

**CALFED Policy Group Meeting  
Tuesday, May 13, 1997**

**Summary of Meeting and Actions**

**Accord Extension Issues**

Federal side have draft language circulated. How far the assurances provision can be extended still need to be worked out since the "no surprises" issue is under litigation now. The Group agreed that the sooner the extension gets signed the better.

**Spring Export Reduction Plan**

Agreement on operating plan for this year has been reached. This highlighted the need for decision on the (b)(2) water. Inability to resolve a long term decision will result in a battle every year.

**B(2) Water**

The Interior will release a revised Administrative Proposal on the management of (b)(2) water by May 30. All need to exercise leadership roles in this.

**Flood Management Activities and Coordination**

The Corps' deadline for putting flood protection back in place is November 1. The Corps is investigating 60 some levee breaks, about half of which have potential for non-structural solutions. July 1 is Corps' deadline for deciding which projects should be non-structural. Ground work need to be laid out now or opportunities would be lost. The Corps needs commitment from CALFED on how quickly it can bring money to the table for some projects. Corps' looking for some thing beyond PL 99 and needs state partnership.

Lester said Machado wants the grand plan or a vision of the overall flood protection plan. The Corps doesn't have the authority or the administration to recommend an overall comprehensive plan so needs CALFED. CALFED needs to decide how it should present itself in these efforts.

Karl Winkler presented the map done by an Ad Hoc team showing some preliminary evaluation of solutions on the San Joaquin River.

A group consisting of staff from DWR, Corps, and CALFED will meet on May 14 to work on a plan of action to integrate current efforts into Phase IV and long term CALFED solution. The group should put together a white paper with list of projects and leads. (Can say that this request came out of the CALFED Policy Group)

**Cost-Share Agreement**

There will be a Cost-Share meeting on Wednesday, May 14.

### **Water Quality**

Stakeholders concern is that CALFED is not doing enough to address issues on water quality, specifically urban drinking water issues.

### **Water Transfers**

The Program is planning to form a BDAC Water Transfers Work Group so issues can be identified and addressed. A white paper on structure of transfers will be distributed to the PCT on May 14.

### **ERPP Scientific Review Process**

The names of panel members will be submitted to the Policy Group by the end of this month. The panel needs people from federal side who are familiar with issues in the Delta.

### **Ecosystem Restoration Coordination Activities**

Projects with educational components may be funded but the educational projects item should be taken off the list of actions to be funded from Category III. The RFP need to include language clearly stating constraints on project operations and maintenance.

### **Next meeting**

The next Policy Group meeting will be held on June ? The Policy Group may need to meet monthly for now.