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**To:** Brian Ellrott - NOAA Federal  
**Cc:** Alston, Naseem; Yip, Garwin; Cathy Marcinkevage - NOAA Federal; Barbara Byrne - NOAA F... (Google Drive)  
**Subject:** Re: ROC LTO - Env Baseline in the BO

Brian and Naseem,

How about I take a shot at managing some of the DOI comments on Baseline? I created a stand alone WOA section that basically reads like..."according to Reclamation..." Keifer is good with this approach and I hopeful we can put to rest some of this so that it doesn't end up taking over our biop.

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On Fri, May 24, 2019 at 2:35 PM Brian Ellrott - NOAA Federal <[brian.ellrott@noaa.gov](mailto:brian.ellrott@noaa.gov)> wrote:

**The Env Baseline in the BO states:**

"This without action scenario is a useful analytical tool to separate some of the effects related to the existence of CVP and SWP facilities and provides context for how these facilities have shaped the habitat conditions for species and critical habitat in the action area."

Assuming we are not using WOA as a tool, shouldn't we delete that sentence? It seems unnecessary and begs the question, why didn't you use it if it is useful?

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