

## Proposed Coordination of CALFED, CVPIA, and EPA 1997 Planning Processes

CALFED, USFWS, USBR, and EPA staff have been meeting to discuss possible ways to coordinate the planning processes and funding decisions of several ecosystem related programs. The time period we have initially focused on is the current funding cycle to be completed by this summer 1997. Coordination efforts will continue in order to address future planning processes. In addition, CALFED is working with the SWRCB to identify how to coordinate the Proposition 204 Delta Tributary Watershed Program with Category III funding and other programs.

This paper addresses coordination of the following programs:

- (1) Proposition 204 Bay Delta Agreement Program (referred to as Category III) and stakeholder Category III funding administered by CALFED
- (2) Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA) administered by USFWS and USBR. All CVPIA programs will be considered for coordination but the activities related to anadromous fish doubling efforts will likely be the primary area of overlap.
- (3) EPA's San Francisco Bay Delta Accord Program (\$1 million in FY 97)

### Description of Proposed Coordinated Planning Process.

- Jointly identify critical problems and methods of addressing those problems. CALFED is in the process of convening technical geographic teams to identify limiting factors/problems addressing the species and habitats identified in the Implementation Strategy. CVPIA staff are participating in the meetings and are on the Umbrella team. CVPIA and CALFED will both use the input from the technical teams and the Umbrella team to guide their funding decisions for Federal FY 98.
- Solicit proposals to address critical problems. CALFED, CVPIA, and EPA are working to develop a common proposal solicitation process. Both agency and non agency proposals will be solicited although there may be separate processes established. All three agencies will prepare the RFP together. CALFED and EPA plan to issue a formal RFP which will be coordinated with CVPIA. CVPIA has a less formal process in which they receive proposals on an ongoing basis. For this year CVPIA would also like to identify proposals by using information from the CALFED and EPA RFP process as well as convening local public meetings to solicit proposals. EPA, CVPIA and CALFED are proposing to convene several local geographic public meetings in May, after the RFP is issued. These meetings are intended to obtain additional input from local watershed groups and others regarding funding priorities, proposed actions, and methods of implementation.

- Jointly review and rank proposals. The structure and process for how the three agencies will coordinate or combine the review and ranking process has not been decided, although all three agencies are interested in a joint process. CALFED is currently proposing to create technical panels to review proposals.
- Jointly determine funding allocation. All three agencies will jointly identify which proposals should be jointly funded and which proposals should be funded by one agency. These decisions will be based on several factors including cost sharing requirements, funding limitations and funding priorities.
- Management Review and Approval. Each agency will need to follow its own approval process. Possibly a joint meeting of the Restoration Fund Round table and Ecosystem Round table could be convened to discuss the proposed selection and funding of proposals.
- Coordinate Implementation and Monitoring. For proposals that are jointly funded, project management will be combined or coordinated. The agencies also intend to coordinate the monitoring of project results so that data is reviewed by all agencies and used to make future funding decisions. This effort will also apply to projects previously funded by Category III, CVPIA, and EPA.