

Water Use Efficiency Actions

1. Full and expeditious implementation of the Agricultural Water Management Council endorsement process, the Urban Water Management Plan Certification process, and Interagency Coordinated Program for Wetland Water Use are critical to the success of the CALFED Water Use Efficiency Program. Water districts will not be eligible for CALFED Program benefits unless and until they are in compliance with the applicable provisions of these processes. CALFED Agencies commit to provide \$1 million per year during Stage 1 to support these processes. In addition, CALFED Agencies commit to provide \$34 million for technical assistance and a revolving loan fund to provide technical support and incentive loans for participating districts to achieve the requirements of the applicable certification/endorsement process.
2. CALFED will implement two grant programs to attain water use efficiency goals:
 - (a) In the Agricultural sector, provide \$750 million during Stage 1 in additional funding to provide technical assistance and grants to agricultural districts implementing water use efficiency measures that go beyond the requirements of the district's endorsed program. Expenditures under the grant program will be guided by the results of the regional quantifiable objectives analysis being conducted. High priority should go to implementing WUE measures that have multiple benefits for CALFED objectives. Water districts will cost-share in these grants at approximately a 40% level.
 - (b) In the Urban sector, provide \$500 million during Stage 1 to provide grants to urban districts implementing their BMP program and/or implementing measures that go beyond the requirements of the district's certified program. Water districts will cost-share in these grants at a 50% level.
3. CALFED Agencies will work with the California State Legislature to develop and enact legislation requiring the appropriate measurement of all water uses in the State of California.
4. CALFED Agencies agree to develop grant or loan sources for water recycling capital improvement projects in the amount of \$800 million in Stage 1 to provide a 50% cost share for recycling projects with local agencies.
5. Consistent with the final CALFED governance decision, CALFED will coordinate the water use efficiency program among the various involved agencies and entities. Although a lead role is anticipated for the existing DWR and BOR efforts, other agencies (including Cal Food and Ag, Natural Resources Conservation Service, the California Urban Water Conservation Council and the Agricultural Water Management Council) will also play important roles in implementing the program.

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