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Subject: Intended use of draft research plan in current project selection process

Brian:

In light of questions you are receiving, you asked for clarification on the Council's intended use of the Draft Research Plan being developed by Council staff in the current FY 07-09 Project Selection Process. I have reviewed the Council adopted project selection guidance document, the website area dedicated to the project selection process, and consulted with Doug Marker and Patty O'Toole. Please accept this as the preliminary clarification on this point, and feel free to share it with your members.

The Council' website offers a link to the Draft Research Plan (which includes an Monitoring and Evaluation component) in order to provide context for what is happening in this field of work across the basin, and to provide insights into current Council staff thinking (not Council approved at this time) about the content and organization of these types of work for the future. Simply, put the document is provided as general background that may help a sponsor understand or explain proposed work in these areas in relation to other similar work now and in the future. The draft research plan **is not** a document that will be used as a "standard" or determinative document on which proposals will or will not be recommended for funding in the project selection process.

Doug looks forward to meeting with you Monday to discuss this topic in your regularly scheduled coordination meeting.

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