

# CALFED WATERSHED PROGRAM

## Proposed Implementation Actions (first 7 yrs) Draft Preferred Program Alternative

From Attachment A (items that will be available at time of ROD and Findings)

- **Watershed Program**

The following information will be available at the time of the ROD & Findings:

- Description of the linkages of the Watershed Program with other CALFED Program elements
- Description of high priority watershed enhancement actions
- Description of the coordination framework to define roles, funding support, and communication
- Description of education and outreach effort
- Description of process for evaluation of success of the watershed program
- Description of plan to provide funding and technical assistance to foster local watershed groups
- Description of clearinghouse function
- Establish watershed restoration project review panel
- Stage 1 Implementation Actions (see Attachment B
- Implementation Plan (see Long-Term Implementation Plan, under development)

From Attachment B (items for Stage 1 implementation during first 7 years)

## **Watershed Program**

*The watershed program is designed to provide for coordination and integration of existing and future local watershed programs and to provide technical assistance and funding for watershed activities relevant to achieving the goals and objectives of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program. The watershed program encompasses all watersheds that contribute flow to the Bay-Delta system, except the Trinity River watershed. The actions during Stage 1 are a mix of watershed coordination activities and demonstration projects designed to show benefits to the Bay-Delta system.*

1. Implement an outreach, coordination, and partnering program with local watershed groups including landowners, Resource Conservation Districts and watershed councils (yrs 1-7).
2. Provide watershed stewardship funds to local watershed groups (yrs 1-7).
3. Fund existing watershed clearinghouse functions to ensure public participation, disclose information, and monitor watershed projects (yrs 1-7).
4. Implement watershed restoration activities and/or demonstration projects, including those in the upper watershed, which demonstrate a benefit to restoring the Bay-Delta system (yrs 1-7).
5. Implement project level environmental documentation and permitting as needed (yrs 1-7).
6. Pursue and fund focused research to resolve the high priority issues and uncertainties associated with watershed restoration (yrs 1-7).
7. Develop and refine watershed conceptual models to quantify economic and non-economic benefits that accrue from watershed management or restoration activities (yr 1-3).
8. Establish and fund a watershed restoration project review panel to assist local watershed groups and private landowners in restoration project concept, design, and implementation (yrs 1-7).
9. Fund coordination with other CALFED and non-CALFED programs on watershed related activities (yrs 1-7).