

Attachment B

Actions to Be Evaluated and Further Defined in the Strategic Workplan

1. The Water Boards will take actions to address salinity issues in the Bay-Delta and upstream areas including: (1) develop and implement CV-SALTS, a comprehensive long-term salinity management program for the Central Valley; (2) act on DWR's request to change Order WR 2006-0006; (3) enforce the southern Delta salinity objectives and take other corrective actions; and (4) pursue a contract to review the southern Delta salinity objectives in the Bay-Delta Plan. In the strategic workplan, the Water Boards staff will propose for the State Water Board's consideration the scope of a basin planning and water right process to review and, as appropriate, amend the southern Delta salinity objectives or their implementation, while ensuring that agricultural uses are protected, and allocate responsibility for meeting the objectives. These actions are in addition to the TMDL actions discussed in Attachment A.
2. The Water Boards will assess the pelagic organism decline (POD) synthesis report, the revised delta smelt biological opinion, and other information regarding the POD. The State Water Board held a workshop in January of 2008 to identify specific actions that should be taken to address the POD. As part of the strategic workplan, the Water Boards staff will propose for the State Water Board's consideration a timeline to review and amend, as appropriate, the Bay-Delta Plan to provide additional protection to pelagic organisms and other species and, following notice and opportunity for hearing, water rights permit or license requirements. The Water Boards will also implement other water quality actions based on this assessment. Short term actions will be taken as appropriate.
3. The Water Boards will assess DFG's San Joaquin River salmon escapement model, VAMP data and information, and other information regarding San Joaquin River flows needed to protect beneficial uses. The State Water Board will hold a workshop in summer of 2008 on San Joaquin River flow issues. As part of the strategic workplan, the State Water Board staff will propose for the State Water Board's consideration a timeline to review and, as appropriate, amend the San Joaquin River flow objectives or their implementation.
4. Through the strategic workplan, the State Water Board will consider a proceeding to: (1) protect public trust resources and balance competing demands for water in and from the Bay-Delta; and (2) evaluate the reasonableness of the SWP's and CVP's method of diversion from the Delta.