

COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM:	"A" for 11 January 2011
ACTION NEEDED:	<i>Consider Whether the Draft Letter to the Executive Committee Requesting Help in Reviewing Water Quality Criteria for Aquatic Life, Wildlife and Animal Drinking Water is Appropriate</i>
BACKGROUND:	<p>After a review of water quality criteria for protection of the beneficial uses designated on the Lower San Joaquin River, the LSJR Committee agreed that information was sufficient to proceed except for salinity and boron impacts to certain beneficial uses. Those uses lacking information were protection of wildlife (WILD), aquatic life uses (BIOL, Freshwater Habitat/WARM, COLD) and animal drinking water (AGR). The LSJR Committee assigned members to draft a scope of work (SOW) to develop the needed information.</p> <p>Members working on the SOW also found out that funding to conduct such a study is not within the scope of the CAA Account monies that the LSJR Committee has available to it to develop its Basin Plan Amendment. It was decided to draft a letter to request the assistance of the Technical Committee to conduct the study for us. The LSJR Committee can utilize this information, but also other areas would benefit from having similar information. Thus the members working on the SOW are asking the Committee approval to request help from the Technical Committee. A draft letter to the Executive Committee along with the SOW for both work efforts are attached for your consideration.</p>
ISSUES:	<p>Are the Scopes of Work for the two reviews adequate?</p> <p>Are there additional criteria that need to be reviewed?</p> <p>Is the draft letter appropriate to request such work from the Executive Committee?</p> <p>Are the estimated costs of such an effort sufficient?</p> <p>Does the LSJR Committee want to request such assistance or work to find funding to conduct the study itself.</p> <p>Are there other issues that need to be considered?</p>