





## Memorandum

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To: CALFED Policy Group

From: Lester A. Snow

Subject: Status Update on MOA Regarding Clean Water Act Sec. 404 Compliance

CALFED agencies have proposed a Memorandum of Agreement among the Corps, USEPA, and other appropriate CALFED agencies describing a strategy for programmatic compliance with Clean Water Act Section 404.

Staff from the Corps, USEPA, the California Attorney General, and CALFED are currently drafting this MOA. Although tentative agreement has been reached on points related to structure and content of the document, a consensus version was not yet available for inclusion in the Policy Group packet.

At the Policy Group meeting, staff who are drafting the MOA will be able to provide a description of the structure and general approach of the MOA. It is hoped that a draft document with several "placeholder" sections yet to be completed will also be available.

If the Policy Group is provided with sufficient detail to approve the structure and approach of the MOA, the next step would be to conduct an informal meeting with stakeholders to gauge initial reaction before a description of the MOA is included in the Revised Draft EIS/EIR package.

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Department of Water Resources  
California Environmental Protection Agency  
State Water Resources Control Board

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