

# *1998 Proposal Selection*



## Memorandum

Date: September 10, 1998

To: CALFED Policy Group

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Executive Director

*Reviewed  
for LAS*

Subject: 1998 Package of Recommended Projects

### Summary

Sixty-four projects totaling approximately \$25,600,000 have been recommended for funding in response to the 1998 Proposal Solicitation Package. The recommendations of the Integration Panel are attached. In addition, several policy issues were raised by either the BDAC Ecosystem Roundtable or the CALFED Management Team. Those issues are summarized along with staff recommendations.

### Action

Decision Item. The CALFED Policy Group is being asked to recommend approval of the proposed projects.

### Detailed Discussion

The following attachments are provided:

- Attachment A — 1998 PSP Evaluation and Selection Process
- Attachment B — Summary Tables and Recommended Funding by Topic Area
- Attachment C — Policy Issues
- Attachment D — Map of Recommended Projects
- Attachment E — List of Recommended Projects

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#### 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

## 1998 Proposal Solicitation Package Evaluation/Selection Process

Proposals were reviewed using a two-step process. First, seven Technical Review Panels (TRPs) made up of state, federal and non-agency representatives were formed to evaluate and score proposals submitted under each of the nine Topic sections. The TRP members list is attached.

The Integration Panel then evaluated recommendations from the TRPs checking for duplicate proposals, identifying any conflicts or synergy between TRP recommendations in the different topic areas, and identifying unmet restoration needs. They also were tasked with ensuring the overall integrity of the technical review process. An Integration Panel member list is attached.

### Role of the Technical Review Panels (TRPs)

The role of the Technical Review Panels (TRPs) was to evaluate and score each of the proposals on its effectiveness and ability to achieve its stated goals. The panels used the criteria described in each Topic section to evaluate and score proposals. Scores for each of the criteria ranged from zero to twenty-five. A proposal needed to receive a total score of at least 40 out of a total possible score of 70 to be eligible for funding in this funding cycle. The TRPs also recommended which proposals should be funded if funding requests for eligible proposals exceeded the available funds budgeted. The TRPs evaluation of proposals was forwarded to the Integration Panel for their deliberation in proposing the recommended package of projects to be funded.

### Timing/coordination for decisions

Integration Panel recommendations for funding were reviewed by the Ecosystem Roundtable on August 31, Management Team on September 1, and will be reviewed by the Bay-Delta Advisory Council on September 11. The CALFED member agencies, acting through the CALFED Policy Group, will make final funding recommendations to the implementing agencies. Final approval for funding proposals rests with the appropriate CALFED agency.

All funding recommendations will be coordinated with other appropriate funding sources (such as the Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA)), and programs administered through other agencies (such as the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB)). Accordingly, the CALFED funding recommendations may identify co-funding or alternative funding options for projects. Proposals not funded through this PSP will be forwarded, as appropriate, to other funding sources for their consideration. Project funding provided through sources other than those listed in this PSP may include additional contract/award terms and conditions.

It is anticipated that funding decisions will be made by the end of September, 1998. Preparation of contracts or cooperative agreements will begin as soon as projects are approved.

### Technical Review Panels

Below is the make up of the Technical Review Panels for the May 1998 Proposal Solicitation Package. The implementing agencies for each Topic section are noted in parentheses. Note that one review panel was used for the Fish Passage Assessment, Fish Passage and Related Screen Improvements, and Small Screen Evaluations - Alternatives and Biological Priorities topics.

#### Fish Passage Assessment/Fish Passage and Related Screen Improvements/Small Screen Evaluations - Alternatives and Biological Priorities (Bureau of Reclamation)

Craig Sarsfield - *Team Leader* - Bureau of Reclamation - hydraulic technician  
 Jim Buell - Metropolitan Water District  
 Brent Mefford - Bureau of Reclamation - hydraulic research engineer  
 Marianne Hallet - National Resource Conservation Service - water supply specialist  
 Bill O'Leary - Bureau of Reclamation

#### Floodplain Management and Habitat Restoration (Fish and Wildlife Service)

Mike Aceituno - *Team Leader* - Fish and Wildlife Service - fish and wildlife biologist  
 Alan Forkey - National Resource Conservation Service - wetland specialist  
 Rick Sitts - Metropolitan Water District - biologist  
 Peter Vorster - The Bay Institute - Hydrologist/geomorphologist  
 Randy Benthin - Department of Fish and Game  
 Dan Strait - Fish and Wildlife Service  
 Clark Frentzen - Army Corps of Engineers  
 Walt Hoye - Metropolitan Water District

#### Sediment Management (CALFED)

Eric Larson - *Team Leader* - University of California at Davis - research scientist  
 George Heise - California Department of Fish and Game - hydraulic engineer  
 Matt Brown - Fish and Wildlife Service - Red Bluff  
 Earle Cummings - Department of Water Resources

#### Fish Harvest Management Tools (CALFED)

Chris Deweese - *Team Leader* - University of California at Davis - marine fisheries specialist  
 Rich Dixon - California Department of Fish and Game  
 Paul Spencer - National Marine Fisheries Service - Tiburon Lab  
 Dan Viele - National Marine Fisheries Service - Long Beach  
 Roger Thomas - Golden Gate Fishermen's Association  
 Joe Miyamoto - East Bay Municipal Utility District

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Species Life History (CALFED)

Paul Ward - *Team Leader* - California Department of Fish and Game - Springrun chinook  
Randy Bailey - Metropolitan Water District consultant  
Ruth Olsen - US Fish and Wildlife Service  
Ted Sommer - Department of Water Resources - fisheries biologist  
Dennis McEwan - California Department of Fish and Game

Local Watershed Stewardship (US Environmental Protection Agency)

Sam Ziegler - *Team Leader* - US Environmental Protection Agency  
Laurel Ames - Sierra Nevada Alliance  
Catriona Black - Coordinated Resources Management Program  
Dale Hoffman-Floerke - Department of Water Resources - San Joaquin River  
John Lowrie - National Resource Conservation Service  
Julie Tupper - US Forest Service  
Rebecca Fawver - CALFED

Environmental Education (US Forest Service)

Julie Tupper - *Team Leader* - US Forest Service  
Bruce Forman - California Department of Fish and Game - environmental education specialist  
Kay Antunez - Department of Forestry and Fire Protection - Project Learning Tree coordinator  
Valerie Holcomb - CALFED - public information specialist  
Ann Westling - US Forest Service - Tahoe NF- environmental education coordinator

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## 1998 Integration Panel

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Expertise</u>
Serge Birk	CVPWA	instream flows, fisheries, hatcheries
Randy Brown	DWR-ESO	fisheries
Dan Castleberry	USFWS	physiological ecology of fishes, AFRP
Rod Fujita	EDF	fisheries, marine ecology
Karl Halupka	NMFS	fisheries
Perry Herrgesell	DFG	estuarine biology
Elise Holland	The Bay Institute	fisheries, wetlands
Diana Jacobs	State Lands Commission	riparian habitats
Ken Lentz	USBR	fisheries
Stefan Lorenzato	SWRCB	watersheds
Fred Nichols	USGS	estuary ecology
Sannie Osborn	USACE	general environmentalist
Tim Ramirez	Tuolumne River Trust	geomorphic habitat restoration, hydrology
Pete Rhoads	MWD	aquatic ecology

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