

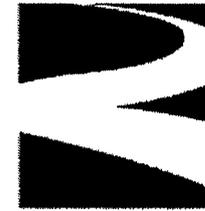
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Upper Yuba River Studies Program

Policy Group Progress Report

November 17, 1999

- Terry Mills, CALFED
- Dave Munro, Skipper's Cove Marina
- Shawn Garvey, South Yuba River Citizens League
- Brad Shinn, Public Affairs Management



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Upper Yuba River Studies History

- CALFED Issues RFP May, 1998
- SYRCL Submits Restoration Proposal
- Policy Group Directs CALFED Staff to Implement Stakeholder Process
- Early Public Meetings Emphasized Major Concerns and Key Issues
- Redesigned Collaborative Process



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Getting Stakeholders to the Table

- Sutter County Board of Supervisors
- Yuba County Water Agency
- US Geological Survey
- Nevada County Resource Conservation District
- Citizen Allied Against Lake Egnlebright Destruction
- Gold Country Flyfishers
- US Geological Survey
- California Department of Parks & Recreation
- Friends of the River
- Middle Yuba River Area Citizens League
- Department of Water Resources
- Yuba Sutter Flood Control Commission
- National Marine Fisheries Service
- Bureau of Land Management
- California Sportfishing Protection Alliance
- South Yuba River Citizens League
- P.G. & E.
- USFS - Tahoe National Forest
- Wolf Creek Wilderness
- Yuba-Sutter Flood Control Committee
- Placer County Water Agency
- Nevada County Board of Supervisors
- US Fish & Wildlife Service
- Skippers Cove Marina
- Department of Fish & Game
- Nevada Irrigation District
- Pacific Coast Federation of Fisherman's Assoc.
- Sierra Club - Sierra Nevada Group
- Yuba County Board of Supervisors
- Yuba Watershed Council
- Placer County Water Agency
- Trout Unlimited
- Lake Wildwood Association
- Environmental Defense Fund
- Army Corps of Engineers
- CALFED
- Penn Valley Chamber of Commerce



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What Is Working About the Ongoing Dialogue

- Clear Objectives and a Process for Achieving Them
- Strong, Neutral Facilitation
- Partnership, Equality and Mutual Respect
- Finding a Common Language...
Study Purpose



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Study Purpose

“To determine if introduction of wild chinook salmon and steelhead to the Upper Yuba River watershed is biologically, environmentally, and socio-economically feasible over the long term.”



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Why This Program has Succeeded to Date

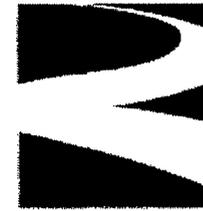
- Four Parallel Stakeholder Processes
 - Small Coordinating Group
 - Larger Stakeholder Workgroup
 - Public Stakeholders
 - One-on-one discussions
- Recognition That Upper Yuba Studies Will Proceed Regardless of Input



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Issues Resolution

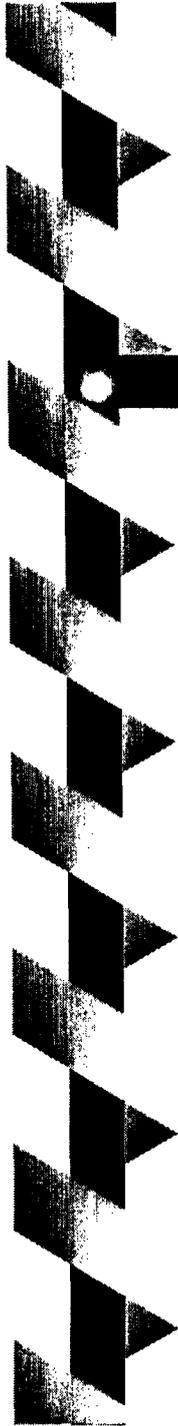
- CALFED's Willingness to Take Responsibility and Give Process Authority to Stakeholders
- Active Avoidance of Predetermined Outcome
- Strong, Committed Stakeholder Leadership
- Balanced Stakeholder Representation
- Tightly Planned Facilitation Approach



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Facilitation Approach

- Grounded in Dispute Resolution Principles
- Agreement and Progress Oriented
- Sensitivity to Perspectives
- Enforce Groundrules and Prior Agreements
- Focused on Stakeholder Interests
- Clearly Defined Desired Outcomes
- Document and Track Agreements and Actions



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Future Success

Keys will be:

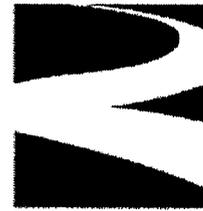
- Responsive Answers to Key Stakeholder Questions
- Maintaining Credible Data Sources and Information
- Carefully Monitored and Coordinated Interaction Between Technical Consultants and Stakeholders
- Meeting Public Stakeholders Expectations of Involvement and Communication



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Key Issue Areas

- Upstream Habitat
- Downstream Habitat
- Economics
- Flood Control
- Sediment Control and Water Quality
- Water Supply



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Study Approach

- Identify Priority Questions for Each Key Issue
- Keep Level of Effort Appropriate to Feasibility-Level Decision Making
- Develop Focused Scopes of Work with Technical Committees and Consultants
- Begin and Monitor Studies and Brief Stakeholders
- Adaptive Approach



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Study Level of Detail... Sediment

Sediment Loads

Volume Behind the Dam

Composition

Mercury Content and Methylation

Mitigation



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Communications Approach

- A Phased Approach
- Newsletters and Other Communications Materials Are Regularly Distributed to the Larger Stakeholder Community
- Public Meetings Are Scheduled at Major Milestones



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What We Need to Yield Success

- Encouragement
- Commitment
- Support and Funding