"EWA assets will be managed by the state and federal fishery agencies (FWS, NMFS, DFG) in coordination with project operators and stakeholders, through the CALFED Operations Group." (Page 22; Framework for Action)

"Management Agencies and Project Agencies shall participate in the CALFED Ops Group to report regularly on the EWA's operations, to help resolve issues that may arise, and to communicate with stakeholders. Whenever issues affecting the interests of non-signatory parties arise, such parties shall be afforded the opportunity to fully participate in the resolution of these issues." (Page 5. Operating Principles Agreement)

"The CALFED Science Program will convene a scientific panel familiar with the EWA and its operations. The Management Agencies and Project Agencies will keep this panel informed on a monthly basis through the CALFED Ops Group reporting process." (Page 3. Operating Principles Agreement)

Asset Acquisitions
Environmental Water Account

Action Description	Water Availability Annually (Avg.)
SWP Pumping of (b)(2)	40,000 acre-feet
EWA Use of Joint Point	75,000 acre-feet
Export/Inflow Ratio	30,000 acre-feet
500 cfs SWP Pumping Increase	50,000 acre-feet
Purchases – South of Delta	150,000 acre-feet
Purchases – South of Delta Groundwater and Storage (One-Time Purchase)	200,000 acre-feet
Lease South of Delta Surface Water	100,000 acre-feet
Purchases – North of Delta	35,000 acre-feet
Total	680,000 acre-feet

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Environmental Water Account Update
September 26, 2000

Note: Please refer any questions or comments on this update to Leo Winternitz at lwintern@water.ca.gov; tel. No. (916) 653-0758.

Summary of Activities to Date

The objective of the EWA Team's negotiations with the water agencies is to have an operable EWA in place by December 2000.

Water Acquisitions

- Metropolitan Water District – The EWA Team is nearing agreement with MWD for lease of up to 200 TAF, (depending on water year type and subsequent SWP allotment) principally for demand shift purposes. A meeting is scheduled for September 27 to develop a final draft agreement. Objective is to have an agreement for MWD Board approval during their meeting scheduled for either October or November.

- Yuba County Water Agency – The EWA Team has met twice with Yuba County Water Agency for north of Delta purchases. Another meeting is scheduled for September 26 at 1 PM. Options for amounts of water, transfer strategies and projections of water availabilities are being developed. A significant uncertainty is a pending State Board decision on instream flow requirements that would be imposed on the YCWA.

- Kern County Water Agency – The EWA Team met with Kern County Water Agency and representatives from 17 other water districts in Bakersfield last August 28. Purpose of the meeting was to better understand Kern County water supplies, districts and operations, including constraints under which an EWA would have to operate, and to have them understand EWA needs. KCWA is preparing a proposal containing potential water acquisition options for water year 2001. It is due shortly, expected this week. A meeting has been tentatively scheduled on October 3 to discuss options and develop an agreement.

- Sacramento North Area Groundwater Management Authority (SNAGMA) and American River Basin Cooperating Agencies (ARBCA) – A first meeting with this group was held September 1. Purpose is to acquire surface or groundwater and groundwater storage options north of the Delta, primarily for the drier periods. The concept of banking and exchange was favorably accepted and a proposal is now being developed by the local participating agencies. A draft proposal will be ready for review in early October. A second meeting with this group is scheduled for October 10.

- Oroville-Wyandotte Irrigation District – Two meetings have been held with this District. The District is bringing a proposal to their Board this week for sale of 10 TAF north of Delta water to the EWA this fall.

- Friant Water Users – A meeting with this group has been scheduled for September 29.

- Vidler Water Company – Vidler may have storage south of the Delta available for EWA uses. A meeting with Vidler to discuss storage space and whatever water may be available is scheduled for October 12.

- A Request for Proposal describing water acquisition needs for the EWA was mailed to all State Water Contractors September 13. A similar request will be mailed to Federal Contractors by the USBR.

- Contacts with other water agencies will continue in search for EWA assets. Currently on the list are San Bernandino County Water District, and Santa Clara Valley (for source-shifting). The EWA Team's priorities are completing negotiations with MWD, Kern, and Yuba.

Budget Change Proposal

A Budget Change Proposal for developing and implementing the State elements of the EWA has been prepared. The BCP includes costs for water and storage acquisitions, power use, contracts, and staffing resources.

EWA Operations

EWA representatives, along with CVPIA (b)(2) representatives met with SWP and CVP operators met for the third time at a meeting on September 22 to continue developing a Water Year 2001 Operations Plan. Many issues were discussed and many outstanding issues remain. The EWA Team will attempt to resolve issues with Project Operators as development continues. Unresolved issues will be flagged for management.

Coordination Activities

- EWA Point Person meeting –EWA Team meetings are scheduled every Wednesday from 10 – 12 PM. Subjects addressed include environmental review, acquisition options, a strategy for water acquisitions, and work described in the EWA Principles document. Two sub-Teams have been formed; one will deal with environmental compliance and the other, water acquisitions. Staff for these teams are principally from the USBR and DWR.

- Meet with SWRCB – The EWA team met with the State Board on September 19 to determine water right permit responsibilities for the various water acquisitions. Change in Place of Use petitions, and a response plan for joint

pumping will need to be prepared to implement the EWA. A storage permit will be required if any water is to be stored either on the surface or in the ground by the EWA.

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Environmental Water Account Acquisition Status

September 26, 2000

Action Description[1]	Water Available Annually (Average) Acre-feet	1st Year Functional Equivalent Options[2]		
		Current / Pending Assets	Additional Potential Assets / Source	Total
Purchases – South of Delta	150,000	72,000	19,000 (Rio Bravo) 34,000 (2000) – 145,000 (2001) (KCWA)	72,000 to 150,000
Purchases – North of Delta	35,000[3]	35,000+ Negotiations in progress with YCWA	10,000 to 20,000 (OWID, SNAGMA)	35,000 to 55,000
Storage acquisition	One-time 200,000 with water in Year 1	Negotiations in progress	100,000 (2001) (KCWA/Vidler)	100,000 (100,000 Deficit)
Source-shifting agreement	100,000	100,000 Negotiations in progress with MWD	25,000 to 50,000 (Santa Clara ?)	100,000 to 150,000

[1] Source USFWS Programmatic Biological Opinion pages 39-45

[2] Some assets may be replaced by functional equivalents, if determined to be appropriate by the EWA Managing Agencies (Service, CDFG, NMFS)

[3] This is the amount of water targeted for the first year; higher amounts are anticipated in subsequent years.