

Accord Extension



Memorandum

Date: July 8, 1998
To: CALFED Policy Group
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Executive Director *K. Howard*
Subject: Bay-Delta Accord Extension

Summary

Last December, the Bay-Delta Accord was extended by the state and federal signatories until the end of December 1998. Given the recent decision to issue a revised draft EIS/EIR at the end of this year, with a final EIS/EIR being released in late 1999, many agencies are asking for an additional extension of the Bay-Delta Accord to cover the period between December 1998 and the final decision. The attached documents discuss (1) possible options for extending the Bay-Delta Accord, and (2) what really happens when the Bay-Delta Accord expires.

This issue was presented to the CALFED Management Team at its July 1, 1998 meeting. The general sense of the Management Team was that a simple extension (similar to that used in the last extension) for a period of 9 to 12 months would be appropriate.

Action

The CALFED Program requests that the CALFED Policy Group **concur** that a simple extension of the Bay-Delta Accord for the 9 to 12 month time frame is appropriate, and that CALFED staff and agencies should initiate appropriate contacts within the stakeholder community to develop some consensus for this approach.

Attachments

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