



Memorandum

Date: October 26, 1998

To: Interested Parties

From: Lester A. Snow
Executive Director

Subject: South Yuba River Citizens League Proposal "Upper Yuba River Salmon and Steelhead Restoration, Study of Englebright Decommissioning", Proposal A1006

Because of some recent confusion, I would like to clarify the current status of the South Yuba River Citizens League (SYRCL) proposal and the actions CALFED is interested in taking to evaluate restoration opportunities on the Yuba River.

CALFED has not funded the SYRCL proposal as per the recommendation of the Ecosystem Roundtable. The Roundtable recommendation was made based on several important policy considerations including the lack of participation by Yuba County Water Agency, Nevada County, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and Pacific Gas and Electric Company. The Roundtable was concerned that without the involvement of these affected parties, important issues might not be identified. CALFED's decision is consistent with the emphasis we've placed on local involvement and support for early implementation projects.

However, CALFED is interested in evaluating potential restoration options at Englebright Dam in a cooperative fashion with the full involvement of all the interested and affected parties, including SYRCL. Therefore, we have asked the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Department of Fish and Game personnel who are familiar with the issue to convene a meeting in early November to discuss how to best proceed. We expect the attendees at that meeting to report back whether or not there is sufficient consensus to move forward.

The results from the local meetings will be discussed at a future Roundtable meeting. At that time, CALFED will determine whether to move forward with a directed study of

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restoration options at Englebright Reservoir, what the components of that study should include, how to best get the work done, and which entity is the appropriate one to be conducting the studies.

If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Darling, Restoration Coordinator at (916) 653-5950.