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1998 Proposals



Memorandum

Date: January 20, 1998
To: CALFED Policy Group
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Executive Director
Subject: 1998 Recommended Proposals

Summary

The Integration Panel has reviewed the unfunded, high priority proposals remaining from the 1997 applications and has recommended funding 24 proposals which total \$21.6 million. The Ecosystem Roundtable has reviewed these proposals and provided their recommendations. The Policy Group will be asked to recommend approval of this list of proposals at the January meeting contingent on BDAC input on January 29.

Action - Decision

The Policy Group are being asked to recommend approval of the \$21.6 million in proposals from the available funds. They are also being asked to recommend approval of a \$4.5 million contingency fund from the FY 98 federal funds as well as \$300,000 for U.S. Bureau of Reclamation administrative costs.

Detailed Discussion

The attached package includes a two-page list of proposals being considered for funding followed by an individual proposal report and executive summary for each proposal. The Ecosystem Roundtable considered these proposals and had the following recommendations:

- Staff should investigate the possibility for cost-sharing with the levee subventions program on the proposals for habitat restoration on levees (Tyler Island, Twitchell Island, and Cache Slough Habitat Enhancement);
- Cosumnes floodplain acquisition and restoration should focus on problem areas; and

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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- Where a proposal was not fully funded, there was concern that it may be preferable to hold back funds to cover future costs although it was recognized that this may tie up large amounts of funding. The Integration Panel carefully considered this issue when the recommended partial funding but in some cases, only recommended partial funding for planning and design which may significantly modify funding needs for construction or implementation.

The CALFED Management Team also reviewed the proposals and had the following concerns:

- There were some concerns about biological implications of the Selected Fish Screen proposal in Suisun Marsh which should be discussed among the Department of Fish and Game, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service.
- Cosumnes floodplain acquisition and restoration should focus on problem areas.