



## Memorandum

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To: Ecosystem Roundtable

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Subject: Outreach Strategy for Sacramento River Floodplain Acquisition and Riparian Restoration

### Summary:

The Roundtable members have asked for additional information on how public outreach will be handled for the project involving land acquisitions on the Sacramento River. The four project partners will provide a presentation of the approach being used.

### Roundtable Action:

Information Item

### Background:

The Sacramento River Floodplain Acquisition and Riparian Restoration project is a joint venture between the Nature Conservancy, the Wildlife Conservation Board, the Department of Fish and Game, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The funding for the project has been approved at \$9,879,800. This project involves acquisition of fee title or permanent conservation easements on land within the Sacramento River Conservation Area, between Keswick and Verona; funds will also be dedicated to ongoing land management. The ecological objectives of the project include protection of spawning and rearing habitat for anadromous fish, protection of aquatic and riparian habitat to benefit fish and wildlife species, and allowing the recovery of a 150-year meander belt, which should cause associated improvements in aquatic habitat.

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#### 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

Concerns have been expressed at the local level and by the Roundtable members on local input on these acquisitions, how they are managed, and how they could impact the local economy and infrastructure along the river. The agreement for the project funding includes a separate task to develop a local outreach strategy to ensure that these concerns are addressed as the project moves forward. The project partners will give a presentation at the Roundtable meeting on the local outreach strategy.

In addition to this presentation, CALFED staff have been working to develop a range of recommended changes in the proposal solicitation process regarding what level of local notification will be required, how local support will be documented in applications, and how the evaluation criteria can be modified. This information will be included in the January Roundtable packet and will be on the agenda for that meeting. If any Roundtable members have suggestions on these topics, they can forward them to staff before the first of the year so they can be incorporated into the agenda package for the January meeting.