



## Memorandum

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To: BDAC

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Executive Director

Subject: FY 2000 Ecosystem Restoration Priorities

### Summary

The first step toward project selection for FY 2000 ecosystem restoration projects involves development of priorities. The priorities should identify desired outcomes through project actions in the first year of Stage 1 implementation. Draft CALFED and Ecosystem Restoration priorities are attached.

### Background

The Restoration Coordination Program began its transition to long-term implementation in 1999. The proposed revision to the project selection process is primarily driven by the need to transition from broad ecosystem restoration activities characteristic of the early ecosystem restoration program to very focused ecosystem restoration activities which are included in the long-term Ecosystem Restoration Plan.

The definition of clear annual priorities is the foundation and first step in the revised annual ecosystem restoration implementation process. According to the proposed implementation process, annual priorities are developed in the first quarter of the year prior to the year being funded. For example, FY 2001 priorities will be developed in the first quarter of FY 2000. Annual priorities are based on the goals and programmatic actions contained within the ERP combined with public, agency, and stakeholder input, policy decisions and the CALFED solution principles. Annual priorities must be sufficiently detailed to form the basis for project selection. As we move into implementation of the long-term plan, every project approved should make measurable progress towards its implementation. These implementation actions are described in ERP Stage 1 Actions and Stage 1A Bundles. Stage 1A Bundles geographically represent implementation actions for not only the ERP but other CALFED programs (e.g. Water Quality and Watershed Management).

Draft ERP FY 2000 priorities have been presented to the Ecosystem Roundtable and the public. A public workshop was held on August 31<sup>st</sup> to discuss the FY2000 priorities outlined. A meeting summary and information distributed at the public meeting is attached.

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#### CALFED Agencies

#### California

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

#### Federal

Environmental Protection Agency  
Department of the Interior  
Fish and Wildlife Service  
Bureau of Reclamation  
U.S. Geological Survey  
Bureau of Land Management  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Department of Agriculture  
Natural Resources Conservation Service  
U.S. Forest Service  
Department of Commerce  
National Marine Fisheries Service  
Western Area Power Administration

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Upon completion of the FY 2000 priorities, projects can then be identified which meet those priorities. Projects for FY 2000 are expected to be funded primarily with proposals remaining from the 1999 Proposal Solicitation Package. FY 2000 priorities may also be met by developing new directed programs.

**BDAC Action**

BDAC is being asked to concur with the Roundtable recommendation for FY2000 priorities and forward the recommendation to the CALFED Policy Group for consideration at its September 22, 1999 meeting.

Attachments