



## Memorandum

Date: July 5, 2000  
To: BDAC Ecosystem Roundtable  
From: Wendy S. Halverson Martin  
Subject: Restoration Reserve

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### SUMMARY:

CALFED staff, CALFED agencies and members of the Ecosystem Roundtable have been working to clarify and expand the policy for use and management of the Ecosystem Restoration Program, Restoration Reserve.

### Background:

The Ecosystem Restoration Program maintains a Restoration Reserve for both State Proposition 204 and Federal Bay-Delta Act Funds. These Reserves were originally established in 1997 for the Proposition 204 funds and in 1998 for the Bay-Delta funds. Five percent of the appropriated amount was placed in the Reserve accounts. Currently there is \$7 million of Federal funds and \$3 million of State funds in the Reserve accounts. The original intent of maintaining a Restoration Reserve was to provide funds for project amendments and cost overruns, and to provide a source of funds for the purpose of funding unique opportunities or emergency actions.

On March 30, 2000 the Ecosystem Roundtable began discussions of a revised policy for use of the Ecosystem Restoration Program Restoration Reserve. Because of the level of interest in this topic, discussions were also subsequently held on April 20, 2000 and June 22, 2000 at the Ecosystem Roundtable Issues Subcommittee meeting. There is general agreement on most of the terms of the revised policy. The exception is on whether scientific and technical review should be conducted for amendments to existing projects which are currently under contract. The Ecosystem Roundtable has been unable to reach consensus on a recommendation for this issue. Accordingly, staff will be recommending a revised policy to the CALFED Management and Policy Groups and providing information on the differing opinions. The revised policy is attached along with a summary of the issue. Approval of the revised policy for the Restoration Reserve will require a revision to the amendment process to ensure consistency.

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#### CALFED Agencies

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**California** The Resources Agency  
Department of Fish and Game  
Department of Water Resources  
California Environmental Protection Agency  
State Water Resources Control Board  
Department of Food and Agriculture

**Federal** Environmental Protection Agency  
Department of the Interior  
Fish and Wildlife Service  
Bureau of Reclamation  
U.S. Geological Survey  
Bureau of Land Management  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Department of Agriculture  
Natural Resources Conservation Service  
U.S. Forest Service  
Department of Commerce  
National Marine Fisheries Service  
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