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DATE: March 27, 1996
TO: CALFED NEPA/CEQA Team Members
FROM: Lester A. Snow, Executive Director
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SUBJECT: Draft Affected Environment/Existing Conditions Work Plan

Attached for your review is a proposed approach for preparing the affected environment/existing conditions reports for the CALFED Bay-Delta Program Tier 1 EIS/EIR. You will note that the emphasis for this work plan is the Bay-Delta region. This approach was used for several reasons:

- The stakeholders will need to know how any proposed solution (i.e., alternative) will affect the Bay-Delta region; therefore, it is important that the EIS/EIR specifically address the Bay-Delta region.
- The technical reports for the affected environment/existing conditions for the CVPIA PEIS are considered generally adequate for the outside-of-Delta area with the caveat that certain technical reports (or portions thereof) may need to be updated or refined after the alternatives are determined.
- The alternatives that will be addressed in the EIS/EIR have yet to be determined; therefore, the actual affected environment (study area) has yet to be determined. Once the study area is more precisely known, it will be possible to define the affected environment.

Please provide comments on these draft materials by April 12, 1996. We will use your comments to refine our approach and to assist in developing the affected environment/existing conditions for the CALFED Bay-Delta Program EIS/EIR.

If you have any questions, please call Rick Breitenbach at 916/657-2666.

Enclosure

CALFED Agencies

California

The Resources Agency
Department of Fish and Game
Department of Water Resources
California Environmental Protection Agency
State Water Resources Control Board

Federal

Environmental Protection Agency
Department of the Interior
Fish and Wildlife Service
Bureau of Reclamation
Department of Commerce
National Marine Fisheries Service