

CONTACT MEMO

Date: February 28, 1997
Contact: Ken Harris, State Water Resources Control Board
Setting: Meeting at SWRCB

I met with Ken Harris to discuss the status of the SWRCB's Watershed Management Initiative and its possible connection to CALFED conjunctive use programs. The following is a summary of our conversation:

- 1) The Watershed Management Initiative (WMI) is about 2 years old and is in a state of flux. The Regional Water Quality Control Boards, the SWRCB and U.S. EPA are trying to direct resources to the most serious problems through the WMI process. The regional boards are writing their own "chapters," 5- to 7-year plans to address water quality problems in each region.
- 2) WMI is a coordinating planning mechanism. Non-point source contamination is a major component of WMI. Point source contamination also will be addressed.
- 3) There is not likely to be any additional statutory or regulatory requirements as a result of WMI efforts. WMI will not likely affect conjunctive use programs.
- 4) Source water protection programs are not directly tied to WMI. There may eventually be a link between DHS, the lead on source water protection, and SWRCB.
- 5) Judy Heath is CALFED contact for Proposition 204 money