

MEMORANDUM

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To: Ecosystem Roundtable

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Subject: Invasive Species program

Summary:

The Bureau of Reclamation-Mid Pacific Region, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are working together to develop and implement a program to reduce introductions of non-native species and to implement ecological management and research projects that address a major stressor of natural ecosystems in the Bay-Delta estuary and its watershed.

Roundtable Action:

For informational purposes. Note any comments or questions.

Detailed Discussion:

USFWS, in coordination with CALFED and other CALFED agencies, will develop a program to (a) support prevention-oriented projects and research that are aimed at preventing additional invasive species from being introduced to the Bay-Delta estuary, and (b) support control-oriented projects and research to eradicate or manage invasive organisms once they have arrived and prevent or delay their proliferation in the Bay-Delta estuary.

Major tasks include:

- developing a technical team consisting of both agency and non-agency experts
- preparing a draft "Long-term Strategic Plan to Address Introduced Invasive Species in the Bay-Delta Estuary and its Watershed." USFWS will work with CALFED to present this draft plan to the Ecosystem Roundtable, BDAC, and the CALFED agencies for their consideration.
- developing a Demonstration Projects Implementation Plan to identify high-priority needs. These projects could then be implemented through (a) modification or expansion of existing, ongoing projects; (b) directed implementation of new projects; and (c) a narrowly focused public solicitation for proposals consistent with the criteria. USFWS will work with CALFED to present this draft plan to the Ecosystem Roundtable, BDAC and the CALFED agencies for their consideration.