

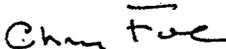
management (Table 1). The cost to fully fund this category is \$412,788 (11% of the original budget). The *Highly Recommended* category includes a request for additional funding for more individual fish tissue contamination work, sediment studies of historical mercury deposition, oxygen and sulfide concentrations, and speciation, diagenesis and bioavailability of mercury from mine tailing (Table 2). The requested funding here is \$290,458 (8% of the original budget). Finally, the *Worthwhile* category included significantly more work in each of the high priority categories mentioned above and also studies of atmospheric deposition of mercury, diurnal variation in methyl mercury concentrations in water, and studies of mercury speciation and mineralogy of the bed and suspended sediments transported away from mine sites (Table 3). Funding needed here is \$763,734 (20% of the original budget). Specific costs detailing this information are shown within the proposals themselves (Attachment Two).

In summary, an internationally recognized panel of mercury experts was convened as required by the CALFED grant to review the proposed study plan. The consensus of the experts was that the basic study design was good but that additional work was needed in several key areas. Proposals are included to accomplish this work. Please call either Mark Stephenson (831-633-0253) or Chris Foe (916-255-3113) if you have questions.

Sincerely,



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