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To: CALFED Policy Group

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Subject: Ecosystem Restoration Program Coordination

Summary

At the October 5, 1999, Policy Group meeting, CALFED staff were directed to investigate opportunities to more fully integrate with other ecosystem programs including CVPIA and Four Pumps. CALFED staff has talked with other programs and recently met with CVPIA staff and developed the attached one page document and graphic which describes the potential to integrate the two programs. Additionally, Ecosystem Roundtable members provided several suggestions for integrating with other programs, including CVPIA.

Detailed Discussion

CALFED staff has coordinated with CVPIA over the past several years. The transition of the CALFED Ecosystem Restoration Program to an annual cycle based on the federal fiscal year will allow many more opportunities for integration of the CALFED and CVPIA programs. The attached one page summary and graphic provide additional information on potential overlap and opportunities for integration. CALFED staff will continue to work with CVPIA and other restoration programs to further develop these concepts.

Ecosystem Roundtable members provided several suggestions for integrating with other programs, specifically CVPIA. There was strong support to move beyond the current technical coordination to a more functional integration of the two programs where existing overlap occurs. The Roundtable recommended that CALFED, with CVPIA staff, develop a straw proposal outlining different alternatives for how integration would occur. The proposal should provide a timeframe and address coordination with other CALFED activities such as the future governance of the CALFED Program. It was suggested that staff first look back to previous discussions and papers on this topic. The proposal will be ready for Policy Group review in early 2000.

Action: The Policy Group is asked to support continued staff work on further developing these concepts.

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
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Bureau of Reclamation
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