

Accord Extension



Memorandum

Date: October 8, 1998
To: CALFED Policy Group
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Executive Director
Subject: Bay-Delta Accord Extension

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Summary

Last December, the Bay-Delta Accord was extended by the state and federal signatories until the end of December 1998. Given the decision to delay release of the final EIS/EIR until late 1999, the CALFED agencies believe the Accord must be extended again.

The content and schedule for extending the Bay-Delta Accord was discussed at the August and September CALFED Policy Group meetings. The federal agencies have drafted and begun circulating for signature an Accord extension that is similar to that used in the last extension. The extension states in its entirety:

“The representatives of the state and federal governments agree to extend their commitments as stated in the Bay-Delta Accord, signed on December 15, 1994 and entitled ‘Principles for Agreement on Bay-Delta Standards between the State of California and the Federal Government,’ until December 31, 1999, by which time it is anticipated that a record of decision on the CALFED Bay-Delta Program will be finalized.”

Action

This is an information item.

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