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## Memorandum

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To: Policy Group

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Subject: Restoration Coordination Program Project Approval

### Summary

The CALFED Integration Panel has recommended 34 proposals from the 1999 proposal solicitation for funding. In addition, seven direct actions under the 1998 Non-native Invasive Species Program administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and one directed action under the 1998 Habitat Bypass Program administered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are being submitted for approval.

### Background

The CALFED Restoration Coordination Program completed a public solicitation for Ecosystem Restoration Projects and Programs on April 16, 1999. CALFED received 226 proposals with an estimated value of \$264 million. The CALFED Integration Panel has recommended the funding of 34 projects from this solicitation (see attached list). The role of the Integration Panel is to evaluate proposals based on CALFED's comprehensive goals for ecosystem restoration. The Integration Panel takes into consideration the proposal's ability to meet the funding priorities and implementation guidelines, the system-wide ecosystem benefits of the proposal and compatibility with non-ecosystem CALFED objectives.

A concerted effort was made by the IP to select projects which would not have any barriers to implementation, and that were important to fund in 1999. The IP also indicated that the selection of projects from the 1999 PSP needed to be considered in context with the Directed Actions which were approved for funding in February 1999. The Directed Actions were taken into full consideration in the selection of proposals from the 1999 PSP and together provide a balanced and integrated funding package.

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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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In addition to the proposals from the public solicitation, two programs established in 1998 have selected directed actions which are being advanced for consideration and approval. The 1998 Non-native Invasive Species Program administered by the US Fish and Wildlife Service has selected seven direct actions and the 1998 Habitat Bypass Program administered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has selected one directed action (see attached list).

These projects will be considered by the Ecosystem Roundtable at their June 16, 1999 meeting. A workshop between the Integration Panel and Ecosystem Roundtable members will be held on June 14, 1999. Additional information including brief narrative justifications for each project will be provided at the June 17, 1999 Policy Group meeting.

Attachment