



## Memorandum

Date: March 31, 1999  
To: Federal-State Small Group Meeting Participants  
From: Mary Selkirk *Mary Selkirk*  
Subject: Outcomes from March 30 Small Group Meeting

The following are decisions made or outcomes reached on items on this morning's meeting agenda:

### South Delta Improvements

#### **Tracy Fish Screen Program Feasibility Study Proposal**

**Action:** Kirk Rodgers(USBR), Jim Lecky (NMFS), Wayne White (USFWS), Kathy Kelly(DWR), and Frank Wernette (DFG) agreed to meet next week to negotiate what the parameters of the feasibility proposal to CALFED should be.

**Date/time:** Tuesday, April 6, 1-5 p.m., Resources Building, Room 804.

**Action:** Agencies committed to have their respective technical people meet prior to April 6 and work through the technical issues for the policy-makers. Those who were committed: Bruce Herbold (EPA), Mike Thabault (USFWS), John Andrews, Dan Odenweller, Steve Hirsch (USBR).

**Agency lead:** Steve Hirsch. Steve asked that the respective regional heads let their staff know that attending this meeting is high priority.

### **South Delta Improvements Package**

**Action:** Staff will come back to Small Group on April 6 with a more comprehensive proposal, including new description of project purpose, description of measures of improvement, benefits/disadvantages of proposed actions, inclusion of the barrier/non-barrier study alternatives, and draft recommendation for Policy Group.

**CALFED lead:** Stein Buer

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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

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**Description of the Preferred Program Alternative**

Comments sought from agencies. Steve Ritchie emphasized that this document is intended to address the technical programmatic EIR/S requirement. It will be accompanied by a "context" memo describing the program in more detail, which is being drafted by Mary Scoonover and will be completed this week.

Mary Scoonover emphasized that CALFED needs to know if the description as written accurately reflects CALFED agency policy. She noted that any significant changes might result in a delay of release of the EIR/S.

Comments focused primarily on the description of storage and on the characterization/description of Delta conveyance. Patrick Leonard called into question the inclusion of a potential Hood diversion in the preferred alternative. Additional comments were provided on the Water Quality Program.

Steve Ritchie stated that the description needs to be written in a way that recognizes concerns but lays out a process to address those concerns. He asked for agency assistance in that effort.

**Action:** Agencies committed to getting complete comments to CALFED prior to next week's Small Group meeting. Further discussion next week.

**Agenda for Small Group meeting, Tuesday, April 6, 1999:**

1. Preferred Alternative Description
2. Governance/Finance
3. South Delta Improvements
4. Water Management Strategy (Demand Scenarios and Objectives)