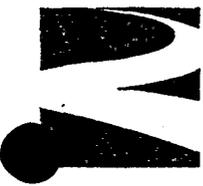


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To: CALFED

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Subject: Upcoming CALFED Management Team Meeting

The CALFED Management Team will meet on Tuesday, May 28, from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm in Room 1142 of the Resources Building. Attached is a draft agenda for this meeting (Attachment 1).

As a reminder, the smaller, more focused CALFED Management Team was established to ensure that we had a forum to address and resolve issues and concerns on a timely basis. Each agency was asked to propose representation to the team. The membership has been designated as follows (official alternates are listed after the primary representative):

- CALFED Management Team**
 USBR - Roger Patterson (Alt. - Kirk Rodgers)
 USFWS - Wayne White (Alt. - Joel Medlin)
 NMFS - Jim Lecky (Alt. - Gary Stern)
 EPA - Tom Hagler (Alt. - Palma Risler)
 Corp. of Engineers - Walter Yep
 DOI - Patrick Wright
 CA Resources Agency - Mike Mantell
 CA Fish and Game - Greg Zlotnick
 DWR - Bob Potter
 SWRCB - Walt Pettit

As discussed with several individual CALFED Management Team members, it is intended that this group remain small and that attendance be limited to team members to facilitate discussions.

CALFED Agencies

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

- Federal**
 Environmental Protection Agency
 Department of the Interior
 Fish and Wildlife Service
 Bureau of Reclamation
 Department of Commerce
 National Marine Fisheries Service

The CALFED Management Team is proposed to meet monthly (at a minimum) to ensure that issues focusing on or around the long-term program are addressed in a timely fashion. We propose another meeting of the CALFED Management Team on June 26, from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm, following the CALFED Bay-Delta Program Workshop 7, to discuss the proposed Phase II alternatives. We also anticipate a meeting of the full CALFED Policy Group in late July to approve the Phase II alternatives. At the most recent CALFED Policy Group meeting, it was suggested that we hold another Policy Group meeting in late June, however, since the CALFED Bay-Delta Program will be presenting a briefing in Washington, D.C. on June 11, and since our overall schedule has been delayed, a CALFED Management Team meeting in late June may be sufficient.

A detailed description of the agenda items and attachments follows:

A. CALFED Policy Group

In preparation for the next hectic six months, it is imperative that we develop a schedule for the CALFED Policy Group (Executive Session) meetings. Following is a proposed schedule for meetings:

- late July
- September
- November

The meeting in July would occur after the July 19 BDAC meeting, and would focus on the final Phase I report outlining the Phase II alternatives. There will also be a need to schedule a press event to announce the final report and outline the alternatives as we move into Phase II.

We would like to discuss proposals and develop recommendations on how to conduct the Public Sessions of the CALFED Policy Group. As we move closer to the point where actual decisions will be made, e.g., the Phase II alternatives, it is critical that these public sessions be open and well advertised. We have had many questions concerning who will make the decisions in the CALFED process and when those decisions will be made. The types of public sessions we have held in the past will no longer be adequate to address these kinds of concerns. The format of these previous meetings is also probably not appropriate for a larger public session.

We will also discuss the outcome of Phase I and the form of the Phase I decision that is needed to initiate Phase II.

B. Phase I Status Report

We have summarized the key issues and concerns that were brought forward by various constituents during the Scoping Process. This includes comments from agencies, stakeholders and BDAC members. Based on the input we received, we have slightly modified our approach to alternative refinement. The description of the proposed approach and rationale for the modification, as well as a summary of Key Emerging Issues is included in the material sent out in the BDAC packet (attached). We would like to discuss this approach and review some of the key stakeholder issues at this meeting. We also anticipate having a summary of the key agency issues that have been sent to CALFED and discussed at the PCT meetings.

C. Program Resources

We plan to present a status of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program projections relative to funding. We also plan to discuss the agency staff resource issue. There are substantial time commitments and expectations of CALFED agency staff that are critical to the success of our program. It is becoming imperative that CALFED Bay-Delta Program activities and products be given high priority and sufficient agency resources to meet these expectations.

D. Category III

The job description for the Habitat Coordinator has been distributed and there is a need to discuss a strategy for funding this position. Options for funding include utilizing Category III funds or tapping other ecosystem programs to assist in funding this coordination position.

Attached is a memorandum describing the proposed Category III crediting policy. This memo will be discussed at the meeting.

Dick Daniel and Cindy Darling will discuss the proposed 1996 Category III project list.

Additionally, Cindy Darling will present an overview of the State and Federal funds being spent on restoration activities. We need to discuss and resolve the issue of the State and Federal funds that we feel should be counted as our share toward the Category III activities.

E. Funding/Financing

Staff will provide an update on the stakeholders view on SB 900 and its relationship to the federal budget and efforts to get additional federal funding.

F. Ecosystem Roundtable Membership

Members have been proposed for the Ecosystem Roundtable to be formed as a subcommittee of BDAC. We would like to discuss this proposed membership and establish a process to implement the proposal. BDAC members will be provided with an overview of this proposal at the meeting on May 29.

G. BDAC Membership

BDAC member, Glenn Olson, Audubon Society, has not taken part in any of the BDAC meetings and has informed us that he will be unable to fulfill his role on the council. We need to discuss a replacement for Mr. Olson from the environmental community. Additionally, the Regional Council of Rural Counties (RCRC) has expressed an interest in obtaining membership to the BDAC.

H. Other Issues

Pete Chadwick will provide an update on the ongoing efforts related to developing a Coordinated Permitting Process among the regulatory agencies and the development of more standardized fish screening policies.