

Restoration Reserve Criteria

The project must be:

1. In response to an emergency, defined as an unexpected event, that will have irreversible impacts to an important resource if action is not taken immediately,
2. A unique opportunity that is high priority which will no longer be available when the next funding decision is to be made, or
3. An opportunity to leverage funding that is time sensitive and will be lost if to address a high priority.

Process for projects to be considered under the restoration reserve:

1. Project description including all information normally required is prepared by applicant along with a description of why the project fits under the restoration reserve criteria.
2. CALFED Bay-Delta staff reviews to determine if it fits under restoration reserve criteria and how the project would likely have ranked during the normal review process. Other technical experts will be consulted as needed.
3. If the project fits under the criteria and would have likely been ranked as a high priority during a normal funding cycle, it will be added to the next Ecosystem Roundtable agenda to solicit input from the Roundtable, if there is time to do so.
4. The project will be put on the next CALFED Management/Policy team agenda. The project description and rationale, along with any input from the Ecosystem Roundtable, will be considered. If there is consensus that the project should be funded, then a summary memo will be prepared for the signature of the Secretary for Resources documenting the rationale for selection of the project and the decision to fund it.
5. If there is insufficient time to solicit Roundtable input prior to the CALFED Management/Policy Team meeting, the project will be put on the next Roundtable agenda for their information.
6. CALFED Bay-Delta staff work with project applicant to implement the project.