

INTERAGENCY ECOLOGICAL PROGRAM PROPOSED 1998 WORK PLAN OVERVIEW

On November 25, 1997 the Coordinators of the IEP will meet with the CALFED Policy Group to briefly review IEP's proposed work plan for 1998 and discuss the relationship between IEP and CALFED. In recent years the Coordinators have met each Fall with the Directors of member agencies to present, and seek approval for, the next year's program of monitoring and special study "elements". This year the Coordinators suggested a similar meeting with the CALFED Policy Group, whose membership substantially overlaps with that of the Program's Directors. Although the Coordinators will not be seeking specific budget approval at the meeting, they do view the meeting as an important opportunity to discuss the IEP and its proposed activities in a CALFED context. The proposed agenda for IEP's portion of the Policy Group meeting is as follows.

- 1) Introduction: Perry Herrgesell (5 minutes)

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- 2) Overview of the IEP's proposed 1998 work plan: Pat Coulston (10 minutes)

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- 3) IEP's past, present, and future role

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- 4) Proposal for development of CALFED's ecosystem monitoring program under the joint leadership of IEP and the San Francisco Estuary Institute (SFEI): Randy Brown (10 minutes)

- 5) Questions, Comments, and Discussion: Perry Herrgesell (up to 30 minutes)

ACTION REQUESTED: The Coordinators request the Policy Group's direction to work jointly with the SFEI and appropriate CALFED staff to develop a comprehensive ecosystem monitoring program to support CALFED restoration efforts as described in the proposal contained in the pre-meeting information package.

Pre-meeting Package

- IEP background summary
- Proposal for development of a CALFED ecosystem monitoring program
- "Table 1": A table showing agency transfers and self-funding levels associated with IEP's proposed 1998 program of monitoring and special study activities.
- "Appendix B": A table of all of the "elements" (projects) comprising IEP's proposed 1998 work plan, including estimates of element funding support by agency.

Additional information will be provided at the meeting, including an updated IEP organizational chart, a table containing additional details about proposed program elements, and graphical summaries of the program.