

CALFED Process

- The CALFED Ops Group is established in the Framework Agreement and
 - Consists of DWR, USBR, EPA, SWRCB staff, DFG, FWS, and NMFS.
 - Meets monthly in a public forum to discuss coordination of CVPIA, fishery protection, and operations of the CVP/SWP.
 - Directs working groups.
 - The No-Name Group is responsible for disseminating information among CALFED Ops Group members and stakeholders and, on occasion, performs specific tasks related to project operation plans. It consists of State and federal agency representatives and stakeholders.
 - The Data Assessment Team is responsible for assessing and interpreting real-time fishery data; reporting fishery information to the Ops Group; and making recommendations to the Ops Group for fishery protection. It consists of ... (fill in the blank)
 - The Real-time Monitoring Program collects real-time fishery data for use in operation decisions.
 - Recommends changes in CVP/SWP operations. Such recommendations are made through a consensus process of the Ops Group members.
- Conflicts not resolved by the CALFED Ops Group are discussed and decided by the CALFED Policy Group.
 - CALFED consists of the Federal Ecosystem Directorate and the California Water Policy Council.
 - Conflicts include:
 - Issues that could not be resolved through the Ops Group consensus process.
 - Actions that involve additional water that cannot be recovered within existing requirements.
- Conflicts not resolved by the CALFED Policy Group are addressed by appropriate agency.
 - If the conflict involves a listed species will be resolved by the appropriate listing agency (DFG, NMFS, or FWS).
 - If the conflict is not about an ESA issue, then it will be resolved by the appropriate regulatory or resource management agency.