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To: BDAC Ecosystem Restoration Members and Invited Participants

From: Roberta Borgonovo, Chair *P. Borgonovo*

Subject: BDAC Ecosystem Restoration Work Group

The next meeting of the BDAC Ecosystem Restoration Work Group will be held **Tuesday, January 26, 1999 from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Room 715 of the Resources Building, at 1416 Ninth Street, Sacramento, CA.** An agenda for the meeting is attached (Attachment 1). A summary of the October 6 meeting is also attached (Attachment 2).

At this meeting we will discuss the December 1998 Strategic Plan for Ecosystem Restoration, the CALFED staff revision of the September 30th version prepared by the Core Team (the revised plan is included in this mailing). A summary of changes between the March and December versions of the Strategic Plan and Volumes I and II of the ERPP are attached (Attachment 3). (Copies of the revised ERPP will be available at the meeting).

Other meeting topics include:

- Discussion of the 1999 Ecosystem Restoration Program work efforts;
- Update on the progress of the Comprehensive Monitoring, Assessment and Research Program (CMARP);
- Overview of the Non-native Invasive Species Strategic Plan (a copy of the plan will be available at the meeting); and
- Discussion of the next steps for the Ecosystem Restoration Work Group.

The key activity for the Work Group will be to plan a March or April 1999 Scientific Review Panel workshop. The workshop is envisioned as a one to a one-and-a-half day review of CALFED's progress in addressing the recommendations made by the panel in October 1997 (the panel's key points and recommendations are included as Attachment 4). The workshop will likely follow the format and process of the first; the workshop will be facilitated, presentations will be kept brief, invited technical advisors will be available to assist the panel, and there will be opportunity for public comment.

All eight panelists from the October panel have tentatively agreed to participate in a Spring workshop. The panelists are listed below:

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

Paul Angermeier, Virginia Tech	freshwater fishes ecology and assessment of biotic integrity
Michael Barbour, UC Davis	plant ecology
Ken Cummins	stream and river ecology
Chris D'Elia , Maryland Sea Grant	estuarine ecology and nutrient dynamics
Tom Dunne , UC Santa Barbara	hydrology and fluvial geomorphology
Jack McIntyre	salmonid fishes population biology
Dennis Murphy, U of Nevada, Reno	terrestrial ecology and natural community conservation planning
Joy Zedler , U of Wisconsin	salt marsh and coastal wetland ecology and restoration

The following questions will guide the Work Group's discussion:

1. *What programs, documents or proposals should the panel review? Potential topics include the Strategic Plan, Stage 1 actions, CMARP framework, indicators, and ERP governance.*
2. *Should a series of questions be drafted to guide the panel's deliberations? If so, what questions?*
3. *Should new experts be added to the October 1997 panel? If so, which experts should be added? Should representatives of the Core Team sit on the panel?*

If you need additional information, please contact Peter Kiel at (916) 657-2666.

We look forward to your participation at the next meeting.

Attachment