

**Existing CALFED Governance Structure**  
**Policy Group Membership and Meeting Procedures**  
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CALFED will rely on the current structure until a permanent structure for CALFED implementation can be adopted. In the interim, CALFED is evaluating how to modify and improve the current structure. A new Framework Agreement will be developed to describe the interim process and structure for implementation of the Final EIS/R and associated documents.

1. Policy Group Membership.

Currently there are 17 state and federal agencies that are members of the Policy Group. State and federal agencies that support the CALFED objectives and would like to participate in program implementation can be members. Requests for memberships are processed on the state side by the Resources Agency and on the federal side by the Department of Interior. Each member agency is required to identify a representative and alternate for participation in Policy Group. One federal lead representative (Deputy Secretary of the Interior) and one state lead representative (Secretary of the Resources Agency) co-chair the meetings. To continue as a member of the Policy Group after the Record of Decision, agencies will need to sign the new Framework Agreement.

There are numerous agencies with activities related to CALFED objectives that may want to participate in CALFED activities but may not be interested in becoming members of the Policy Group. Coordination with those agencies will be initiated or continued, and separate coordinating agreements may be established.

2. Meeting Requirements

Policy Group meets a minimum of four times a year. The state and federal co-chairs alternate chairing of meetings. The co-chairs or their alternates need to be in attendance in order for the Policy Group to meet.

3. Decision Rule

The Policy Group follows a state-federal consensus rule for making decisions. All agencies are encouraged to voice their interests and concerns at Policy Group meetings. However, the co-chairs review the state and federal agencies' positions to determine whether an agency has concerns with a proposal (or an issue) pending before the Policy Group. The co-chairs will note whether the state and federal agencies are in support of a proposed action. Consent of the state and federal governments is necessary to proceed with a CALFED action.

4. Public Participation

All Policy Group meetings are public meetings. Up to eight BDAC members, two of which are the BDAC co-chairs, participate as ex-officio members. BDAC representation at Policy Group meetings is selected by the BDAC co-chairs with a goal of providing a balanced cross section of stakeholder interests. Representation can rotate, except for the co-chairs. For all others, an opportunity for public comment is provided at each meeting.