



Memorandum

Date: January 28, 1999
To: CALFED Bay-Delta Program
From: Lester A. Snow *KH/S*
Executive Director
Subject: 1999 Critical Issues

Summary

The Revised Draft Phase II Report identified many actions and issues that need to be addressed in 1999 in order to reach a final Preferred Program Alternative. CALFED has identified 11 critical issues which need focused attention in order to be resolved. CALFED will also proceed with many other actions in the Program that are not on the list of 11, such as preparing the EIS/R and continuing with the Levee Program and Ecosystem Restoration Program. The critical issues/topics are:

1. EWA/DNCT
(Environmental Water Account/Diversion Effects and NoName Coordination Team)
2. Water Management Strategy
3. Governance
4. Financing
5. Water Use Efficiency
6. Water Transfers
7. Section 404/Section 10 Compliance Strategy
8. Conservation Strategy
9. Stage 1 Priorities
10. Water Quality
11. Comprehensive Monitoring, Assessment and Research Program (CMARP)

CALFED staff are preparing workplan summaries for each of the critical issues/topics which will be mailed or faxed by Monday, February 1, 1999 to provide time for your review prior to the Policy Group meeting. This topic will be a primary focus of the Policy Group meeting.

Action: Concurrence Item

The Policy Group will be asked for comment and concurrence on the proposed workplans and schedule for addressing critical issues and tasks.

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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