

Policy Issues Related to Example Restoration Actions

The Example Restoration Actions document includes some actions which are highlighted with bold type to flag them as examples we will want to consider carefully in development of the RFP. These fall into the following categories. Staff will present draft recommendations on each of these categories at the Roundtable meeting.

1. Flow Related Actions

Many of the actions identified to address the stressor of Hydrograph Alterations are flow related and so may not be appropriate for Category III funding. The most obvious have been highlighted in bold type but many others also are likely to fall in this category.

2. Water supply actions

There are several example actions that are related to water supply actions such as wastewater reclamation that could be funded by other portions of Prop 204.

3. Reintroduction of anadromous fish above existing large reservoirs

The previous Roundtable package included some background on this item.

4. Hatchery expansion

The previous Roundtable package included some background on this item.

5. Regulatory actions

There are a number of actions which propose regulatory approaches related to revised angling regulations, ballast water regulation, and regulatory approaches to erosion control.

6. Changes operations or physical facilities for SWP and CVP delta facilities

These types of actions very likely will not meet the requirement that projects not prejudice the selection of the CALFED alternative or they could be considered flow related.

7. Land retirement

CALFED has already determined that land retirement is not appropriately considered as a water conservation measure.

8. Coordination between agencies

Agency coordination type actions can be addressed through development of watershed groups that include all affected interests. However, encouraging agencies to join in CALFED is likely beyond the scope of what should be included in an RFP.

9. Educational projects

General educational projects are included under "Human disturbance". Previously, Roundtable members expressed some reluctance to fully fund these type of proposals but there seemed to be some willingness to consider some level of support. "Classroom" type education projects and educational centers associated with restoration projects are two areas where some additional input would be useful.

10. Climate change

There are likely no feasible actions which would address this stressor directly. However, in evaluating habitat restoration in areas like the Delta that could be vulnerable to sea level rise, it may be a general concern. For example, it would be prudent to ensure that there were habitat corridors moving up in elevation from the Delta.

11. Actions where there is an on-going regulatory action

There are a number of actions where there is some existing legal requirement such as a Cease and Desist Order from the Regional Board on a water quality violation, a Superfund site which is in the process of cleanup, or a Biological Opinion which requires construction of a fish screen. Some of these types of actions could be good candidates for funding, such as some of the previously approved fish screen projects. However, care should be taken in funding these types of actions.