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CALFED **Water Transfer Program**

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Purpose:

- Focus on the structure/operation of the existing water market
- Propose several actions to address current impediments
 - increase conveyance availability
 - lower transaction costs
 - increase information sharing
- **NO SPECIFIC TRANSACTIONS!**

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Increase Conveyance Availability

- Establish clear policies and protocols for the use of available conveyance/storage capacity.
 - May include dedicating a portion of increased Delta pumping capacity to the first right of refusal for water transfers involving non-project water.
- Improve pumping and conveyance capacity forecasts and disclose through the On Tap web site, updated periodically.

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Lower Transaction Costs

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- Establish regional trading zones that allow intra-regional transfers that meet pre-defined criteria to be approved with reduced application requirements and regulatory review time.
 - Modify review and approval procedures for all transfer types to allow for potential selling parties to pre-certify or clearly understand the rules related to certain out-of-region water transfers.
 - Define "carriage water " assessment parameters to allow full understanding by proponents of risks and responsibilities for transferring water across the Delta.

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Lower Transaction Costs (cont.)

- Streamline environmental compliance requirements for particular types of “limited-term” intra-region transfers.
- Develop strategies and other tools that will reduce the burden on long-term transfers proponent to satisfy potential CEQA/NEPA mitigation requirements (environmental and socioeconomic).

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Increase Information Sharing

- Develop "On Tap" water transfer web site:
 - water transfer application procedures
 - public databases for historic and pending water transfers
 - an online public forum
- On web site, publicly notice transfers pending approval by DWR, USBR, or SWRCB when formal review is initiated.
- To the extent permitted, require proponents to provide additional assessment for potential local:
 - groundwater impacts
 - cumulative impacts
 - third-party socioeconomic impacts

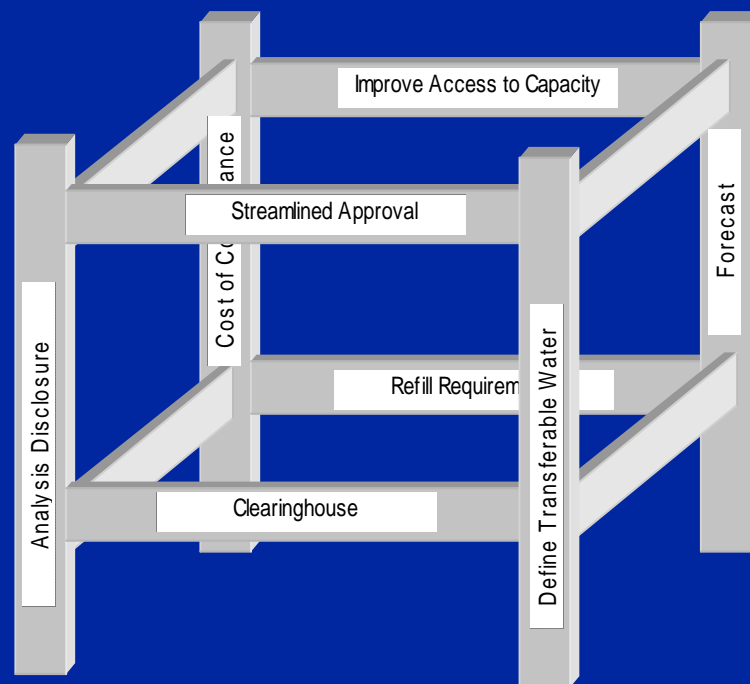
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Processes being used

- **Inter-agency activities**
 - work group meetings (TAG)
 - small work groups (rep's from DWR, USBR, SWRCB)
- **Consultant roles**
 - web site
 - program management
 - stakeholder/agency facilitation
- **Stakeholder interaction**
 - Transfer Issue Resolution Group
 - Review committee for On Tap
 - Bay-Delta Modeling Forum
 - Issue specific interaction as needed

Actions are Integrated

- Each action is unique but fits into the bigger framework that governs the water market.
- CALFED needs to ensure all aspects move forward together.



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