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 To: Ecosystem Roundtable Members
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Summary

The Technical Panel is reviewing a final draft of the priorities they have been developing to guide the Action Plan for next year. These priorities are attached for Roundtable member review and comment.

Roundtable Action

The Roundtable will be asked to provide final guidance on the revised priorities and to review and comment on the next steps for the Action Plan development.

Background

The Technical Panel has produced the attached draft revised priorities. When these were last put before the Roundtable at their May meeting, they asked several questions relative to longfin smelt, waterfowl, and the degree to which the priorities are focusing on natural processes. The Technical Panel discussed these and included changes where appropriate in the write-up. Staff will review these changes with the Roundtable.

At the same time, the ERPP Strategic Plan is being developed and the Stage 1 discussions surrounding the long term CALFED program are giving some indication of where that program may be going. Although expenditures for FY 99 are not part of the long-term program and must not preclude any alternative under consideration, they should be generally consistent with the CALFED long term program. Therefore, the revised priorities were also discussed with the Core Team to determine if they are generally consistent with the Strategic

CALFED Agencies

California The Resources Agency
 Department of Fish and Game
 Department of Water Resources
 California Environmental Protection Agency
 State Water Resources Control Board

Federal Environmental Protection Agency
 Department of the Interior
 Fish and Wildlife Service
 Bureau of Reclamation
 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Department of Agriculture
 Natural Resources Conservation Service
 Department of Commerce
 National Marine Fisheries Service

Plan as it is being developed. The Core Team is in the process of revising the Strategic Plan goals which would result in some changes to the priority text but not a major shift in the priorities. The priorities were also discussed with the Management Team and they expressed an interest in maintaining the focus on aquatic issues.

The Restoration Coordination Program staff have been working on the next steps for development of the Action Plan and will present their recommendations at the Roundtable meeting.