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Subject: Upcoming CALFED Management Team Meeting

The CALFED Management Team will meet on **Monday, March 17, 1997, from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm in room 1131** of the Resources Building. Attached is a draft agenda for this meeting (Attachment 1) and a summary of the February 19, 1997 CALFED Policy Group meeting (Attachment 2).

Agenda items are categorized as discussion, status/update, and review/concurrence. A more detailed description of the agenda items and attachments follows:

A. Cost-share agreement (Status/Update)

A subgroup comprised of Federal and State members met on Monday, March 10 and initiated discussions about the cost-share agreement. The purposes of the State/Federal cost-share agreement is to: comply with Prop. 204 and P.L. 104-333; enable FY 98 expenditures of federally appropriated funds; coordinate expenditures with existing programs; and establish a framework of principles for long-term cost sharing. Michael Mantell and Patrick Wright will provide an update on the progress of the cost-share group.

B. December Accord Deliberations (Status/Update)

Patrick Wright will provide an update on discussions relative to the impacts of the expiration of the December Accord in December 1997. The CALFED Management team should discuss strategies for addressing the deadline and lay out basic options to address this issue.

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

C. **Ecosystem Restoration**

Restoration Coordination (Status/Update) - Kate Hansel has been meeting with existing State and Federal restoration programs including CVPIA to discuss coordinating mechanism. She will provide an overview of those discussions and present a proposal that outlines the coordination effort.

Ecosystem Roundtable (Status/Update) - Cindy Darling will provide an update on the activities of the Ecosystem Roundtable and outcomes from the most recent meeting on Friday, March 14.

Implementation Strategy (Discussion) - The Implementation Strategy has been revised based on comments received at the last Ecosystem Roundtable meeting (February 20). CALFED Management Team liaisons were present at this meeting and concurred with the changes. The revisions include:

- inclusion of instream habitat as a priority habitat type;
- identifying migratory birds as a secondary priority;
- including fall run salmon on the east side Delta tributaries;
- considering watershed actions;
- considering agricultural wetlands; and
- considering South and Central San Francisco Bay more comprehensively in future revisions of the strategy.

These revisions are highlighted in the revised Implementation Strategy (Attachment 3).

D. **CALFED Issues**

No Action and Affected Environment (Discussion) - Rick Breitenbach will summarize some of the outstanding issues that need to be addressed/resolved regarding these two sections of the EIS/EIR.

Configuration of Alternatives and Schedule (Discussion) - Steve Yaeger will provide a general overview of the general solution approaches and ranges of capacities in terms of the configurations of each of the alternatives. It is important to remember that each of the alternative configurations will include iterations of the ecosystem restoration program, the water quality program, the levee system integrity program and the water use efficiency program. The general configurations are listed in Attachment 4.

Impact Analysis Schedule (Status/Update) - Rick Breitenbach will review a generic schedule (Attachment 5) for conducting the impact analysis and writing the EIR/EIS. As we move through the impact analysis effort, the CALFED Program will need extensive agency participation and review. In order to complete the

EIR/EIS by the end of 1998, we must have agency review well before the release of the administrative draft. Additional information regarding the impact analysis timeline will be provided at the CALFED Management Team meeting.

Ecosystem Restoration Program Plan and Schedule (Status/Update) - The release of the Ecosystem Restoration Program Plan (ERPP) has been delayed to provide additional time for adequate internal review and identification of sensitive issues. Dick Daniel will provide an overview of the status of the ERPP and a general schedule for review and incorporation of comments.

Assurance Strategy (Discussion) - Mary Scoonover will provide a general overview of the progress of the development of assurance mechanisms for the long-term solution. Attachment 6 is a general discussion of the strategy and a flow chart that illustrates the progress of the BDAC Assurance Work Group in assessing the assurances.

E. Other

CALFED Ops Group (Status/Update)

Bob Potter will provide an overview discussions within the CALFED Ops Group.

Interim South Delta (Status/Update)

Bob Potter will provide an update on the status of the Interim South Delta Program.

Fish Screen Issues (Status/Update)

Wayne White will provide an update on the status of the issue papers for fish screens including comments received on the draft distributed at the last CALFED meeting.

Flood Control/Management (Status/Update)

Karl Enson will provide a general overview of Corp activities relative to flood management including coordination with CALFED agencies.

New Federal Agencies (Status/Update)

Patrick Wright will provide an update on the status of the Federal agencies who will become a part of CALFED.

Attachments