

Near-term Ecosystem Restoration-- 1998
Next Steps for Ecosystem Roundtable
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Next Steps:

- Blueprint Guidance Document--Need to prepare a Blueprint for Ecosystem Restoration for next 2-3 year period. Blueprint will be a guidance document for allocation of a "virtual pool of funds" for near-term restoration actions. Complete by spring 1998
- Interim -- 1998 Bridge year. Identify high priority restoration actions for funding in 1998 while Blueprint being prepared. Reserve portion of the 1998 federal funds for allocation after the Blueprint prepared.

Issues to Resolve

Role of CALFED agencies and Roundtable in development of the Blueprint document.
(How can we balance the needs of the stakeholders and CALFED agencies with regard to development of the Blueprint?)

Proposed Process for Blueprint Guidance Document

1. Discuss general concept of Blueprint document and "virtual" pool of funds
 - ERT 11/14/97 meeting
2. Present more detailed information/outline on content of Blueprint document, planning process, role and make-up of technical panel. Is technical panel a slightly modified Integration Panel?
 - ERT 12/4/97 meeting
3. Convene technical panel to advise on the ecological targets and stressors and priority actions. Panel should rely (at least) on the ERPP and AFRP in making recommendations.
 - January 1997 convene technical panel, panel recommendations completed
4. Final Blueprint Guidance Document prepared.
Need to discuss how Roundtable and CALFED agencies work together to develop an Blueprint document. Blueprint will identify various actions for funding and identify various methods of allocating funds. For example: (a) rfp for specific actions or categories of actions, (b) directed programs to agencies or entities which are best suited for the program (c) further development of programs and projects, (d) reserve funds and (e) an endowment fund for long term spending requirements such as land management.
 - February and March 1998
5. Roundtable and CALFED agencies meet to make initial match of proposed activities in Blueprint with available funding sources and amounts.
 - April 1998
6. Implement the recommended spending plan. Appropriate CALFED agencies will take the lead in preparing RFP's, contracts etc with Roundtable input and advice
 - May 1998 and ongoing for 2-3 years
7. Monitoring reporting etc. Ongoing fiscal and biological monitoring needed. Agencies will take the lead with Roundtable involvement and advise.
 - Ongoing