

HCP Update



Memorandum

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To: CALFED Policy Group

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Subject: HCP Coordination Update

Summary

Scoping was initiated in early September to expand the scope of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program EIS/EIR to include the preparation of a Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP). Five scoping meetings were held throughout the state in Redding, Sacramento, Irvine, Los Banos and Berkeley. The objective of the scoping meetings was to identify and clarify public concerns that must be addressed in the development of an HCP. The final scoping meeting in Berkeley was held on October 14 and the scoping period will end on October 20. A detailed scoping report outlining issues and concerns raised during the scoping period is being prepared and a summary will be available by mid November.

The attached summary of scoping comments outlines some of the primary concerns raised at these meetings; however, it is not comprehensive and does not include the written comments that have been received.

The HCP Coordination Team is developing a species list of those species which may potentially be covered under a CALFED HCP in order to assess the impacts of the CALFED actions on these species and begin to identify mitigation actions. Information is being compiled using the matrix approach distributed several months ago and is focussing on those species found primarily within the Delta region. The team is also beginning to develop a detailed list of elements/components of a CALFED HCP in anticipation that these issues will help us craft a strategy/plan.

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

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Several meetings have occurred over the last month with interested stakeholders and agency and CALFED staff to discuss the progress of developing the HCP and the individual concerns of those stakeholders. Additionally, updates have been provided at the BDAC Assurances Work Group and BDAC Ecosystem Restoration Work Group meetings.

Action Item

This memo is provided to the CALFED Policy Group for information only.

Attachment