3. Canadian non governmental interests (Cng)

4. Canadian government non federal governmental interests (Cgov)

The positions of these four groups on the conditions or scenarios described are assigned the following values:

1 = increases the likelihood that the group would support a water diversion project

.5   = has no impact on the group's support for a water diversion project

-1 = decreases the likelihood that the group would support a water diversion project

Since consensual decisions on water diversion are being sought, a veto was given to any one of the four groups who found the condition or scenario would decrease the likelihood of their groups support, and an indifference veto would arise if more than two groups found the condition to have no impact on their organization's support of a water diversion project. Thus a minimum score of +3 would be necessary for a criteria to be considered politically acceptable.. Hence the formula for each criterion would be as follows:

Mng (score) + Mgov(score) + Cng(score) + Cgov(score) = +3 or more

Using this formula, the conditions and scenarios identified in Tables 2 and 3 that qualify under this formula and the scores are provided in Table 6

TABLE 6

Potential factor to consider in developing criteria for a regional water diversion policy

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Conditions

1. The amount of water diverted by the project would not be returned to the Basin either from some other source or in the form of treated wastewater (no net loss of water) Score 4

2. The water diversion project would have no discernible effect on Great Lakes water levels. Score 4

3. There are no direct adverse environmental impacts associated with the construction or operation of this proposed water diversion project. Score 4

4. The water diversion project is necessary to meet a crisis or emergency situation. Score 3

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of assuring implementation of the wishes of Michigan's political leaders and therefore are given a separate status like the provinces of Canada (who do have separate water diversion authority).