

## **CALFED Ecosystem Roundtable Meeting Notes for October 13, 1999**

### **Roundtable members (or their alternates) and liaisons present:**

Gary Bobker (The Bay Institute)

Bill Gaines (CWA)

Greg Gartrell (CCWD) via phone

Walt Hoye (MWD)

Dan Keppen (NCWA)

Laura King (SLDMWA)

Cynthia Koehler (Save the Bay) (first hour)

Doug Lovell (CA Sportfishing Protection

Alliance) via phone

John Mills (RCRC) via phone

Jason Peltier (CVPWA) (first hour)

Doug Wallace (EBMUD)

David Yardas (EDF)

Tom Zuckerman (CDWA) via phone

Patrick Leonard (FWS)

Susan Ramos (BOR)

Carolyn Yale (EPA)

### **Announcements**

Jason Peltier discussed that there was an all day CVPIA Restoration Fund Roundtable meeting on October 7. The morning consisted of "Restoration Fund 101" that explained the Restoration Fund and how it is allocated. The afternoon consisted of presentations by CVPIA Program Managers which discussed 1999 accomplishments and FY2000 Annual Work Plans.

### **Restoration Coordinator's Update**

Wendy Halverson Martin provided an update on the Yuba Tools process. This project was not recommended for funding earlier this year. The recommendation was to undertake a facilitated set of meetings to develop a proposal agreeable to the numerous parties involved. Letters are being sent inviting participation, asking for the local cost share and agreement to the use a Bonnie Nixon as the facilitator. Wendy also noted that the acquisition of the McCormack-Williamson tract has closed escrow. The Nature Conservancy now owns that 1600 acre parcel.

### **CALFED/CVPIA Integration**

At the October 5, 1999, Policy Group meeting, CALFED staff were directed to investigate opportunities to more fully integrate with other ecosystem programs such as CVPIA. Roundtable members provided several suggestions for integrating the two programs. There was strong support to move beyond the current technical coordination to a more functional integration of the two programs where existing overlap occurs. The Roundtable recommended that CALFED, with CVPIA staff, develop a straw proposal outlining different alternatives for how integration would occur. The proposal should provide a timeframe and address coordination with other CALFED activities such as the future governance of the CALFED program. It was suggested that staff first look back to previous discussions and papers on this topic.

### **CALFED FY 2000 Priorities**

Steve Ritchie discussed the priorities for the CALFED program as a whole in FY 2000 which include completing the EIS/EIR, developing 2000 Operation Plan contingencies and continuing early implementation actions. The program will focus on actions in the delta, water management actions and continuation of ecosystem activities. For FY 2000, CALFED received

\$60 million, \$30 million for ecosystem restoration activities and \$30 million for non-ecosystem activities. The Bay Delta Advisory Council will be reviewing the actions proposed for the non-ecosystem funds.

**Discussion of FY 2000 Recommendations**

Roundtable members were reminded of the Conflict of Interest protocols and were asked to make any declarations prior to discussing projects. No conflicts were declared. At the September meeting, Roundtable members suggested that the FY2000 Implementation Plan and 1999 proposals should be reviewed by a Science Panel. An Interim Science Panel was convened on September 27 and September 28. The Interim Science Panel recommendations for the \$30 million dollars of ecosystem restoration funds including the Roundtable comments are attached. The Roundtable did not reach any consensus recommendations.

**Additional 1999 Watershed Projects**

CALFED Policy Group requested that additional watershed projects be identified from the 1999 proposal solicitation. Wendy Halverson Martin presented nine watershed projects totaling approximately 2 million dollars. The Interim Science Panel reviewed the projects and recommended funding eight of the nine proposals. Their recommendation is attached. The Roundtable concurred with this recommendation.

**Public Comment**

The public was provided the opportunity to comment numerous times during the meeting. They provided comment on both the Interim Science Panel process and Interim Science Panel recommendations. One suggestion was that CVPIA develop a tracking table similar to CALFED's tracking table. Additional public comments are incorporated into the attached document.

**Attachment:** Information provided to the Bay Delta Advisory Committee including the Interim Science Panel recommendations with Roundtable and public comments.