



## Memorandum

Date: May 6, 1999

To: CALFED Policy Group

From: Lester A. Snow

Subject: CALFED's Multi-species Conservation Strategy Update

The MSCS is a comprehensive species and habitats conservation program that addresses multiple species and habitat needs and the maintenance of ecological functions within the CALFED Program area. The MSCS also evaluates the effects of CALFED Program actions on special status species and NCCP habitats at a programmatic level; includes measures to ensure that Program implementation is consistent with the continued survival and recovery of these species; and provides a framework for site- and action-specific compliance with the Federal and State Endangered Species Acts. Incidental take authority will be granted when a site-specific analysis is concluded consistent with the MSCS.

Attached is the Executive Summary from the MSCS which should give you a broad overview of the MSCS, however, the sections on funding and assurances are not yet completed and are missing from this document. The incomplete sections will be finished and included in the Appendix to the EIS/R and the summary of the MSCS for the Phase II report for the June release.

Also in this packet is a memo outlining an outstanding issue of the MSCS still needing resolution. This is the issue of the conservation burden contained in the MSCS. A technical team is working at quantifying the burden. The results should be available on May 13<sup>th</sup> in time for the Policy Group meeting.

Attachment

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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  
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Bureau of Reclamation  
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Natural Resources Conservation Service  
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