

1998 Proposal Solicitation Package Evaluation/Selection Process

Proposals were reviewed using a two-step process. First, seven Technical Review Panels (TRPs) made up of state, federal and non-agency representatives were formed to evaluate and score proposals submitted under each of the nine Topic sections. The TRP members list is attached.

The Integration Panel then evaluated recommendations from the TRPs checking for duplicate proposals, identifying any conflicts or synergy between TRP recommendations in the different topic areas, and identifying unmet restoration needs. They also were tasked with ensuring the overall integrity of the technical review process. An Integration Panel member list is attached.

Role of the Technical Review Panels (TRPs)

The role of the Technical Review Panels (TRPs) was to evaluate and score each of the proposals on its effectiveness and ability to achieve its stated goals. The panels used the criteria described in each Topic section to evaluate and score proposals. Scores for each of the criteria ranged from zero to twenty-five. A proposal needed to receive a total score of at least 40 out of a total possible score of 70 to be eligible for funding in this funding cycle. The TRPs also recommended which proposals should be funded if funding requests for eligible proposals exceeded the available funds budgeted. The TRPs evaluation of proposals was forwarded to the Integration Panel for their deliberation in proposing the recommended package of projects to be funded.

Timing/coordination for decisions

Integration Panel recommendations for funding were reviewed by the Ecosystem Roundtable on August 31, Management Team on September 1, and will be reviewed by the Bay-Delta Advisory Council on September 11. The CALFED member agencies, acting through the CALFED Policy Group, will make final funding recommendations to the implementing agencies. Final approval for funding proposals rests with the appropriate CALFED agency.

All funding recommendations will be coordinated with other appropriate funding sources (such as the Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA)), and programs administered through other agencies (such as the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB)). Accordingly, the CALFED funding recommendations may identify co-funding or alternative funding options for projects. Proposals not funded through this PSP will be forwarded, as appropriate, to other funding sources for their consideration. Project funding provided through sources other than those listed in this PSP may include additional contract/award terms and conditions.

It is anticipated that funding decisions will be made by the end of September, 1998. Preparation of contracts or cooperative agreements will begin as soon as projects are approved.