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I suggest that when Jeff Rieker arrives for a discussion of the Voluntary Agreements (VAs), we have a frank conversation about whether it is even reasonable to consult on this very-moving target, or at least get clear on the timeline for when things might settle so we can elevate to Maria and Barry.

I am still trying to figure out exactly WHAT the Board agreed to. I think they adopted the plan (which would call for 40% from the Merced, Tuolumne, and Stanislaus, all other standards including Delta and Sacramento remain untouched since not part of the Phase I update), but also agreed to consider the voluntary agreements as they are fleshed out. As proposed, some of the VA elements are...nebulous (based on a very quick skim yesterday).

So, what does it all mean for how the CVP/SWP and other trib flows will be operated, and by when those operations are expected to begin? No idea. Voluntary agreements would likely go into effect faster, so could be assumed to be in place Jan 1 2010 when operations under the new BiOp begin, but I don't think we currently have sufficient meat on the voluntary agreement framework for meaningful analysis, let alone any certainty that they'll be adopted in the end by the Board.

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