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Subject: CALFED Conservation Strategy Weekly Update

This weekly report summarizes the Policy Team meeting held on Friday 3/12/99.

GEOGRAPHIC AREA OF COVERAGE AND COVERED SPECIES: After considerable discussion, it was agreed that ideally the Conservation Strategy would include species that could be impacted by construction and operation of CALFED water storage facilities. The Policy Team agreed to begin a preliminary review of the feasibility of identifying those species. CALFED will produce a map of the water storage sites still under consideration and USFWS, NMFS, and CDFG will produce species lists and identify major biological issues associated with each. Providing this information may help with the screening process, which is moving very slowly. The geographic scope will be discussed again at the next Policy Team meeting on 3/22/99.

ASSURANCES: Ron Rempel has prepared some preliminary text on assurances, which will be used by USFWS and NMFS as a starting point for their contributions. The suggestions of all three agencies will be distributed before the next Policy Team meeting and discussed at the meeting.

SCHEDULE: The Staff Team is working to meet the 4/12/99 deadline for submitting fully edited text of the Administrative Draft Conservation Strategy to CALFED for final formatting and editing. Meeting that deadline is likely to be a challenge if the geographic scope is expanded to include water storage sites.

SERVICE-AREA IMPACTS: Draft text describing a proposed approach for dealing with service-area impacts was distributed by USFWS on 3/11/99. It will be discussed at the 3/22/99 Policy Team meeting.

UP-COMING MEETINGS

Meetings of the Staff Team have been scheduled for:

Tuesday March 16, 1999 9 AM to Noon Resources Bldg. Room 804
Call in number: (916)

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Tuesday March 30, 1999 9 AM to Noon Resources Bldg. Room 804
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Meetings of the Policy Team have been scheduled for:

Monday March 22, 1999 ?? ??
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