

Key Discussion Items  
CALFED Policy Group Meeting - December 18 and 19, 1997

- Identify major issues of concern to be addressed in the Phase II document
- Identify and show improvements and benefits of common programs.
- Water Quality - show the major differences between alternatives in TOC, Bromides, and salinity.
- Diversion effects on fishery resources - Discuss in the Phase II document how the actions in the common program improve the fisheries and discuss what general level of ESA recovery can be achieved with the common program.
- Water supply opportunity and operational flexibility - Discuss in Phase II document how each alternative can shift operations to provide benefits. Also discuss how storage affects operational flexibility.
- Total Cost - Must identify what we are getting for the investment in the common programs and what increments of benefits/change we are getting for costs above that needed for the common programs.
- Assurances - Assurances are the likelihood of implementing the Alternatives and meeting the program goals. Must discuss the tradeoff between flexibility and assurances:  
Flexibility = Greater Risk.
- Water Use Efficiency - Concern about the level of analysis at a programmatic level. Consistency between Federal and State Conservation Criteria -- Need to describe the "conditions to receive CALFED benefits". Pick up the essence of the CVP criteria and make statements on water measurement and ramifications of adopting policy.
- HCP - Need a Bay-Delta Conservation Strategy that identifies the needs of the species, an evaluation of the ERPP as to how well it meets those needs and evaluate the program actions which will affect those species.
- Identify the best technical performer of the alternatives - will not identify a preferred alternative, however, the Phase II document will discuss the alternative with the technical resource management advantages and the associated issues of concern.
- Phase II final document will include:
  - common program description including structure, linkage with other components, and performance;
  - General description of the 12 alternatives and detailed description of the 3 IDT alternatives including linkage and objective review of performance and strengths and weaknesses;

- Discussion of the alternative with technical resource management advantages and the associated issues of concern; and
  - Discussion of the process to refine analysis and address issues.
- Need to develop a strategy for release of the Phase II document and the EIS/EIR. Must identify stakeholder reaction for legislators and staff - they must know what to expect from the stakeholder community.