

**CALFED Conservation Strategy
Policy Team**

Friday March 12, 1999
9 AM to 11 AM

USFWS Office
3310 El Camino Avenue
Conference Room B

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Agenda

1. Call to Order and Introductions (5 minutes)
2. Review of Meeting Notes for 2/16/99 Policy Team Meeting (5 minutes)
3. Update on Conservation Strategy Schedule (5 minutes)

4. Term of the CALFED Program (10 minutes)

The CALFED Program has been developed with a 30-year planning horizon. However, it is likely that after Stage 1 has been implemented (i.e., after 7 to 10 years have elapsed), there will be major changes in CALFED actions. This is required under adaptive management, but is also a common sense assessment. The range of actions and their implementation could not be accurately forecast for the full term of the CALFED Program.

Decision makers have discussed shortening the period of analysis in the EIS/EIR to 10 years. The Staff Team understands that this probably will not be done, but would like confirmation from policy makers that the term of the EIS/EIR and the Conservation Strategy will be the full 30-year term of the CALFED Program.

5. Geographic Scope of the CALFED Program (85 minutes)

The comprehensive list of 400 species was selected from those species occupying CALFED's 14 Ecological Management Zones; the list of 205 evaluated species are listed species, species proposed for listing, and species that may be affected by CALFED actions within the specified geographic area. Specifically, the geographic area covered by the Programmatic Conservation Strategy does not include the footprints of the reservoir sites under consideration (except for those located within the 14 EMZs). The groundwater storage sites are not in the geographic scope, nor are areas embraced by the CALFED's Watershed Management Program.

It has not been determined that there is adequate time to expand the geographic area and add species and still meet the CALFED schedule. It is possible that a supplemental Conservation Strategy or an amendment to the Conservation Strategy will be needed for additional geographic areas, because the programmatic document can only be used for species which it covers.

6. Action Items (5 minutes)

Assurances

7. Next Meeting (5 minutes)
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8. Adjournment