

Memorandum

Date: December 18, 1996

To: Water Quality Technical Group

From: Rick Woodard, Manager
Water Quality Program 

Subject: December 9, 1996 Meeting

Thank you for attending the December 9, 1996 meeting of the Water Quality Technical Group. The meeting was eventful, and your participation enriched our deliberations. We are planning a public workshop, tentatively scheduled for February 4, 1997, and tentatively plan to hold the next meeting of the WQTG on February 14, 1996. I hope you will be able to join us for these events.

Attached for your review and comment are the minutes from the December 9, 1996 meeting, at which your suggestions were solicited for specific projects which you believe should be considered for early implementation. At the meeting, we received valuable suggestions for early implementation projects from stakeholders representing the broad categories of mine drainage, urban and industrial runoff, agricultural drainage, water and wastewater treatment, and watershed coordination. However, it was generally agreed that representation in the areas of urban and industrial runoff, water and wastewater treatment, and watershed coordination, needed to be further broadened. You are requested to assist us by communicating with your contacts.

Although the project list resulting from the meeting is extensive (about 100 projects were suggested), we want to be certain any projects you believe may be good candidates for early implementation are considered. You are, therefore, invited to provide us with additional suggestions. Please use copies of the attached form for this. We will need any additional suggestions, along with any other comments, by **January 10, 1997**. Any candidate project for early implementation will be subject to an evaluation of technical, economic, financial, and institutional feasibility. Also, any early implementation project will be subject to California Environmental Quality Act requirements.

CALFED Agencies

California

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

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

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While no selection criteria have yet been adopted, I anticipate that water quality projects selected for early implementation will be a few that most benefit the quality of Bay-Delta estuary waters, have been well studied, and are ready to be implemented but for lack of resources. Although not all of the suggested projects can be implemented in the near future, all will be considered over the years of the CALFED process.

If you have any questions, please call me at (916) 653-5422 or Judy Heath at (916) 653-2994. I look forward to seeing you at the February 4 workshop and the February 14 meeting.

Attachments