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Subject: CALFED MSCS weekly Report

The Staff team met on 4/20/99 to discuss completing the MSCS in time for publication of the Draft EIS/EIR. The first item was to discuss how to direct reviewers of the Administrative Draft MSCS. The staff team recommends that reviewers read the Executive Summary and the Table of Contents first. Then, in addition to the particular items of interest that reviewers wish to pursue, the Staff Team requests that reviewers focus on chapters 5 and 7.

Chapter 2: Because the MSCS identifies mitigation measures and conservation measures for all evaluated species, all 242 evaluated species will be considered covered species. Some covered species will be authorized for take and some will not be. Mike Fris and Chris Beale will revise the definitions of evaluated and covered species in Chapter 2.

Chapter 3: This chapter will be revised to respond to CDFG concerns.

Chapter 4: The EWA should be described in this chapter.

Chapter 5: CALFED staff will review Table 5-1 to ensure that it accurately portrays CALFED Program actions. The EWA should be described at the appropriate level of detail.

Another issue is that the analysis in the MSCS currently assumes that all CALFED Program actions will be implemented. Realistically, only some actions will occur because of budget constraints. It is important to identify which CALFED Program actions and conservation measures are required to avoid jeopardy (to comply with ESA) and provide adequate conservation (to comply with CESA). Marti said that the Staff Team will work with the bundling team and the scientific reviewers of the ERP to resolve this issue.

Chapters 6, 7, 8 and 9: Various Staff Team members are working on completing these chapters.

UP-COMING MEETINGS

The Staff Team will meet:

Tuesday	May 11, 1999	9 AM to Noon	Resources Bldg. Room 804 (916) 657-4113
Tuesday	May 25, 1999	9 AM to Noon	Resources Bldg. Room 804 (916) 657-4113