

Implementation of CALFED's Watershed Program

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Purpose

The purpose of initial implementation of CALFED's Watershed Program is to demonstrate the value and contributions of watershed management - using a community based and locally led approach - to achieving CALFED goals for the Bay-Delta system and broader solution area.

The Watershed Program will initiate this demonstration by soliciting, evaluating and selecting an initial set of projects which best:

- define and illustrate relationships between watershed processes and the primary goals and objectives of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program
- address one or more specific outcomes identified as a priority by the CALFED Bay-Delta Program during Stage 1 of the program
- demonstrate the value of watershed efforts to CALFED in geographically diverse locations within the solution area
- demonstrate the value of a community based approach in addressing a diversity of issues, circumstances, and community characteristics found in different watersheds within the solution area
- Further the long-term objectives of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program

Watershed activities that will be funded under this program include:

- building of local capacity to assess and effectively manage watersheds that affect the Bay-Delta system
- development of watershed assessments and plans
- development and implementation of specific watershed conservation, maintenance and restoration actions.

The program recognizes the need to support the range of education, outreach, data gathering, planning and coordination functions needed to successfully complete these types of activities

Recommendation

Implement the Watershed Program as described above.