

CALFED BAY-DELTA WATERSHED PROGRAM

Goals and Objectives

Goals:

To help coordinate and integrate existing and future local watershed programs and to provide technical assistance and funding for watershed activities and protection that support the goals and objectives of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program

Objectives:

I. Define the Relationship between Watershed Processes and the CALFED Bay-Delta Program (CALFED) Goals and Objectives

- Describe the basic biological and/or physical functions and processes of a watershed, including the linkages from upper watersheds to lower watersheds to the Bay-Delta.
 - A) Identify the watershed functions and processes that are relevant to the CALFED goals and objectives.
 - B) Describe how land use and other human activities affect/affected watershed functions and processes in ways that are favorable for or adverse to the CALFED goals and objectives.
 - C) Illustrate the benefits (including economics) that accrue from watershed plans and projects designed to achieve the CALFED goals and objectives.
- Maintain a set of watershed principles to provide the basis for setting criteria for funding of watershed activities that could be supported by CALFED.
- Identify examples of watershed activities that improve the basic biophysical functions and processes of a watershed.
- Establish and maintain watershed restoration assistance to aid local watershed programs and private landowners in their project concept, design, and implementation. (Assistance could be provided by government agencies*, academia/private consultants, private land owners, etc.).
- Help resolve issues of liability and agency indemnification for environmental restoration work.

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II. Integrate the CALFED Watershed Program with the other CALFED Common Programs

- Identify the relationship of the Watershed Program with the other CALFED Common Programs (Ecosystem Restoration, Water Quality, Water Use Efficiency, Water Transfers, and Levee Stability,).

III. Facilitate and Improve Coordination and Assistance between Government Agencies*, Other Organizations, and Local Watershed Groups

- Identify government agencies* and watershed groups that participate in watershed activities consistent with the CALFED Bay-Delta Program goals and objectives.
- Identify and recommend types of partnerships that could be formed.
- Describe a mechanism to coordinate funding among government agencies* and to local watershed programs.
- Describe a mechanism to facilitate technical assistance from government agencies* and others to local watershed programs.
- Improve collaboration between existing/future programs to achieve mutual watershed management objectives.

IV. Develop Watershed Monitoring Assessment and Protocol to be Integrated into the Comprehensive Monitoring, Assessment, and Research Program (CMARP)

- Facilitate monitoring efforts that are consistent with CMARP's protocols.
- Define performance measures that ensure adaptive management processes can be applied at multiple scales and across ownerships.
- Through Interagency Watershed Advisory Team (IWAT) and other stakeholder input, help CMARP develop watershed management monitoring protocols that are not already developed for the other CALFED Common Programs.

V. Support Education and Outreach

- Provide support to existing/future watershed programs (e.g. coordinators, equipment, per diem to attend CALFED meetings, etc.) and coordinate training on monitoring, grant writing, and watershed assessment.

- Support resource conservation education at the local watershed level.
- Sponsor general stakeholder workshops, BDAC Watershed Work Group Meetings, etc. to allow for exchange of information on local watershed program successes and failures.
- Improve the use and usefulness of existing or future clearinghouse functions to assist watershed groups conducting watershed activities. The clearinghouse(s) will include information about funding opportunities and relevant information on new watershed activities funded by CALFED.

VI. Implement a Strategy which will Assure Support and Long-Term Sustainability of Local Watershed Activities

- Building on existing programs, develop a long-term plan that identifies the types of assistance that may be needed, the array of government agencies* and/or other entities best suited to deliver this assistance, and the funding levels necessary to carry out these long-term assistance programs.
- Assure that funding for assistance programs will continue throughout the CALFED Program implementation period (20-30 years).
- Facilitate and encourage stakeholder input at BDAC Watershed Work Group workshops and general stakeholder workshops.
- Recommend funding opportunities and mechanisms.

* Government agencies refers to federal, state, county, city, and town governments; special districts; and Native American governments.