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Jim, thx. Karen and I spoke with Keith about this. In some way, Jared will weigh in upon his return, but in terms of the info requested, pls work with Sam re item 1 below this week. You and Karen can confer re item 2, and perhaps Jared will want something done before we circle back to others. Thx
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Alexis: I spoke with HQ this morning about follow up issues from Jared's meeting last Friday with Leah and others in DC. We're not sure if Jared has already contacted you about any potential follow up issues. Below are the ones that deal with water issues; the first one (1) would be a summary of the projects in the bay that we are currently funding/working on (or plan to work on based on the restoration plan). This would be summary of the restoration plan projects.; the second one (2) is not a direct follow up but rather that we coordinate with CEQ regarding NEPA issues in the future.

Bill Keener is also going to try and touch base with Teddy today to try and find out more but I wanted to make sure what you saw the notes and the request. Is this something that I can work with Karen on when she gets back next week? We can also have a call with HQ's staff to get a better understanding of the request and how the discussion went. Thanks for your help, Jim

Meeting Notes:

Bay Area Restoration
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Bay Delta Conservation Plan
- Sen. Feinstein is concerned about a letter from EPA to federal partners about NEPA issues (this was a letter from Alexis) (2)
- the letter may undermine efforts to resolve water conflicts
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- concern about ammonia and pesticide pollution

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All -

Passing along some meeting notes prepared by Sven-Erik Kaiser, HQ Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations (OCIR) who accompanied Jared to a meeting with staff held in Sen. Feinstein's office earlier today which I thought you would find of interest. Our thanks to Sven for putting these summary notes together and sharing them with Region IX.

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Notes from the meeting on 7/16/10 with Leah Russin (Sen. Feinstein staff) and Jared Blumenfeld (Regional Administrator of EPA R9)

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Kettleman
- facility has talked to Feinstein's staff about the importance of the facility to area waste disposal capacity

Tahoe
- EPA urged to focus on "stream and bulldozer" project. More work, less studies.
- Sen. Feinstein balancing issues of water quality and fire risk

Air
- Sen. Feinstein is hearing from local air officials that federal sources are a problem
- Briefing next week with HQ and R9 to discuss

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