



Memorandum

Date: August 6, 1997
To: CALFED Policy Group
From: Lester A. Snow
Executive Director
Subject: HCP Coordination Update

Summary

At the July 2, CALFED Policy Group an update was provided on the activities related to the development of an HCP for the CALFED Bay-Delta Program. Issues discussed included the need to coordinate the EIR/S and HCP schedules so that the EIR/S can be used to satisfy the NEPA requirements for the HCP. A draft outline of a Notice of Intent was distributed for initial Policy Group review. The HCP Notice of Intent is intended to be supplement to the EIS/R Notice of Intent.

The Notice of Intent to prepare the HCP is under review and will be published as soon as possible so that Scoping meetings may be held in September. Agency comments received on the draft NOI (distributed to the Policy Group in a memo dated July 29) have been incorporated into the draft currently attached. The current version is in a redline/strikeout format to highlight the changes from the July 29 version.

An interagency team has been organized (FWS, NMFS, F&G and CALFED staff) and is working to finalize the Notice of Intent. Contracting services have been initiated to begin the task of providing detail to the matrix discussed several months ago.

Action Item

This memo is provided for information only. It is not on the CALFED Policy Group agenda and will not be discussed unless Policy Group members request additional information or discussion.

Attachment

CALFED Agencies

California
The Resources Agency
Department of Fish and Game
Department of Water Resources
California Environmental Protection Agency
State Water Resources Control Board

Federal
Environmental Protection Agency
Department of the Interior
Fish and Wildlife Service
Bureau of Reclamation
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service
Department of Commerce
National Marine Fisheries Service