

CALFED Category III Public Information Workshops
Purpose and Scope
(Draft not yet reviewed by participating agencies)

A. Workshop Purpose

1. Increase communications between CALFED Restoration Coordination Program and potential local grant applicants in order to assist interested applicants in preparing grant proposals. An extra effort is being made to schedule the locations and time of the workshops to assist local applicants that have had less input into the CALFED and Category III process such as local watershed and community groups.
2. Provide information on the CALFED program (in general) and Category III funding process and priorities (specifically). Briefly discuss relationship to and funding status of the other CALFED components such as levee stability, water quality, and water supply reliability.
3. Provide information regarding the coordination of several state and federal funding programs related to ecosystem restoration. Agencies present at workshop to discuss coordination with Category III will include USBR and USFWS regarding CVPIA, SWRCB regarding Proposition 204 Delta Tributaries program, and EPA regarding Bay Delta Accord funding.
4. Receive input regarding local concerns, priorities, and activities related to the Restoration Coordination Program and RFP. Input would be used to understand implementation issues regarding proposals received in the June 1997 funding cycle and input would be considered in developing future RFP's.
5. Receive input on whether local public workshops are useful method of communicating with potential applicants and if there are other methods CALFED can adopt in the future. (Need to coordinate this discussion with the broader evaluation being conducted by CALFED regarding how to involve local watershed organizations more in the CALFED program).

B. Workshop Scope and Format

1. Targeted audience would be potential Category III local grant applicants and interested parties.

2. Schedule three workshops in local regions such as Northern Sacramento Valley (Redding, Red Bluff or Chico), Delta region (Walnut Grove or Stockton), and San Joaquin Valley (Turlock or Modesto). Workshops will be in the evening or weekend to be more accessible to targeted audience.
3. Workshops will be scheduled to occur within the first 10 days after the RFP is mailed. Category III RFP expected to be available in late May. Workshop notices will be mailed with the RFPs.
4. Workshop format. Workshops expected to be 2-4 hours in length. Workshop will begin with presentations by CALFED on the CALFED program and RFP. Other state and federal agencies will briefly discuss their programs and coordination with CALFED. A facilitated question and answer period will follow. Ideas of how to have small group discussions have been thought of such as holding breakout groups or having table/poster sessions on different agency programs or different local watershed groups. No decisions have been made regarding small group discussions.

C. Workshop Preparation and Planning

1. An interagency coordinating team of CALFED, SWRCB, USFWS, EPA, USBR, and Central Valley RWQCB are meeting to develop the purpose and scope of the workshops and to identify methods of coordination between the various funding sources.
2. Ecosystem Round table members will be asked for input into the purpose and scope of the workshops.
3. Agency representatives, listed above, will route this draft document to regional agency representatives for input into the workshop scope and purpose.
4. Additional agencies with related funding programs interested in participating in the workshops will be invited to attend coordinating team meetings, review this draft document and attend the workshops.

D. CALFED Agency Outreach

1. Identify key CALFED agency staff in regional and state offices that can respond to local questions regarding the RFP and the Category III program in general. The names and phone numbers of those agency contacts will be provided at the workshops.
2. Arrange meetings with agency contacts prior to RFP mailing to describe the Category III process, RFP, and coordination with other state and federal agencies.

E. Workshop Materials

1. A workshop notice will be mailed with the RFP as well as to any other targeted group not on RFP mailing list.
2. Workshop agenda will be prepared

F. Lead Entity

1. CALFED is lead in collaboration with other participating agencies
2. EPA has offered to assist CALFED in preparation of workshop logistics, outreach, and detailed planning.