

Ecosystem Governance Discussion Outline

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Mission for ecosystem governance structure

- Implement the CALFED Ecosystem Restoration Program (ERP) and achieve the ERP performance objectives

Principles that guide selection of governance structure

- Implement the program using an adaptive management framework
- Science based -- management based on scientific and biological principles and processes, which incorporates independent science review
- Be pro-active in restoring the ecosystem
- Implement the ERP as efficiently as possible; act quickly and responsively
- Integrate stakeholders in decision making process
- Assume no regulatory functions
- Retain focus on ERP implementation

Functions:

- Ability to manage a broad and complex program scope
- Implementation of ERP; achieve objectives and performance standards
- Coordination and consolidation of ecosystem restoration priority setting, implementation actions, monitoring, research and funding within the program scope
- Coordinate with CALFED oversight entity and with other CALFED programs
- Oversee and direct ecosystem monitoring, research and assessment

Duties/Responsibilities:

- Planning and program development
- Support and conduct science
- Acquire, hold rights to and manage land, water and other property by lease, purchase or easement; manage and operate the Environmental Water Account
- Participate in water management operations (through Ops Group)
- Implement the adaptive management framework in an effective and efficient manner
- Conduct or coordinate monitoring, data analysis, data accessibility and publication of the findings
- Administer & coordinate multiple funding sources / prepare program budget/ manage contracts and grants

Authority to:

- Acquire and hold rights to land, water and other property
- Obtain and hold regulatory permits and prepare environmental documentation
- Enter into contracts/ Employ staff/ Sue and be sued
- Receive funding from public and private sources
- Disburse funds through grants, loans or contracts
- Issue and repay bonds and other forms of indebtedness