

the next psp package. He is also concerned that there has not been enough funding for monitoring in some of the earlier proposals.

- Future issues include:
  - a. More attention to procedures—document goals and have a clear program, particularly for the FY 99 process;
  - b. Need schedules for projects and a monitoring program in place so can show progress;
  - c. Federal appropriators will want results sooner rather than later;
  - d. Insure common expectations on fiscal and performance relative to objectives. Let decision-makers know how long projects are expected to take until results are available.
  - e. More timely and expanded stakeholder process, get materials out with enough time for review and input and management reaction; federal and state outreach is important, especially with a change in administration, also coordinate outreach with ERPP and CMARP goals and objectives;
  - f. Need more emphasis on federal/state coordination;
  - g. Need to increase more staff and fill positions, since more projects and work to be done.
- Outside review of CALFED program: Pre-audit internal review, expect more outside review, be ready to answer questions as to why we need both CVPIA and CALFED; he recommends keep these programs separate because it would take a lot of energy and resources trying to change institutional structure. Public expectation is very high with this process so we need to show we can integrate program objectives for the two programs.
- Other programs to follow: Chesapeake, Everglades and Grand Canyon in particular have a good integration for research.

### **Implementation Update**

An update of the status of the 1997 project status was presented. Roundtable members had questions about the level of local participation and outreach on land acquisition projects particularly on the Sacramento River. The Roundtable members wanted all parties to be informed and have a chance to participate, particularly with the proposals on the Sacramento River. We will have a presentation by The Nature Conservancy on their Sacramento River project at the next Roundtable meeting.

### **Water Quality actions**

There are three water quality actions that CALFED staff has been working with technical experts to develop additional detail on. These actions will be included in a solicitation package either in December or in January. The Roundtable members indicated that they wanted to see the information on these actions before any public solicitation was released. This item will be scheduled for the December meeting.

### **Madera Ranch**

CALFED has not funded this project. Several issues, including technical and environmental issues, will need to be resolved between the project sponsors and stakeholders before funding would be reconsidered.

### **Status of other May 98 Proposal Solicitation Projects**

**98-A1004 – Opening up Butte Creek Canyon to Salmon and Steelhead Passage.** The Integration Panel has recommended funding for this project with the first task being a meeting with the Butte Creek Conservancy and with technical experts. The applicant has already scheduled a meeting to consider these issues. Butte County expressed concern about notification about a project in their county. The Butte Creek Watershed Conservancy expressed concern and opposition to funding for the project at this time. The Roundtable did not act on the Integration Panel's recommendation and will reconsider the issue when the results of the local meeting are available.

**98-A1005 – Study Englebright Decommissioning:** To ensure that there is no confusion, CALFED has distributed a letter to concerned parties clarifying that we have not funded proposal A1005 looking at decommissioning Englebright Dam. We have asked USFWS and DFG to work with Yuba County Water Agency and other interested parties to see what, if any, restoration actions the local community would want to pursue. A facilitated meeting was being scheduled. The local marina owner and a houseboat owner both expressed strong opposition to any study of dam removal. Both of these individuals will be invited to the local meeting.

### **Update on Battle Creek**

Roundtable members were updated on progress being made on previously selected projects on Battle Creek. Roundtable members were pleased with the progress being made on these projects. Many of the parties involved in these projects are also currently negotiating a much larger restoration project that could open up over 40 miles of salmon and steelhead habitat on Battle Creek. This larger project is expected to be part of the FY 99 Action Plan.