

**MANAGEMENT
GROUP**



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To: CALFED Management Team (see attached list)

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Subject: Upcoming CALFED Management Team Meeting

The CALFED Management Team will meet on Tuesday, October 22, 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).

A meeting of the CALFED Policy Group is scheduled for Friday, November 8, 1996, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm in Room 1131 of the Resources Building. Materials for that meeting are being developed and will be distributed within the next week or so.

A more detailed description of the agenda items (for the October 22 meeting) and attachments follows:

A. Restoration Coordination

1) Program Funding

Both Federal (legislation) and State efforts (Prop. 204) contain language to fund the ecosystem restoration element of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program. There are several ongoing efforts to define the priorities and needs, and the CALFED Management Team needs to discuss these efforts to ensure that adequate coordination is occurring. CALFED Staff are drafting a 5-year implementation budget projection which we will discuss at the meeting. → stakeholder coordination

2) Completion of 1996 Funding Cycle

Proposal review for Category III funding will begin in late October. Panels of agency staff have been identified and contacted to assist in the review of proposals. Final funding decisions are expected to be made by November 15.

3) Ecosystem Roundtable

Cindy Darling will describe project selection process and operating procedure of the Ecosystem Roundtable. She will also provide an overview of the agenda items to be addressed at the first Ecosystem Roundtable meeting scheduled on November 8, 1996 from 1 pm to 4 pm.

4) Restoration Fund Roundtable

At the most recent meeting of the Restoration Fund Roundtable (held on October 9), a discussion was held regarding the Stakeholder Process White Paper recommendation for the establishment of a new FACA committee. Laura King and Cindy Darling will provide an overview of this discussion.

B. Baseline Definition

A meeting was held on September 30 with Stakeholder representatives to discuss the issue of baseline definition relative to the Bay-Delta Accord and its application considering current controversies regarding spring fish flow and fall make-up water. Lester Snow will provide an overview of that meeting.

C. CALFED Implementation Issues

1) Dredge Reuse Issue

In the October 9 PCT meeting, the subject of reusing dredge material for levee improvement was discussed. Curt Schmutte will provide a summary describing the issue, the needs of the program, and the potential problems.

2) Fish Screen Activities

Dick Daniel will give an overview of the issues surrounding the development of local fish screens.

3) Permit Coordination Efforts

A group of agency staff has undertaken an effort to identify ways to better coordinate the effort of obtaining permits in preparation of some of the initial efforts for habitat restoration. Dick Daniel will give an update on the progress and needs of this effort.

D. Other Issues

1) Overall Schedule

The impact assessment phase of the EIS/EIR was scheduled to begin in October of 1996. Given the current status of the common program development by CALFED staff, agency technical teams and BDAC workgroups, we are reevaluating the schedule for draft EIR/EIS.

2) Time Value of Water

The objectives for determining the time value of water in relation to ecosystem restoration are to 1) support the development of flow targets for the ecosystem restoration component, 2) provide guidance for evaluation of storage and conveyance components, and 3) provide guidance to resource experts for allocating CALFED ecosystem water. Dick Daniel will present preliminary findings and assessment.

3) CALFED Ops Group

Bob Potter will provide an update on the recent activities of the Ops Group.

4) BDAC Agenda

The agenda for the upcoming BDAC meeting on October 25 will be discussed.

5) Potential Policy Issues

CALFED staff are currently attempting to define key policy issues for both the CALFED Management Team and BDAC consideration. We will present a draft list of those policy issues as well as potential approaches and time frame to address them.

6) Agenda for CALFED Policy Group Meeting on November 8th

A draft agenda for the CALFED Policy Group meeting on November 8 is attached. Additional items to be included or comments on the agenda will be discussed.