
Progress
&
Performance

Identify
Steps to
Completion
&
Prepare
Report

Establish
Ongoing
Review
Process

Clarify Agency Interpretation of Section 3407

March

April

May

June

July

Matrix – Program Descriptions

EXISTING GOALS

- Complete Matrix
 - Act Language
 - Program/Agency Definitions
- Identify Gaps
 - Outputs
 - Outcomes
 - Metrics
 - Targets
 - Timeframes

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Matrix – Program Descriptions

Flows

- b(1)(B) Modified Operations
- -b(2) 800,000 AF
- b(3) Water Acquisition
- b(7) Flow Standards
- b(8) Short Pulses
- b(9) Flow Fluctuation

Inactive Programs

Inactive Programs

- b(6) Shasta TCD
- b(17) ACID
- b(19) Reservoir Storage
- b(20) GCID
- b(22) Ag Waterfowl
- d(6) Private Wetlands (discussed with Refuge Programs)
- (e) Supporting Investigations
- (f) Fisheries Impact Report
- (i) Water Conservation
- (j) Water Augmentation

Refining Performance Goals

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PERFORMANCE GOALS

- Group & Prioritize
- Consider Gaps in Matrix
- Develop Recommendations

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Completion "Binning" Exercise

- "Straw Vote" on Group Agreement on Completion
 - Assign each program activity to one of three bins:
 - Complete
 - Not Complete
 - Needs Further Discussion
 - Based on your view of completion
 - If you see one located in a bin you disagree with, move it to the "Needs Further Discussion Bin"
 - This is only a preliminary exercise to see where we are as a group
 - No talking

Grouping Program Activities

Considerations

- Progress and Performance
 - Progress How do we know when we are done?
 - Performance How do we know if we have done it well or succeeded?
- Completion "Binning"
 - Defers discussion and documentation for those program activities we agree are complete
- Output type
 - We haven't established clear definitions (except "Reports")
- Purpose/Outcome Type
 - Doesn't appear very useful for grouping
- Timeframe Annual/Ongoing vs. Long-term/Time Certain
 - Appears useful for grouping in Progress discussion
- Output and Outcome
 - Appears useful for grouping in both Progress and Performance

Reports

- Reports, Studies, and Investigations
 - b(9) Flow Fluctuation
 - c(1) San Joaquin River Comprehensive Plan
 - c(2) Stanislaus & Calaveras
 - d(6) Private Wetlands
 - (e) Supporting Investigations
 - (f) Fishery Impacts
 - 3408(j) Water Augmentation
- Output determines completion
- Outcome not applicable
 - Future direction or authorization required

Measuring Progress

Annual

Long-term/Time Certain

	 •b(1)(B) – Modified Operations •b(2) – 800,000 AF •b(3) – Water Acquisition •b(13) – Gravel •b(16) – CAMP* 	 •b(4) – Tracy Pumping Plant •b(5) – Contra Costa PP •b(6) – Shasta TCD •b(10) – Red Bluff •b(11) – Coleman
Output	 •b(22) – Ag Waterfowl •b(23) – Trinity •d(1) – Refuge Level 2 •d(2) – Refuge Level 4 •d(3) – Refuge Wheeling •(g) – Eco/Water Ops Models* 	•b(15) – Old River Barrier •b(16) – ACID •b(20) – GCID •b(21) – AFSP •d(5) – Refuge Facilities •3408(h) – Land Retirement •3408(i) – Water Conservation
Outcome	 b(7) – Flow Standards b(8) – Pulse Flows b(14) – Delta Cross Channel b(19) – Carryover Storage* 	 b(1) - AFRP b(1) other - HRP b(1) other - SJRRR b(12) - Clear Creek* b(18) - Striped Bass

Beige = Outcomes determine quantity & design White = Outcomes determine design only

Completion Considerations

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COMPLETION CONSIDERATIONS

- Agency Management Guidance
- Working Group Discussion
- Recommended Strategy for Completion Criteria

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Terminology & Definitions

Language from CVPIA Section 3407

"That upon the completion of the fish, wildlife, and habitat mitigation and restoration actions mandated under section 3406 of this title, the Secretary shall reduce the sums described in paragraph (c) (2) of this section to \$35,000,000 per year (October 1992 price levels) and shall reduce the annual mitigation and restoration payment ceiling established under this subsection to \$15,000,000 (October 1992 price levels) on a three-year rolling average basis."

Example Performance Goal --Annual, Output

- b(2) 800,000 AF
 - Measure
 - AF of CVP yield dedicated and managed for fish, wildlife and habitat
 - Target
 - 800,000 AF
 - Timeframe
 - Annual, ongoing
 - Reporting
 - Annual amount of CVP yield dedicated for fisheries purposes
 - Completion
 - Target met each year

Example Performance Goal --Annual, Outcome

- b(14) Delta Cross Channel
 - Measure
 - Number of eggs, larvae, and juvenile striped bass lost at Delta Cross Channel and Georgiana Slough (to be developed)
 - Target
 - TBD
 - Timeframe
 - Annual, ongoing
 - Reporting
 - Annual number lost
 - Completion
 - Target met each year

Example Performance Goal --Long-term, Output

- b(6) Shasta TCD
 - Measure
 - Number of operating temperature control devices at Shasta Dam
 - Target
 - One
 - Timeframe
 - Target completion date
 - Reporting
 - Annual progress reporting until project implemented
 - Completion
 - 1997

Example Performance Goal --Long-term, Outcome

- b(1) AFRP
 - Measure
 - Natural production of Chinook salmon in the Central Valley
 - Target
 - Double the average level attained in 1967-1991
 - Timeframe
 - TBD
 - Reporting
 - Annual (?) reporting or natural production numbers
 - Completion
 - Target met for some period of years (TBD)

Action Items

- Working Group Participation
 - DWR, NCWA, NRDC, others?
- Talking Points
- Glossary of Terms
- Availability of Working Group Materials
 - Web site current through 3/16
- Tribal Consultation/Coordination

Wrap-up

- Next Meetings
 - April 13 (cancelled)
 - April 17
 - April 25
- Meeting Review (+Δ)