

**WATER TRANSFERS UPDATE  
CALFED MANAGEMENT TEAM  
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**WATER TRANSFERS PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT**

Development of a water transfers policy framework and program for CALFED can be divided into several distinct elements, with different groups having development responsibility for each element:

PROGRAM ELEMENT	PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY
Policy issues regarding transfers, possible legislative needs	BDAC Water Transfers Work Group
Agency administrative policies and definitions	Transfers Agency Group
Physical and operational capacity, transfer amounts available, amounts desired	Modeling staff at CALFED Bay-Delta Program and CALFED agencies
Assurances, avoidance or mitigation of third party impacts	Water Transfers Work Group, Assurances Work Group, CALFED

**BDAC WATER TRANSFERS WORK GROUP**

- Formation of Work Group announced at May 22, 1997 BDAC meeting
- Co-chairs selected: Tib Belza, Roger Strelow
- Additional members, invited participants selected soon

**TRANSFERS AGENCY GROUP**

Has met twice; next meeting Thursday July 3, 1:00 to 4:00.

Works in progress:

- deliberative process
- transfers discussion paper
- issue papers

## **Proposed Deliberative Process:**

1. What is the goal?
2. What are the fundamental assumptions supporting this goal?
3. What is the problem?
4. Who are the stakeholders in this process and what are their concerns?
5. What are the tools available for resolution of issues and concerns?
6. What criteria do we use to evaluate tools?
7. Development of a draft policy/program framework.

## **Transfers Discussion Paper**

CALFED consultants have been working on a transfers discussion paper. The first draft was revised per comments received from the Program Coordination Team and the Transfers Agency Group. A second draft reviewed by TAG on June 10. Next draft will likely be much longer, include more detail on issues.

## **Issue Papers**

The Transfers Agency Group identified several issues that may require some resolution or action. For each issue, a short (two page) paper will be prepared which presents background and explanation of the issue in a water transfers context, alternative viewpoints/why there is a perceived problem, and solution options (including no action, as appropriate). Issues include:

1. Definition of Transferable Water, Conserved Water
2. Regulatory Processing/Streamlining
3. Sec. 1707 Transfers
4. Priority of Access to Facilities
5. Carriage Water Requirements and/or Applicability of the Inflow/Export Ratios to Cross-Delta Transfers
6. Reservoir Refill Criteria
7. Groundwater Transfers or Groundwater Replacement
8. Environmental Impacts

The following issues may be more appropriate for consideration in forums other than the Transfers Agency Group, but agency input will be important:

9. Third Party Impacts
10. Local Control or Approval of Transfers
11. Water Right Assurances
12. Physical Capacity of Facilities