

RESTORATION COORDINATION

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Memorandum

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To: BDAC Members
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Subject: Restoration Coordination Program Update

Summary

1997 Request for Proposals (RFP) Update. CALFED received approximately 410 proposals in response to the 1997 Category III RFP. That includes 320 formal proposals requesting funding and 90 Inquiry Submittals requesting information on possible future funding. The amount requested was approximately \$630 million. A general summary of the types of proposals received was mailed to all BDAC members several weeks ago. Staff has created a detailed database to track and summarize the proposals.

Panels are being formed to conduct the evaluation and recommend selection of the proposals to the Ecosystem Roundtable and the CALFED Policy Group. Evaluation and selection information will also be provided to BDAC. Review of the funding package is expected to take place in October and November.

A two-tiered selection process has been adopted; technical review panels will score the individual proposals and an integration panel will identify funding priorities and recommend a proposal funding package. Membership of the integration and technical review panels will be balanced in terms of technical expertise and agency/non-agency representation. We are forming 10 to 15 technical review panels to handle the volume of proposals that need to be reviewed. The technical panels will score the proposals in September.

The list of Integration Panel members is attached to this memo. The panel has met in August and will continue meeting in September. The panel may establish funding priorities based on the types of proposals received (such as planning, research, implementation, education, monitoring, operation and maintenance) and on species, habitats, ecological processes, and limiting factors or stressors. Other criteria may be used, as well.

CALFED Agencies

California
The Resources Agency
Department of Fish and Game
Department of Water Resources
California Environmental Protection Agency
State Water Resources Control Board

Federal
Environmental Protection Agency
Department of the Interior
Fish and Wildlife Service
Bureau of Reclamation
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service
Department of Commerce
National Marine Fisheries Service

Restoration Coordination. CALFED staff are using several approaches to improve coordination between Category III and other ecosystem restoration programs. A significant effort has been made to use the integration panel for both Category III and CVPIA prioritization and project selection. In addition, staff who are familiar with other related funding sources such as Department of Fish and Game funding programs, Four Pumps and Tracy Mitigation Agreement are on the Integration Panel. We convened a meeting on August 22 of representatives of these and other related funding programs to discuss the coordination of priority setting, project selection, project management, and other related issues.

Ecosystem Roundtable. Based on legal advice, this RFP has been conducted following State contract law which requires that all proposals remain confidential until a final selection is made. This restriction means that individual proposals cannot be distributed to the public, including the Roundtable or BDAC. Given the restriction, staff are working with the Roundtable to maximize their role in guiding the final funding package. For example, the Roundtable will be asked to respond to the priorities recommended by the Integration Panel, for guidance and advice on the final funding package in terms of the funding levels for categories of actions, and the overall funding allocated in this funding cycle. For future Category III funding cycles, CALFED has asked the Attorney General's Office to evaluate whether this program can be re-designed so that proposal selection would remain fair and objective while addressing the Roundtable's concerns on its current role in project selection.

Action - Information Item

The information provided above and at the upcoming BDAC meeting are meant to bring BDAC up-to-date on Restoration Coordination activities and to address comments regarding those activities.

Detailed Information

Staff will provide a more detailed summary of the proposals, an update on coordination activities, and an updated schedule of Restoration Coordination activities at the meeting.

Attachment