



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION IX

75 Hawthorne Street

San Francisco, CA 94105-3901

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Ecosystem Roundtable
CALFED Bay-Delta Program
1416 Ninth Street, suite 1155
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Dear Ecosystem Roundtable Members:

I am writing for your review and comment on our request for additional federal funding in the amount of \$81,663 prior to forwarding this request to the CALFED Policy Group for their approval. This request is necessary to fully fund the 14 CALFED watershed projects that have been selected and approved from the May 1998 PSP. All of these projects are to be funded at the originally approved budget amounts. The reason for this additional funding request is because I miscalculated the amount of U.S. EPA FY'98 funds available for these newly selected watershed projects. In particular, I was not aware that a portion of the remaining funds were already earmarked for a CALFED watershed project previously approved for Big Chico Creek.

The total amount that has been approved by CALFED for the most recently selected watershed projects is \$3,003,279. The amount that has already been "provided" for these projects is \$2,921,616. Therefore, an additional \$81,663 is necessary to fully fund these projects at the approved levels. The following summarizes this information.

Description	Amount
U.S. EPA Region 9 - FY '98 - U.S. EPA received a \$1 million appropriation in FY'98 to support CALFED local watershed projects - several projects were previously selected by CALFED and have been funded with these funds and from a similar FY'97 appropriation.	\$826,616
U.S. BOR - Title XI of P.L. No. 104-333 - U.S. BOR is providing these funds to U.S.EPA through an Interagency Agreement	\$2,095,000
Total Amount Currently "Provided"	\$2,921,616
Total Cost of Approved Projects - 14 projects	\$3,003,279
Additional Funding Necessary to Fully Fund Approved Projects - to be provided by the U.S.BOR to U.S.EPA	\$81,663

I look forward to discussing this request with you on January 13, 1999. In advance, thank you for your prompt consideration of this request. If you have any questions please contact me at (415) 744-1990 or ziegler.sam@epamail.gov.

Sincerely,

 Sam Ziegler
 CALFED Watersheds Project Officer