



CALFED BAY DELTA PROGRAM

**DRINKING WATER CONSTITUENTS WORK GROUP
MEETING**

October 19, 1999
1:30 - 4:30 (Agenda Attached)
Resources Building
1416 9th Street, Room 1142
Sacramento, CA 95814

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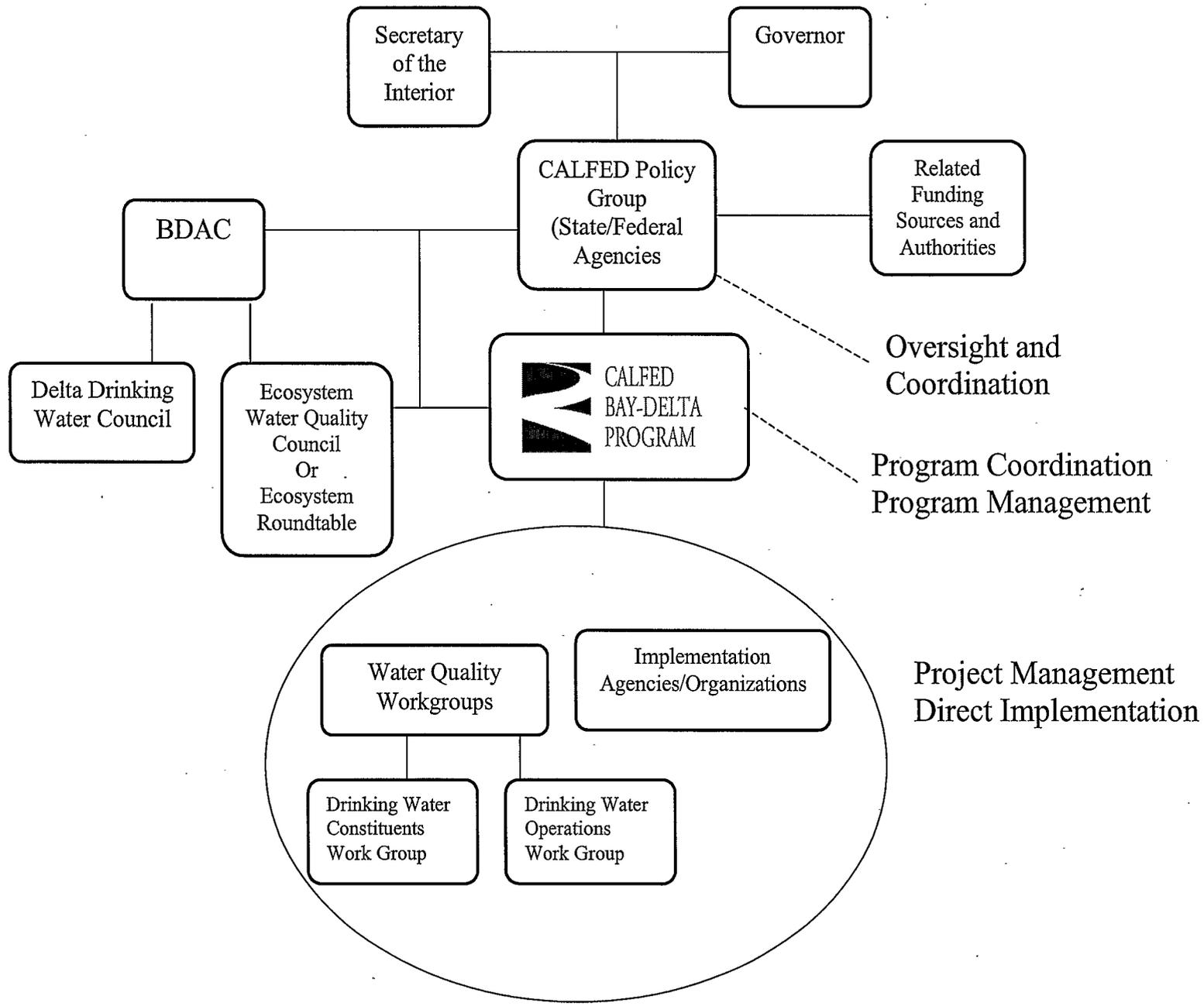
The purpose of this Forward is to clarify the role of the Drinking Water Constituents Work Group and the purpose of the Work Group meetings. About two weeks before the October 5, 1999 Work Group meeting, the Water Quality Program was reorganized and split into two categories: environmental water quality and drinking water quality. The environmental water quality actions were transferred to the CALFED Ecosystem Restoration Program and the drinking water actions became part of the new **Drinking Water Quality Program**. (The CALFED drinking water actions are in the Water Quality Program Plan, Technical Appendix to the Programmatic EIR/S, June 1999 and handed out at the October 5, 1999 meeting). The new Drinking Water Quality Program was formed to elevate drinking water issues and to implement the CALFED Drinking Water Quality Improvement Strategy as defined in the Revised Phase II Report, Technical Appendix of the Programmatic EIR/S, June 1999.

Up to this time, the Water Quality Technical Group, composed of a multitude of interests, including agriculture, environmental, industry, municipal and recreational water users, State, Federal and local government agencies advised the Water Quality Program. It is through the hard work of the Water Quality Technical Group that the contents of the Water Quality Program Plan was developed and a list of actions to address problems was recommended. The **Drinking Water Constituents Work Group, a subset of the Water Quality Technical Group representing drinking water interests, has been formed to provide a broad function as the stakeholder advice group to the new Drinking Water Quality Program and as the technical arm of the new Delta Drinking Water Council. (A second group, the Drinking Water Operations Work Group, has also been formed to support the Program and to function as a technical arm of the Council.)** It is under the scrutiny of the Delta Drinking Water Council that a combination of actions and studies will be performed which will result in decisions on which additional measures or set of measures are most appropriate to implement to meet CALFED's public health protection objectives. The relationship of the Work Group to the CALFED Program is shown in the attached diagram (attachment).

CALFED Agencies

<p>California</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	<p>Federal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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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At the Drinking Water Constituents Work Group on October 5, 1999, members agreed on the following Work Group functions:

1. Review and rank projects.
2. Track progress (of studies and projects).
3. Assure that the schedule is met.
4. Provide technical guidance to implementing entities.
5. Integrate with and advise the CALFED Delta Drinking Water Council and the CALFED Drinking Water Quality Program.
6. Assist in outreach - ensures progress reports on studies and projects get disseminated to stakeholders.

In addition, the Drinking Water Constituents Work Group may also develop workplans or implementation plans for any of the studies or projects recommended by them and review white papers on the state of the knowledge regarding monitoring and assessment of data, treatment technology, regulatory developments, health effects research, and source control.

The Drinking Water Quality Program actions, along with actions from other CALFED program elements, have been grouped into bundles for purposes of achieving regional and programmatic balance, for development of environmental documentation, for establishing Program assurances and for facilitating financing, permitting, and implementation. A proposed set of actions for the lower San Joaquin River and the South Delta were selected, based on stakeholder input, for high priority early implementation. There are two South Delta drinking water quality actions: 1) Veale/Byron Tract drainage management actions to decrease island drainage discharges and to improve source water quality at the Rock Slough Intake and at export facilities, and 2) to assess sources of drinking water and to determine the magnitude of loads of constituents of concern to drinking water which impact the South Delta.

A separate Work Group has been formed to address the Veale/Byron Tract actions. **At the next Drinking Water Constituents Work Group, it was agreed upon to address the sources and magnitudes of loads of drinking water constituents action in the South Delta Bundle.** The reasoning is that funding is expected as early as this Fall and that this action has been identified as key to developing "baseline" conditions from which to measure success to improve drinking water. An agenda to the October 19, 1999 Drinking Water Constituents Work Group follows. Meeting notes from the October 5, 1999 Work Group meeting will be handed out at the October 19, 1999 meeting. If there are any questions, please contact Judy Heath (916) 653-2994, lead coordinator for the Veale/Byron Tract and Drinking Water Constituents Work Groups.