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To: American River Technical Team Participants

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The information in this packet provides some supporting materials for the upcoming one-day American River Technical Team Meeting. We are looking forward to a productive session. The meeting is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and will be held at 1391 35th Avenue in Sacramento. A location map is enclosed along with an agenda and the phone number there is (916) 264-5594.

Meeting Purpose The primary purpose of the meeting is to involve technical representatives from agencies and stakeholder groups in developing a package of priority fish and habitat restoration actions to be implemented over the next five years. The restoration actions recommended by this meeting will help guide Category III funding decisions. In addition, we are working with other funding sources to better coordinate ecosystem restoration funding decisions.

Meeting Scope/Focus The geographic scope of the meeting includes the American River from Nimbus to the confluence with the Sacramento River. Actions above Nimbus can be included in the recommendations to the extent they are part of the efforts to restore the lower American River. Other technical teams are working on the other parts of the Sacramento River system as well as the San Joaquin, the Delta and the North Bay.

To guide funding decisions for Category III for the next five years, CALFED has adopted a set of near-term natural resource priorities which includes eight fish species and five habitat types. A description of the priorities and some additional criteria are in the attached draft document titled "Implementation Strategy to Identify Near Term Priorities for Bay-Delta Ecosystem Restoration." It is important to note that these priorities will be reviewed and expanded as necessary on a semi-annual basis as new information is available or as funding levels change.

Attachments To assist you in preparing for the meeting, we have included some materials. Please review as much of the material as possible in order to help ensure the success of the meeting. The following materials are attached:

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

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- Agenda,
- Map to the meeting,
- Some draft ground rules and a description of consensus we can use to guide our efforts,
- The Implementation Strategy to Identify Near Term Restoration Priorities for the Bay-Delta Ecosystem Restoration,
- Information developed by the Water Forum on types of restoration actions, and
- A matrix showing the various stressors and factors affecting the priority species and habitats.

We look forward to a productive session. Lunches will be provided, so please make sure you RSVP to Emme at the Water Forum at 433-6276 by March 11 so we can make sure there's enough to go around. If you have any questions, please call Cindy, Tim, or Jonas.