

Meeting Notes
Salinity/Selenium Work Group Meeting
August 10, 1999

1. Group requested CALFED staff to schedule integrated farm management presentation for next meeting.
2. Group requested Storage and Conveyance staff to attend meetings to address Alex's recirculation issues and to ensure adequate integration with water supply issues.
3. On the discussion of the stakeholder agenda item Group, the Group wanted to amend the Group participant list to include Delta Protection Commission, Delta Keeper, Paterson and West Stanislaus Irrigation Districts, academia to include UCD, USDA, and to ensure a member from USBR is participating.
4. On the discussion of the agenda item for identifying and ranking projects - the Group indicated that there was a distinction between selection of projects and selection criteria. It was determined before selection of projects occurred, selection criteria must be determined. Judy Heath recounted the criteria mentioned in the Water Quality Program Plan, Implementation Strategy chapter. These early implementation selection criteria were developed with input from the Water Quality Technical Group. (The Salinity/Selenium is a subgroup of the WQTG):

Selection criteria from WQPP:

1. Seriousness of the water quality problem to be addressed by the proposed action
2. Degree to which the problem and solutions are well understood
3. Likelihood of the proposed solution eliminating impairment of beneficial uses
4. Availability of a willing and competent lead implementing entity
5. Timeframe in which the benefits of the action can be realized and measured
6. Benefits and costs of the action in relation to other proposed actions
7. Ability to leverage CALFED funds by partnerships with other entities and funding sources, including existing sources of CALFED agency funds
8. Equitable distribution of water quality benefits regionally and by beneficial use categories

The Salinity/Selenium Work Group added these features:

9. Level of environmental documentation and permits required
10. Compliance with CALFED solution principles
11. Compliance with Delta Protection, CVPIA and other laws and statutes governing water quality and supply in the Delta
12. Amount of local involvement (want local involvement in design and sustaining the projects)
13. Design and development of an adequate monitoring program
14. Tie-in to the goals and objectives in the CALFED Water Quality Program Plan

5. On the discussion of the functions of the Work Group, the following were recommended by the Work Group:
 - a. Review and rank projects
 - b. Track progress
 - c. Assure that schedule is met
 - d. Advise BDAC and Policy Group on projects
 - e. Provide technical guidance to implementing entities
 - f. Advise CALFED Water Quality Program on adaptive management
 - g. Assist in outreach - ensure progress reports on studies and projects get disseminated to stakeholders

6. The Group then discussed the next agenda item regarding what was needed for development of an Implementation Plan. A discussion of the roles of agencies occurred. Manucher Alemi proposed to have the DWR Division of Planning and Local Assistance be the lead State agency to implement salinity/selenium actions for CALFED. He cited the existence of ongoing programs which he believes can be used to help implement the CALFED salinity/selenium actions. The Group expressed an interest in hearing more about the progress on the Rainbow Report and other projects conducted by DPLA. Manucher offered to have Bill Bennet and himself present this information at the next meeting. The Group then asked for USBR to present ongoing projects citing that USBR has a major role in the lower San Joaquin Basin. CALFED staff indicated they would have someone from USBR, possibly Mike Delamore, also make a presentation.

7. The Group requested that CALFED staff develop a "big picture" organizational and a functional flow chart to present at the next meeting, as it was uncertain what the CALFED decision making process and the reporting relationship of the lead implementing agencies are. CALFED staff indicated they would consult with management and present at the next meeting. There were specific questions which the Group wanted CALFED to address at the next meeting:
 - Is the Work Group to perform a role similar to the Integration Panel where they will review and approve projects? If so, will conflict of interest rules apply?
 - Will there be an open solicitation process and directed actions?
 - How much funding will be available?
 - How will this process fit into other CALFED programs?

8. The next meeting was scheduled for September 14, 1:00 - 4:00.