



January 7, 2000

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Re: Threshold Requirements for ERP Funding Applications

Dear Wendy:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the draft section for the Proposal Solicitation Package related to threshold requirements. We appreciate the continued, concerted effort you and your staff are making towards improving local notification for ecosystem restoration projects funded by CALFED. The following summarizes revisions suggested by NCWA and several of our members to your draft document.

First Line of Section 4.1

Change "1999" to "2000".

Notification of Local Government and Public Involvement

The draft proposal suggests that county planning commissions be notified of any projects located outside of city limits. We recommend that notification also be sent to the local county board of supervisors and to any affected local agency charged with water supply or flood control responsibilities.

As the last paragraph on the first page of the applicant requirements notes, the intent of this requirement is to provide advance notification to the appropriate local entities regarding actions that could occur within its jurisdiction. This year, for the first time, local entities will have substantial time to review proposals and submit concerns to CALFED. The applicants should be notified that local agencies will be encouraged to comment on proposals, and that their responses will be included and addressed in CALFED's proposal selection process.

The proposal notes that notification will not be required for projects consisting solely of laboratory research, which we agree is a sensible approach. However, proposals that address any land use or water use change – including studies like watershed "existing

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condition" reports or watershed management strategy reports – must comply with the notification requirement.

Permission for Access

Suggest revising the first line to read "Proposals that involve the need for physical actions- access....."

Land Use Checklist

Do you want to include an extra item to remind applicants that proof of notification from appropriate local authorities is also required?

Thank you for considering these comments. I will participate in Monday's meeting via teleconference – could you and Rebecca please circulate this letter to folks in attendance? If you have any questions about this letter, please call me at 442-8333.

Sincerely,



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