

Restoration Coordination

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Memorandum

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To: CALFED Policy Group
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Subject: Restoration Coordination

Summary

This memo (1) provides a brief report on the status of the projects and programs selected by CALFED for funding in FY 98 and (2) requests CALFED Policy Group approval of funds from FY 99 federal Bay-Delta Act appropriation of \$75 million for CALFED operations and for the Restoration Reserve.

FY 98 Funding Update—Information Item

Previously, Policy Group recommended selection of 72 projects and 25 programs totaling \$156.5 million. The \$156.5 million includes funds from the Category III sub-account from Proposition 204, the federal Bay-Delta Act, the EPA watershed funding, and the contribution of Metropolitan District of Southern California. The 72 projects were submitted in response to the 1997 Request for Proposals. The 25 programs were developed by the Integration Panel, or, in the case of the Special Support Programs, by CALFED.

Each of the projects and programs was assigned to one of the funds, and the agency responsible for administering that fund was tasked with preparing a contract or cooperative agreement for it. Table 1 shows the progress made at the end of the federal fiscal year obligating those funds in contracts. The definition of obligated is that a contract or cooperative agreement has been signed.

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
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FY 99 Initial Funding Request—Decision Item

For FY 99, Congress has appropriated \$75 million under the federal Bay-Delta Act and the bill which contains this appropriation has been sent to the President, who is expected to sign it shortly.

The Policy Group is being asked for approval of:

1. \$5,000,000 for the Restoration Reserve, technical review, and administrative costs. The exact breakdown of these costs is as follows:

The Restoration Reserve (set by the cost-sharing agreement at 5%)	\$3,750,000
Technical Review Program	\$750,000
USBR administration	\$500,000

2. \$5,000,000 for CALFED Special Support Programs such as monitoring and permit coordination. A detailed breakdown of these costs is still being prepared and will be available at the Policy Group meeting for review.

Funding is being requested at this time primarily to continue the work efforts and funding support for CALFED's special support programs. A handout with this information was provided to the BDAC Ecosystem Roundtable. There was no opposition to the funding but additional detail and information was requested.

The remaining FY 99 funds will be allocated using both designated actions and a new proposal solicitation based on the priorities previously approved by the Policy Group. The schedule calls for the Policy Group to be briefed on the details of the FY 99 spending plan in November and to approve it in December. The solicitation would then begin in January and take approximately five months.

Attachment