



Memorandum

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To: CALFED Policy Group

From: Lester A. Snow, Executive Director
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Subject: Integration of HCP Activities into Program Schedule

A significant element of the Assurance package is the development of ESA assurances through an HCP. While an HCP covering the CALFED Bay-Delta Program will not likely fit traditional models or approaches, the effort must be clearly described to the public and stakeholders.

At the June 17, 1997 meeting of the CALFED Management Team, Mike Spear indicated the need to proceed with a Notice of Intent on preparation of an HCP and initially he was concerned with matching up timelines with the CALFED Program. An effort is now being made to integrate the timelines and to match up level of detail in both programmatic efforts. While the details are still being developed, it is important that we make every effort to keep the processes integrated. We may wish to have an NOI for the HCP issued as an amendment to the previous NOI and to make sure that we can match up timelines with some definable and defensible product at each of the critical periods.

Additional information will be available at the meeting on July 2.

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