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To: BDAC Ecosystem Restoration Members and Invited Participants (Attached List)
From: Mary Selkirk, BDAC Ecosystem Restoration Work Group Chair
Subject: BDAC Ecosystem Restoration Work Group

The next meeting of the BDAC Ecosystem Restoration Work Group will be held on **Wednesday, March 5, 1997 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in Room 1131 of the Resources Building, 1416 Ninth Street, Sacramento, CA.**

At the last meeting (January 29), the BDAC Ecosystem Restoration Work Group members determined that they wished to delay the February 26 work group meeting in order to review the draft Ecosystem Restoration document currently being finalized by the CALFED Bay-Delta Program. The draft document would contain revised targets, implementation objectives and visions for specific geographic areas (ecozones), resources (species and guilds), habitats, and ecosystem functions. Two prototype visions (Sacramento River Ecological Zone and Chinook Salmon) were distributed to work group members in December and an additional draft vision (Butte Basin Ecological Zone) was distributed at the January work group meeting. These drafts have given work group members a starting point for providing input to CALFED staff on the continuing development of the Ecosystem Restoration Program Plan (ERPP).

Unfortunately, the draft document containing the revised targets, implementation objectives and visions will not be available before the March 6 work group meeting. However, we believe that there is still a need to discuss issues relative to the document. As the draft agenda (Attachment 1) shows, we will provide an overview of the ERPP and discuss integration with the other program components. Additionally, we intend to spend a significant portion of the meeting discussing areas of agreement and areas of concern that have been identified over the last several months. These areas of concern include:

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
Department of Commerce
National Marine Fisheries Service

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- Scope of the Program;
- Land use management;
- Substance of targets;
- Coordination with other programs;
- Flow patterns;
- Hatcheries;
- Numerical targets;
- Magnitude of habitat restoration;
- Exotic species; and
- Stakeholder input.

As part of that discussion, we will explain how we have attempted to address some of the areas of concern in the document that is currently being prepared. If we do not appear to have addressed these concerns adequately, we would like to discuss options for doing so.

Additionally, we would like to discuss specific technical issues which work group members feel need technical refinement or technical review and options for accomplishing that review.

A summary from the January 29 work group meeting is attached (Attachment 2). We look forward to your participation at the next meeting.

Attachments