

Water Management Development Team

At the direction of the CALFED Policy Group, the Water Management Development Team (WMDT) was formed in the later part of September to develop recommendations to BDAC on the Water Management Strategy for Stage 1. The WMDT consists of Federal, State and Stakeholder members listed below:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Organization</u>
Tom Hannigan (Co-Chair)	Dept of Water Resources
Mike Spear (Co-Chair)	US Fish and Wildlife Service
Steve Macaulay	Dept of Water resources
Tom Hagler	US EPA
Teresa Pacheco	US Army Corps of Engineers
Jim Lecky	National Marine Fisheries Service
Gary Bobker	The Bay Institute of San Francisco
Ryan Broddrick	Dept of Fish and Game
Wally Bishop	Contra Costa Water District
Tom Clark	Kern County Water Agency
Tom Graff	Environmental Defense Fund
Steve Hall	Association of California Water Agencies
A. J. Yates	Dept of Food and Agriculture
Allen Short	Modesto Irrigation District
Kirk Rodgers	US Bureau of Reclamation
David Guy	Northern California Water Assoc.
Jason Peltier	Central Valley Project Water
Greg Thomas	Natural Heritage Institute
Dan Nelson	San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority
Tim Quinn	Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
Cynthia Koehler	Save the Bay
John Beuttler	Ecofish Consulting
Steve Evans	Friends of the River
Brent Hastey	Yuba County Board of Supervisors
Patrick Wright	The Resources Agency
Barry Nelson	Natural Resources Defense Council

The WMCT conducted its organizational meeting September 21st. At that meeting the following purpose and tasks were given the Team:

Purpose

- Evaluate a range of Water Management assets

- Develop a recommended Water Management Strategy for Stage 1 including the framework for the EWA that will be considered by BDAC and Policy

Tasks

1. Identification of the actions that will be taken in Stage 1 to improve water quality and to increase water supplies for environmental and ag/urban purposes.
2. The cost of each action and the sources of funds to offset these costs
3. Identification of all steps (permits, agreements, securing of funds, etc.) necessary to implement each action
4. A schedule showing when each of the steps necessary to implement each action would be carried out during Stage 1
5. Operational constraints that would apply to the use of each action
6. For each action, an agreement in principle between the entity contracting on behalf of the EWA or the water projects and the entity with direct control of the action setting forth:
 - The general conditions of use
 - Payment for the asset
 - Other relevant matters
 and stating the intent of both parties to complete a more specific agreement as necessary to implement the action
7. Rules that specify how the actions will be allocated among the EWA, water supply, and water quality
8. Overall operating rules for the Environmental Water Account and the Water Management Strategy

9. For the Environmental Water Account, a description of its governance structure, its procedure for making decisions about how to use EWA assets, and identification of the entity that will contract for assets on behalf of the EWA.

10. A description of how the Environmental Water Account and Stage 1 Water Management Strategy will be integrated or coordinated with other programs.

To assist the WMDT a Water Management Coordination Team (WMCT) was formed consisting of Federal, State and Stakeholder technical members. This Team serves at the direction of the WMDT. Both teams meet weekly and their progress is summarized below:

- Organized and set the rules of operation for the teams.
- Developed a preliminary workplan for the teams.
- Developed sub-groups to address particular coordination/integration issues such as CVPIA, b(2) and others.
- Developed a preliminary list of assets that could be implemented in Early (first two years) and Late Stage 1.
- Formulated several scenarios that the WMCT would used to test the benefits/Impacts of groups of assets.

Recommendations from the WMDT are to be completed by December 15th.