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Re: Ecosystem Restoration Roundtable Mission

Dear Lester:

I would like to offer a few comments regarding the written information you provided us on 10/8/96 regarding the mission of the Ecosystem Restoration Roundtable (ERR). I believe that it is critical that the ERR agree on what its mission is to be in this process. Specifically, it should be quite clear what the ERR relationship is to the BDAC. I would like to make the following suggestions:

Mission

The Ecosystem Roundtable is a stake holder forum established as a subgroup of the Bay-Delta Advisory Council (BDAC). Its mission is to provide advice on the coordination of existing and anticipated state and federal ecosystem restoration and/or management programs. Specifically the Ecosystem Roundtable will provide advice on:

- Coordination of CALFED ecosystem restoration/management projects and programs with other complimentary environmental programs being carried out within the problem and solution area of the Bay-Delta Ecosystem.

II. Program Objectives

- The program will be coordinated, where appropriate, with other ecosystem restoration programs and environmental programs being carried out within the geographic area of the Bay-Delta Ecosystem.

III. Work Program Elements

(2) Integrated Planning Process

With the appointment of the Ecosystem Roundtable, there is an expectation on the part of the stake holders and the CALFED Management Team that restoration efforts for fisheries, riparian and other wetland habitat, and other restoration efforts in the Bay-delta Ecosystem will be coordinated to increase their effectiveness and decrease duplication.

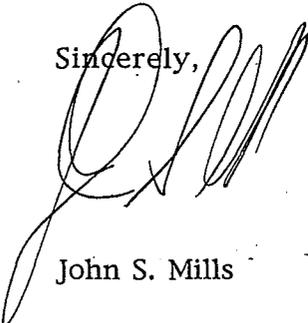
The Ecosystem Roundtable's mission is to provide advice to BDAC and CALFED as appropriate on the coordination of existing and anticipated local, state, and federal ecosystem restoration programs.

As to the last issue I would like to discuss (I am not quite where, or how to where the solution would best fit) it seems that there is a potential for the ERR to become an alternate location to reargue points which have already been discussed at a policy level on the BDAC. Therefore, I would hope that the ERR would focus its efforts on coordination of programs, and developing criteria for program funding/ranking, in an overall long-term strategy.

Perhaps one possibility would be to include language in the "Program Objectives" section which could further clarify the relationship between policy decisions and program/project criteria.

In any event I hope these suggestions will be of assistance to you. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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