

**CALFED Ecosystem Roundtable
Meeting Notes for July 6, 1999**

REVISION TO Meeting Notes for June 16, 1999
Battle Creek

An MOU for the Battle Creek Restoration Project between PG&E and the USBR, USFWS, NMFS, and CDFG has been completed, and copies of the executed document were distributed at the meeting. A statement from the Environmental Defense Fund supporting the proposed \$28 million obligation of Bay-Delta Act funds to implement the MOU was discussed, as were three major areas of concern. These were resolved in accordance with the following clarifications and understandings: (1) the Adaptive Management Plan to which the MOU commits will be developed as part of an open and collaborative FERC license amendment application process; (2) revised implementation budgets will be brought back for Roundtable review for each critical phase of project implementation; and (3) at the time of license renewal, both PG&E and the resource agencies are committed to supporting the continuation of any flow changes that result from adaptive management.

Roundtable members (or their alternates) and liaisons present July 6:

Steve Evans (FOR)
Bill Gaines (CWA)
Greg Gartrell (CCWD)
Walt Hoye (MWD)
Dan Keppen (NCWA)
Steve Macauly (SWC)
David Yardas (EDF) via phone

Restoration Coordinator's Update

- 1) The Roundtable Amendment Subcommittee and Issue Subcommittee will meet on July 22.
- 2) A new meeting schedule will be distributed at the next meeting for August through the end of the year. Proposed future Roundtable meeting dates are: August 10, September 14, October 13, and November 9.

1999 Funding Recommendations

The Roundtable discussed 18 proposals from the 1999 Proposal Solicitation Package that the Integration Panel had recommended for funding, but that the Roundtable had tabled at its June meeting pending further consideration. Prior to the discussion, Roundtable members not present at the previous meeting were asked to declare any conflicts of interest. The Roundtable then considered recommendations developed by the Issues Subcommittee on June 28, 1999, for the 18 projects. The Issues Subcommittee recommended funding 17 of the 18 proposals and made specific comments on proposals that had issues related to local government notification, landowner permission for access, and authority for spending awarded funds. The Subcommittee did not recommend funding Proposal B-131 - Yuba Tools, but did recommend committing \$ 30,000 to be used to facilitate development of a collaborative proposal based on the goals outlined in the Yuba Tools application. Funds would be set aside for implementing the collaborative proposal that develops. The Subcommittee recommended that there be a 25% local cost share for the facilitated process and that all interested parties be involved in developing the new proposal. After a lengthy discussion, the full Roundtable concurred with the recommendation of the Issues Subcommittee.

Public Comment

The Roundtable invited comments from a representative of the South Yuba River Citizens League (SYRCL) regarding their willingness to participate in a collaborative process.