



Memorandum

Date: November 18, 1998

To: CALFED Management Team

From: Lester A. Snow *LAS*
Executive Director

Subject: State Site Assessment Expertise for Projects 97-N02, 97-N04, 97-N06, 97-N14, and 98-C05

Several CALFED Category III proposals involve acquisition of lands for habitat protection or restoration. Although the 1997 Request for Proposals and 1998 Proposal Solicitation Packages included a minimum requirement to comply with all applicable laws and regulations, the rules and regulations governing site assessments vary between the State and Federal governments. State requirements were not specifically identified in the Request for Proposals.

In order to protect CALFED and the State from future liability associated with the acquisition or transfer of lands that are contaminated with hazardous substances, State oversight and/or additional environmental site assessments may be necessary to comply with the State standard, which complies with the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) Standard E1527-97, the Standard Practice for Environmental Site Assessments: Phase I Environmental Site Assessment Process.

Five of the projects approved by CALFED require some minor additional effort to comply with these important State requirements. Rather than amend each project individually, we are requesting that funding be provided to cover this task for all five projects to be used as needed to complete them. The level of effort required on each project will be somewhat different depending on what was included in each applicant's original proposal and on the results from hazardous materials surveys on each property. Using one amendment for all six projects allows CALFED the flexibility to address needs for each project while maintaining a high standard of performance.

The Department of Water Resources (DWR), Site Assessment Unit has developed the expertise to provide environmental site assessment related services and oversight for DWR acquisitions and other State agency acquisitions. The DWR services, on an as needed basis, include oversight of contractor's environmental site assessments to ensure compliance with State standards, supplemental Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA), Phase II ESA, and Phase III Site Remediation.

CALFED Agencies

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

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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
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If DWR determines that they would like to be involved, CALFED would need to provide funds for DWR's involvement in these projects. This memo provides approval of \$24,000 for the DWR tasks described above, contingent upon approval of Ray Hart for DWR staff to provide these services. Under the current procedures, CALFED is notifying the CALFED Management Team and the BDAC Ecosystem Roundtable of this use of Category III contingency funds.

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