

**Restoration Coordination
Proposed Contract Amendment**

Listed below is a proposal for which the applicant is requesting a significant change of scope. Although the project proponent has not signed a contract yet, the requested change is such that staff are moving the project through the amendment process. On April 10th, the Ecosystem Roundtable recommended approval of the change of scope. On April 16th, the Management Team also approved the change of scope.

Saeltzer Dam Fish Passage Project

Issue: In December 1997, the Townsend Flat Water Ditch Company was awarded \$238,200 to complete the design and environmental permitting phases of work for a fish passage project on Clear Creek. The Metropolitan Water District, on behalf of the California Urban Water Agencies, is currently working with the applicant to finalize the scope of work. CALFED staff have been notified that the applicant wishes to significantly revise the scope of the project.

The original proposal was to remove Saeltzer Dam and replace it with a low-height diversion dam. The revised scope is to remove Saeltzer Dam and replace it with a "fish friendly" side channel diversion structure located approximately 4,000 feet upstream of the former dam, thus returning Clear Creek to its former condition. This new scope includes a fish screen which will meet steelhead criteria and a 4,000 foot buried concrete diversion pipe with headworks and a bypass channel. These changes have been approved by the local Technical Advisory Committee (which includes representatives of DWR, DFG, and USBR), and is considered to provide superior environmental benefits as compared to the original scope of the project.

Staff recommendation: Staff recommends that the scope be modified as described above. Both the Ecosystem Roundtable and Management Team have reviewed the staff recommendation and concur.