"Water Supply and Flow Track" Approach YRBWEP 2009 Work Group

- 1) Develop **goal statements** for the Integrated Package (*August 26/September 8*) (5 -10 statements; specific enough to guide choices; general enough to promote creative problem-solving)
- 2) Develop a complete list of "candidate" projects/actions arranged by the five elements of the state EIS related to supply/flow: surface storage, ground water storage, conservation, market allocation and structural/operational changes. Characterize benefits, limitations, costs and other relevant information. (August 26/September 8) (Draw from all five elements. Allow limited nomination of additional project variants not specifically listed in the state
- 3) Workshop (September 8 and 23).
 - a.) Form three breakout groups (each with a facilitator). From the lists of projects/actions, each group will be assigned to **assemble an Integrated Package of projects/actions that serve the <u>overall goals</u> defined in Step 1 above. Each group will also summarize the discussions that led to their package.**
 - b.) Compare and contrast the three Integrated Packages. Determine whether to: i) pick one to advance; ii) combine the three into a new Integrated Package; or iii.) retain all three packages for further consideration.
 - c.) Identify key unknowns or uncertainties.
- 4) Consultant team work with work group, Reclamation and Ecology to propose how to **address key unknowns/uncertainties**. (*September/October*)

 (Note: analysis/studies should not delay a 2009 recommendation. The recommendation may need to include further studies along with recommended projects/actions).
- 5) Integrate the Supply/Flow package with similar packages from the two other tracks (Reservoir Fish Passage and Habitat Enhancements). Work group to propose a **fully Integrated Package or packages** (now with all seven elements). (*October/November*)
- 6) Consultant team work with Reclamation and Ecology to validate and document the factual basis and expected benefits of the full Integrated Package (or packages). Provide initial cost estimate for the package (and identify where cost refinements are needed). Address unknowns/uncertainties as decided above. Prepare written summary of draft package. (*November/December*)
- 7) Work group review findings (written summary). **Select a single Integrated Package**. Modify package(s) as needed and **consider for recommendation**. (*November/December*)
- 8) **Refine Summary Report,** including cost estimates. (*November/December*)
- 9) **Develop Implementation Plan**, including timeline for carrying out individual projects/actions in the final Integrated Package. Include near-term and long-term timelines. (*By End of Spring 2010*)

