



## Memorandum

Date: September 28, 1998

To: BDAC Ecosystem Restoration and Assurances Work Group Members and Invited Participants

From: Roberta Borgonovo and Hap Dunning, Chairs

Subject: Joint Work Group Meeting Preliminary Draft Memo

We welcome you to a joint meeting of the Ecosystem Restoration and Assurances Work Groups to be held on **Tuesday, October 6, 1998 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Room 1131, Resources Building, located at 1416 Ninth Street, Sacramento, California.** An agenda for the meeting and background materials are attached.

The goal of this meeting is to reach concurrence on the key functions and duties necessary to implement the ecosystem restoration program. This issue has been extensively discussed by stakeholders and is of great interest to the CALFED agencies. The issues will also be among the topics of discussion at the upcoming BDAC meeting on October 29 and 30.

We will spend some time at the beginning of the meeting bringing participants up-to-date on new work products and discussions which have led up to this meeting. Specifically, we will provide an overview of the progress made by staff and both Work Groups on the issue of ecosystem restoration governance and management. In addition, Cynthia Koehler (Environmental Water Caucus) and Cliff Shultz (Ag/Urban Water Caucus) will provide a summary of their discussion with the CALFED Policy Group on September 15. As a result of that discussion, the Policy Group directed CALFED staff to work with BDAC to clarify the functions of an implementing entity and the rationale for those functions without focusing on the form or institutional structure of the implementing entity.

The bulk of the meeting will be devoted to refining the functions and duties of the ecosystem restoration management entity and discussing how to balance scientific independence/integrity and policy making during implementation of the ecosystem restoration program. The questions on the attached agenda will be used to help frame the discussion.

If you need additional information, please contact either Dick Daniel or Stein Buer at (916) 657-2666.

We look forward to your participation at the next meeting.

### Attachments

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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

**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