

BDAC Finance Work Group
Meeting Summary
May 21, 1997

Status Updates

Information reports were provided on the status of the federal funding effort and the State/Federal Cost Sharing Agreement. The budget request continues to maintain the full \$143 million for FY98. Stakeholders have a continuing effort in progress to build support in Congress for the appropriation. The cost sharing agreement has been modified somewhat in recognition of early CALFED agency and stakeholder comment. The document now in draft form is a roughly three-year agreement relating to interim ecosystem restoration and a framework of long-term principles.

Discussion of Allocation Approaches

As requested at the prior meeting, staff had prepared and distributed a brief description of the three major cost allocation approaches that have been discussed by the group at prior meetings:

- Conventional Approaches
- "Follow the Water"
- Innovative Approaches

Also included was an initial draft of a set of criteria that could be used to compare allocation approaches on a consistent basis so that the group could identify the strengths and weaknesses of each approach.

The remainder of the meeting was spent in discussion of these criteria for comparing cost allocation approaches. The group made a number of revisions to the list, including combining a number of related criteria, eliminating others, and modifying the description of some of the criteria. Staff was requested to provide the revised list for discussion at the next meeting.

Attendance

Eric Hasseltine
Roberta Borgonovo
David Guy
Rosemary Kamei
Tom Maddock
Bob Raab
Ray Hoagland

Arnold Rummelsburg
Craig Stroh
Lora Steere
Dennis O'Connor
Marni Buchanan
Amy Fowler
Randall Neudeck

Earl Nelson
Jeff Sellers
David Orth
Jim Moore
Peter Von Haam