

CALFED Policy Group Public Meeting
November 17, 1999

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Memorandum

Date: November 4, 1999

To: CALFED Policy Group

From: Steven R. Ritchie
Acting Executive Director

Subject: November 17, 1999 Policy Group Meeting

The CALFED Policy Group will be holding its monthly meeting on Wednesday, November 17, 1999, at the Capitol Plaza Holiday Inn in Sacramento.

At this meeting, Policy Group members will be asked to make decisions on the following topics:

- (1) CALFED priorities for FY 2000 funding
- (2) FY 2000 CALFED ecosystem projects and FY 1999 watershed projects

You will also be briefed on several other work efforts that are critical to completion of the elements necessary for the Program to move into full implementation next summer. Members of the Water Management Development team will provide an update on progress to date in the effort to design an Environmental Water Account for CALFED implementation through Stage 1 of the Program. As you recall, both Governor Davis and Secretary Davis directed CALFED to complete a framework for an Environmental Water Account by the end of this year, in time to be implemented in the year 2000.

You will also be briefed on the proposed USBR/DWR strategy for 2000 water operations. This strategy includes a proposal for use of a Joint Point of Diversion during the winter, as well as South of Delta water acquisitions.

You will also have an opportunity to discuss the current developments and refinements under consideration for CALFED long-term governance. You will be briefed on BDAC's deliberations at their October 28 meeting regarding long-term governance, and you will be asked to discuss further the current CALFED straw proposal which was presented at your October 5 meeting.

CALFED Agencies

California

- The Resources Agency
- Department of Fish and Game
- Department of Water Resources
- California Environmental Protection Agency
- State Water Resources Control Board
- Department of Food and Agriculture

Federal

- Environmental Protection Agency
- Department of the Interior
- Fish and Wildlife Service
- Bureau of Reclamation
- U.S. Geological Survey
- Bureau of Land Management
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

- Department of Agriculture
- Natural Resources Conservation Service
- U.S. Forest Service
- Department of Commerce
- National Marine Fisheries Service
- Western Area Power Administration

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Finally, you will receive a briefing on the current successful stakeholder effort to resolve some of the conflicts among users on the South Fork of the Yuba River, including the current controversy surrounding the future of Englebright Dam.

Please note that the final meeting of the Policy Group for this year is scheduled for Wednesday, December 15, at the Sacramento Convention Center. The following meeting dates have also been set for early 2000:

Wednesday, January 19, 2000
Wednesday, February 23, 2000
Wednesday, March 15, 2000
Wednesday, April 19, 2000.

Please be sure to mark your calendars. I look forward to meeting with you on November 17th. Your meeting packet includes the following:

Executive Director's Report
October 5 Meeting Summary
Memo on Long-term CALFED Governance
Memos on CALFED Ecosystem Restoration
Memo on the Upper Yuba River Studies Program
Update on the Integrated Storage Investigation/Water Management Strategy
September 16, 1999 BDAC Meeting Summary
Correspondence and Miscellaneous Items