

Prospect Island



Memorandum

Date: May 29, 1998
To: CALFED Policy Group
From: Lester A. Snow
Executive Director *L. A. Snow*
Subject: Request for Approval of Funding for Prospect Island

Summary

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and their partners in the Prospect Island Restoration Project have requested \$2 million dollars of federal Bay-Delta Act funding to repair levees on Prospect Island in the Delta to enable fish and wildlife habitat restoration.

The Corps has indicated an urgent need to fix these levees this summer and fall to prevent further erosion to the internal structure of Prospect Island levees. The Corps is requesting funding now rather than submitting an application as part of the recent PSP in order to initiate construction this summer or fall. The Corps indicates that their cost share for this project (\$5 million) is at risk of being removed if levee restoration does not occur this year.

If funding is approved by CALFED Policy Group, the funding could come from two sources: redirection of funding from water acquisition or from the federal Bay-Delta Act reserve, which currently has \$3.3 million.

Detailed Discussion

See attached issue paper.

Action Required

CALFED Policy Group will be asked if they would recommend \$2 million in funding for Prospect Island levee repairs. This approval would be conditional on obtaining a favorable recommendation from the BDAC Ecosystem Roundtable at their meeting on June 19, 1998.

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