

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS
CALFED DRINKING WATER QUALITY OPERATIONS WORKGROUP

November 4, 1999
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Rm 1118 Resources Building

Purpose of Meeting: To discuss and agree upon new direction(s) for the workgroup.

Attendance

Phil Wendt, DWR
Rich Breuer, DWR
Bruce Macler, EPA
Dave Briggs, CCWD
Grace Chan, MWDSC
Chuching Wang, MWDSC
Lynda Smith, MWDSC
Amy Fowler, SCVWD
Brian Campbell, EBMUD
Jay Lund, UCD
Elaine Archibald, CUWA
Bill Smith, SWRI
Mark Cowin, CALFED
Paul Hutton, CALFED

Workgroup Report

Dave Briggs reported on status and results of the study undertaken by the workgroup the past 3 months. The workgroup examined the effect of new storage, north and south of the Delta, under operating rules designed specifically for water quality improvement. The intent of the new operation rules was to lower salinity in the south Delta through enhanced outflow and to lower exports when seawater intrusion had increased salinity concentrations in the south Delta. The studies show that new facilities can be operated to reduce peak and long-term average bromide concentrations. Peak bromide concentration in the fall months was lowered by 30-50% in many of the years, including the driest ones. Results are being incorporated into CALFED's WMS/ISI comprehensive analysis. The report will be finalized and sent out for reproduction next week.

CALFED Water Quality Program Reorganization

Paul Hutton briefed the group on the reorganization. The new Drinking Water Quality Program will have a focus on drinking water issues and on implementation of CALFED's Drinking Water Quality Improvement Strategy. A Delta Drinking Water Council was formed to advise the Program and the Policy Group through BDAC on necessary adaptations to the Improvement Strategy. The Drinking Water Quality Operations Workgroup will provide technical support to

the new program, as well as to the Council. Another workgroup, the Drinking Water Constituents Workgroup, will play a similar role.

Possible Future Directions

The workgroup spent the rest of the meeting discussing possible roles it could play in supporting CALFED's Water Management Strategy Development and CALFED's Delta Drinking Water Council.

Water Management Strategy Support: WMDT and WMS Comprehensive Evaluation

Mark Cowin gave a presentation on CALFED's WMS refinement process. *Mark requested the workgroup's participation in technical review of the comprehensive evaluation.* A meeting will be held on November 10 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Room 804 of the Resources Building to provide further details on the comprehensive evaluation. The workgroup agreed to participate in this activity. The workgroup also expressed an interest in playing an active role in the WMDT/WMCT. Currently, Dave Briggs and Lynda Smith participate in WMCT meetings.

Delta Drinking Water Council Support

Paul Hutton briefed the workgroup on the Council's first meeting on November 3. The workgroup agreed to provide technical support to the Council. An early task of the workgroup in support of the Council will be to develop a number of issue papers related to CALFED's Drinking Water Quality Improvement Strategy. The workgroup will be involved as follows:

- (1) under CALFED direction, develop issue papers for the Council on subjects of:
 - (a) storage and operations
 - (b) conveyance
- (2) provide technical review of an issue paper on water exchanges. This issue paper is being developed by a CALFED consultant -- Ted Way of CH2M-Hill.
- (3) provide a workgroup representative at Council meetings
- (4) coordinate with CALFED's Drinking Water Constituents Workgroup to develop baseline Delta water quality conditions. An ad-hoc group has been formed to conduct a preliminary step for this effort. The workgroup was recently sent an email on this effort.

Bruce Macler, a Council member, requested that they be briefed on workgroup activities at the next Council meeting.

Next Meeting

No meeting was scheduled.