

**Bay Delta Advisory Council**  
**Finance Work Group**  
**Meeting Summary**  
**January 16, 1997**

**Major Discussion Items**

- **1997 Work Plan for BDAC Finance Work Group**

Zach McReynolds presented an outline of a work program for the group for 1997. The work plan involves the use of a case study being prepared by staff to clarify financial policy issues. The first phase of the work plan involves discussing and revising the case study to enable it to be used as a prototype Financial Strategy at a public workshop in May 1997. The public workshop is intended to broaden the level of exposure and comment for the case study. Following the workshop, the work group will further refine the case study based on comments received and consensus views. Staff will use the case study as a basis for preparation of a draft Financial Strategy that will form a part of the Implementation Approach accompanying the draft EIR/EIS.

- **Stakeholder Identification**

The first step in the 1997 process was to identify and contact stakeholder interests that have not yet been active but which need to be provided information about the Financial Strategy. The group prepared a list of targeted groups for inclusion in future distributions.

- **Role of the Work Group**

The role of the work group was discussed as follows:

- Review Program reports and proposed approaches
- Identify policy issues raised by Program approaches
- Discuss policy issues and attempt to reach highest level of consensus
- Advise Program through BDAC as to recommended approaches

- **Discussion Guidelines**

Guidelines for discussion in the work group are:

- Solution Principles
- Existing State and federal law and policy
- Find areas of agreement
- Identify and narrow areas of disagreement

- **Identification of Benefits**

A major area of interest and concern of the group relates to information about the benefits of the Program. This concern relates to using benefits information for an evaluation of the cost effectiveness of components, and for allocation of costs among various beneficiaries.

The cost effectiveness concern relates to deciding which actions are included in each component, and the order in which they will be funded and implemented.

The cost allocation concern stems from the fact that many quantitative cost allocation methods require detailed information about relative benefits. Without such detailed benefits, these methods are less useful.

Staff agreed to present the Program's approach to benefits analysis at the next work group meeting.

- **Attendance**

**BDAC Members**

Eric Hasseltine, Chair  
Roberta Borgonovo  
Bob Raab

**Other Attendees**

Amy Fowler, SCVWD  
Arnold Rummelsburg, WR-MWSD  
Craig Stroh, USBR  
Randall Neudeck, MWDSC  
Lora Steere, EBMUD  
David Fullerton, NHI  
David Yargas, EDF  
Rob Larkins, Morgan Stanley  
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