

CALFED Management Team
December 18, 1996
Summary of Meeting and Actions

Management Team Structure

Agencies will provide (before the next Management Team meeting) names of official representative and alternate from each agency to participate and attend the Management Team meetings.

Implementation Agreement

Tom Hagler distributed a draft letter from the CALFED leads (Wheeler and Perciaseppe) to Governor Wilson and Secretary Babbitt outlining the progress that has been made thus far in the Program, the proposed addition of federal agencies (Corps, NRCS, BLM, and Forest Service), and a description of the roles and responsibilities of the CALFED Management Team. Written comments should be provided to Tom Hagler by January 15. It was suggested that the letter should be addressed to CALFED agencies. Details to be addressed in the letter include: 1) the capacity that the new Federal agencies should be involved (co-lead or representation at work groups); and 2) the specificity of an integrated decision making process within the management group.

Cost-Share Agreement

- One of the largest problems identified with cost-sharing is the accounting. Different agencies (Federal and State) have different percentages of cost-sharing. One suggestion is to have an appendix specifying the percentage of cost for each agency.
- Agencies will get back to CALFED with representatives to be designated to work as a group on the cost-share agreement. This team will need to deal with the cost-sharing relative to Proposition 204 and the following two issues as well: 1) the original framework agreement did not mention ecosystem restoration work; and 2) the mission of the program now includes implementation issues. Progress on the cost-share agreement will be reported to the CALFED Policy Group at its February meeting.

Ecosystem Roundtable - Category III Planning Process

In order to assist the Management Team in following the progress of the Roundtable, it was suggested that liaisons from the Management Team attend the Roundtable meetings. Cindy will also keep Management Team and Ecosystem Roundtable informed and facilitate feedback from each other. It is critical that the process be iterative and that the Management Team has sufficient opportunity to review products before final recommendations are made. A standing agenda item for the Management Team will be the progress of the Roundtable.

Cindy will work with agencies to identify staff to participate on technical teams (set up on a geographic basis). The Management Team will focus on the list of projects to be funded and the three to five year plan. A joint meeting of the Management Team and the Roundtable will be set up in late June of 1997 to discuss and determine the list of projects to be funded by Category III.

San Joaquin River Riparian Habitat Restoration Project

Hal Candee and Dan Fults provided a general overview of the project for the Management Team. They indicated that the project would not just be limited to riparian restoration. They also indicated that an evaluation of economic impacts would be completed as part of the project.

Program Activities and Cost Estimates - FY 98 and Five-Year Plan

Drafts for proposed program activities and cost estimates for FY 98 and a Five-Year Program were distributed at the meeting. Some Management Team participants were concerned about showing funding amounts, but recognized that stakeholders would develop those figures independently if they were not listed. Suggestions were made to change the word "proposed" on the headings of the drafts to "potential." Also, clarification was made that the figures represented only an assessment by CALFED staff. Judy Kelly will develop a statement and fax to CALFED Management Team for comments.

Fish Screen Issues

- The need for a single set of criteria was questioned. Some Management Team members indicated that the criteria are not really the problem. The planning process for a project is an iterative process and criteria issues can be resolved in the process.
- A higher level policy group should address assurances issues. There needs to be a general assurances policy which can be applied to individual projects. NMFS will put together a draft policy, circulate it through the regulatory agencies (FWS and DFG), then present it to CALFED. A consistent cost-sharing policy also needs to be developed. The criteria process and assurances should be addressed in one paper.

Permit Coordination Efforts

The paper on permit coordination process will be distributed to agency liaisons prior to the Program Coordination Team meeting on January 8, 1997 for discussion at that meeting.

CALFED Ops Group

More effort needs to be applied to issues that were addressed by the Ops Group last year,

primarily dealing with the B(2) water. The Dept. of Interior will give the Management Team an update on its plans at the next meeting in January.

Next Meeting

Next meeting will be held on January 31, 1997, from 9:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.
Discussion at the next meeting will include level of detail for the program.

CALFED Management Team

The CALFED Management Team consists of one primary and one alternate representative of each signatory agency at deputy director level. The Team is co-chaired by one representative each of the State of California and the Federal government. The purpose of the Team is to provide agency management-level guidance to the CALFED Bay-Delta Program and coordinate actions and policies related to the protection of the Bay-Delta estuary and water supply dependent on it. The Team meets monthly or more frequently if the need arises to resolve issues raised by the stakeholders, BDAC members, and agency staff.