

Ecosystem Roundtable Informational Staff Report

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Topic: Contract Amendment Subcommittee of Roundtable Meeting

Background: On November 9, 1999, the contract amendment subcommittee of the Ecosystem Roundtable and the CALFED agency liaisons met in a public meeting to discuss five projects that had requested Level 1 amendments and six projects that had requested Level 2 amendments. The details of the proposed project amendments are included in the attached memorandum to the Ecosystem Roundtable Project Amendment Subcommittee.

Status: The five Level 1 project amendments have been reviewed by the appropriate contracting agency staff, which after consultation with CALFED staff, were found reasonable and they were approved. They are presented here for information.

Six Level 2 project amendments were reviewed by the Amendment Subcommittee and Agency Liaisons. At the meeting, Patrick Leonard/USFWS reported that the City of American Canyon has indicated that they will also incur approximately \$6,000 in unanticipated costs for soil testing required for the property appraisal. The Amendment Subcommittee and Agency Liaisons recommended approving up to \$35,000 of total additional costs for that project (98-F23).

Project and Proponent	Change Requested			Reason for Amendment	Liaison Action
	Budget	Scope	Time		
Evaluation of Increasing Tagging Levels for Chinook Salmon and Steelhead and a Demonstration Project on Mass Marking (98-B15) Northwest Marine Technology Inc.	\$38,100 (6.1% increase)	Evaluate a wider spectrum of values for the model's parameters	None	To include fishing mortality rates, salmon ocean survival rates, hooking mortality rates, impacts in freshwater, etc.	Recommended for approval.

Project and Proponent	Change Requested			Reason for Amendment	Liaison Action
	Budget	Scope	Time		
Stone Lakes NWR Land Acquisitions (98-F12) US Fish and Wildlife Service	\$500,000 (26% increase)	Provide initial restoration planning.	To Dec 31, 2000	Increased land acquisition costs, restoration planning, and acquisition-related costs.	Recommended for approval.
Chinook Salmon Movement in the Lower SJR and South Delta (98-C11) CA Dept of Fish and Game	None	None	12 months	Delays in obtaining equipment and staff turnover.	Recommended for approval.
Woodbridge Fish Screen and Passage (98-B11) Woodbridge Irrigation District	None	None	22.5 months	Delays in obtaining environmental clearance.	Recommended for approval.
Nelson Slough Wildlife Area Restoration Demonstration Project (98-F10) CA Dept of Fish and Game	(\$256,476)	Cancel project	None	Project withdrawn by proponent.	Recommended for approval.
South Napa River Tidal Slough and Floodplain Restoration Project (98-F23) City of American Canyon	up to \$35,000 (2.4% increase)	None	None	Unanticipated property acquisition costs.	Recommended for approval.

These 10 projects with amendments recommended for approval have a net dollar change of \$332,124, or 4.2% of the previously approved project funding.

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