

**CALFED Program Oversight**  
**Discussion Outline/Paper**  
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**Mission for CALFED Program Oversight**

- Provide coordinated oversight and policy guidance. (Phase II Report language)

**Objectives /Functions: (modification of 1/99 list)**

- Program coordination  
Coordination of programs as needed to ensure balanced implementation and continuous improvement in all programs areas --involves closer coordination to the extent actions are linked/bundled between programs.
- Policy formulation  
Develop policies that support the program goals and objectives which will be passed onto the implementing entities as appropriate.
- Oversight of program implementation  
Review progress reports provided by implementation entities which provide an assessment on meeting performance objectives and standards. Assess overall performance of CALFED goals and objectives
- Budget review and prioritization of CALFED program budgets  
Implementation entities develop proposed budget for review and approval by oversight entity to ensure balanced implementation, coordination of actions and reflection of current policies. Stakeholder review should be incorporated in the budget cycle.
- Stakeholder Communication  
Provide centralized forum for stakeholder input into the overall CALFED program. Implementing entities would maintain stakeholder communications as well.
- Legislative Coordination  
Provide centralized reporting to Congress and Legislature on status of CALFED performance, provide coordination of legislative proposals from implementing agencies
- Project management and operation ??  
Should an oversight entity have any implementation responsibilities and authorities?

### **Oversight Authorities (modification of 1/99 list)**

- Efficient decision-making authority
- Conflict/dispute resolution process
- Budget review/approval authority over federal/state and other implementing entities
- Receive funding, hire staff and enter into contracts for the oversight functions
- Direct overall program implementation of implementation entities
- Take legal action
- Serve as lead agency for environmental documentation and authority to seek and hold permits (only needed if assuming project management function?)

### **Oversight Options**

- Maintain existing Policy Group structure and extend Framework Agreement
- Formalize existing CALFED agency structure (JPA with Federal MOU)
- New Entity (agency, commission, board, public corporation)