

# MEETING MINUTES

## CALFED Water Quality Technical Group Orientation for New Members November 20, 1996 10:30 - 11:30 AM

**Participants:** Jerry Troyan, Walt Ward, Linda Mercurio, Lance Johnson, Gail Louis, Jeanette Thomas, Bryan Stuart, Bob Hultquist, William R. Johnston, Tom Grovhoug

**CALFED Program Team:** Rick Woodard, Judy Heath, Bruce Macler, Carol Howe, John Dickey, John Gaston, Dale Flowers, Peter Standish-Lee

Rick Woodard opened the meeting with introductions of the CALFED Program Team and attendees. He then presented the CALFED process including the program structure, solution principles, public involvement and education opportunities, program categories, objectives and phases and the structure of alternatives. The difference in stakeholder involvement between Phase I and Phase II was explained. Phase I concentrated primarily on water users whereas Phase II progresses into a technical assessment of potential actions.

Carol Howe followed Rick with a description of the previous three water quality sub-teams' (e.g. ecosystem, agriculture and urban) functions and workplans including how each sub-team selected water quality parameters that were of concern to them. Carol explained that the ecosystem sub-team's geographic area of concern is significantly greater than the agriculture and urban sub-teams. Carol stated that agriculture and urban users are mainly interested in water quality at their intakes. Supply was brought up as an issue by Bill Johnston. The participant makeup of the sub-teams was discussed. This was followed by a short explanation of how water quality ranges for parameters of concern were developed and how these ranges will be used to identify "problem areas" and target actions.

John Gaston talked about the urban water users' perspective including the location of urban intake structures, current treatment technologies, source water protection and the drinking water supply forecast. Bruce Macler questioned John about Stockton area problems, salt water intrusion problems, and EBMUD's plans to extend Folsom Canal in exchange for a water supply.

John Dickey talked about the agricultural water users perspective including the geographic coverage of agricultural water use, crop uses in different geographic areas, areas effected by parameters of concern, dependence on water supply, and issues associated with leaching of fields. The question was raised whether agricultural issues in the Delta are different than outside the Delta. The response was yes, in particular issues associated with saltwater intrusion and return flows.

Judy Heath followed John with a description of the CALFED Phase II Alternative Refinement stage. Phase II is composed of six steps and is scheduled to be completed in 1998. Judy then explained that we are refining the components which is Step 1 in the process. She explained that CALFED has four common programs (ecosystem, water quality, levee stability, and water use efficiency). The question was raised whether the accelerated timeline was being rethought by CALFED. Judy responded that individual component timelines may be revised but the overall 1998 deadline is final.

The meeting was then opened up for general questions. Questions and responses were as follows.

- 1) Can the minutes of the meeting or updates of the committee be furnished to the technical group members?  
Response was yes, in the form of previous meeting minutes.
- 2) Will response forms be on Internet? On a CALFED Web Page? A template format would facilitate responses.  
Response: CALFED Program Team will investigate.