

# **Ecosystem Roundtable Informational Staff Report**

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**Topic:** Update on Proposal 98-A1005 - Englebright Decommissioning

**Background:** In 1998 a proposal was submitted to CALFED for consideration of funding. The proposal was to evaluate the feasibility of decommissioning Englebright Dam for salmon and steelhead passage. CALFED did not fund this proposal because of lack of local input and support. The Ecosystem Restoration Program does include the objective of restoring salmon and steelhead to the upper Yuba River above Englebright Dam. The CALFED Program is interested in evaluating potential restoration options above Englebright Dam and is seeking local input in defining these options.

**Status:** On December 9, 1998 a public meeting was held in Olivehurst to discuss options for improving salmon and steelhead passage on the Yuba River. Approximately 250 people attended the meeting resulting in the discussion of many issues and questions. A second public meeting was held in Penn Valley on January 14, 1999, with approximately 350 people participating. The primary issues were impacts associated with dam removal, alternatives to dam removal and public involvement. A working group of 15-20 people was convened to narrow the alternatives and focus the issues related to improving fish passage on the upper Yuba River. In addition, several meetings have been held between CALFED staff, local governments and stakeholders to discuss the issues.

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