

CALFED BAY-DELTA PROGRAM

Office Memorandum

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To: 1. ~~Rick Woodard~~ *R*
2. ~~Steve Yaeger~~ *Stew*
3. Lester Snow

From: Judy Heath *JH*

Subject: Water Quality Monitoring Meeting

The following summarizes the outcome of the Water Quality Monitoring Meeting held in Richmond, April 30, 1997. The list of attendees is attached.

- * Many comments were directed to Pat Coulston regarding the need to expand the Ecosystem Restoration monitoring plans to include other types of monitoring such as for sediment, fish tissue, pathogens, contact recreation, macro-biological, drinking water sources, the volunteer monitoring efforts, fast-track bioassessment approach, connection to existing monitoring programs, such as DWR's, EPA's, NAQWA, etc. etc.
- * In response, Pat asked for comments, and stated that he was following the directions from Bellory Fong, Dick Daniel and Lester Snow. Pat said that he has had many meetings with Dick and Lester and felt he was on the right track according to the ERPP directives.
- * Pat indicated that he had never heard of Rick Woodard until just about a month ago.
- * Pat was unaware of the depth of watershed activities of the Sacramento River Watershed Program which, I believe, encouraged the group to further doubt the effectiveness of the CalFed coordination efforts.
- * Fred Lee said after the meeting that the apparent lack of coordination at CalFed was appalling and was going to call Lester.
- * Mike Lozeau, SF Baykeeper, said his group is very concerned that there is an apparent lack of funds within CalFed to help support Water Quality Program workshops (waving the letter he received notifying him of the Water Quality Technical Group workshop cancellation due to the lack of funds).

- * Bill Jennings, Deltakeeper, intends to get up to 30 signatures regarding what they perceive to be an inadequate Ecosystem Restoration monitoring plan. We need to position ourselves to respond. A copy of his initial draft is attached. His last words to me were that he intends to add language to this draft about the lack of coordination and a need for a more comprehensive approach to CalFed monitoring efforts.

- * Pat seemed stunned and unaware of many of the issues raised by the stakeholders at this meeting. Pat was put in an unfortunate position in finding out new information in this forum. He said he was going back to CalFed to discuss these issues and figure out how to handle them.

I carpooled with CVRWQCB and SRCSD staff. Their questions about the apparent lack of coordination and the politics which they felt may be behind it are, perhaps, worth further discussion. I am prepared to provide you with a more detailed briefing as you wish.