



Memorandum

Date: April 19, 1999

To: Alf Brandt

From: Lester A. Snow
Executive Director

Subject: California Tribes' Involvement in CALFED

At the April 15, 1999 Policy Group meeting, you stated that the Department of the Interior will draft a letter for a mailing to chairs of all California Native American tribes, inviting them to participate in the CALFED process, including possible membership in the CALFED Policy Group.

You stated also that because CALFED actions extend beyond the Bay-Delta, there is a need for more active "government to government" contact. You suggested that this might include a directed program for California tribes for CALFED participation.

Felicia Marcus of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) suggested a tribal relations training for the Policy Group. She offered her team of EPA trainers to conduct such a training. She went on to say she would take this issue up at the RTOC meeting in May.

Chairperson Nichols requested a report back from you on this matter at the May 13 Policy Group meeting.

cc Policy Group

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