

**Restoration Coordination Program
Summary of 1998 Funding and Proposal Solicitation Package
April 20, 1998 Management Team**

Summary of Funding to Date

- \$157 million in projects and programs recommended for 1997-1998 funding.
- \$85 million for 71 individual projects
- \$55 million for programs.

Proposal Solicitation Package

- \$24.175 million in state and federal funds for eight topics (see Attachment 1).
- Proposals will be solicited through a coordinated package prepared by state, federal, and CALFED staff.
- Proposal Solicitation Package finalized with extensive CALFED agency input by the end of April.
- Mailed first week in May.
- One public meeting for applicants to ask questions on Proposal Solicitation Package.
- Applications due first week in July.
- Selection of proposals by end of September 1998. Meeting schedules in September for Ecosystem Roundtable, BDAC, Management and Policy teams will need to be closely coordinated.

Detailed Discussion

A. Technical Review Process.

1. Technical review of proposals divided between CALFED and federal agencies.
2. Technical Review Panels formed to review and provide initial recommendations for selection of proposals with uniform criteria across all technical teams.
3. CALFED will provide a coordination role to ensure that the schedule and standards for technical review are consistent.
4. Technical review process will include technical experts from state and federal agencies as well as from outside the agencies.

5. Process will provide an opportunity for panel members to ask applicants written questions to clarify details about a project.
6. 1998 Integration Panel will review the recommendations of the individual technical teams to ensure that there are no conflicts or overlap.
7. 1998 Integration Panel will also have opportunity to redirect proposals between topics.
8. Ecosystem Roundtable will provide input into the formation of the panels.

B. Confidentiality

1. At the end of the technical panel and 1998 Integration Panel review process, the proposals along with the results of the technical and the integration panels will become public information.
2. Ecosystem Roundtable and BDAC will have an opportunity to review and comment on 1998 Integration Panel's recommended proposals.
3. 1998 Integration Panel's recommended proposals, along with Ecosystem Roundtable and BDAC comments will be forwarded to Management and Policy Team.

C. Selection Criteria and Rating System.

1. Selection criteria should continue to address the 1997 priorities, as well as the additional guidance given by the Policy Group at the January meeting regarding watershed planning and the North Bay region.
2. The criteria and rating system may be based on the 1997 RFP criteria with modifications and improvements as needed.

D. Geographic Scope

1. Trinity County has asked that projects in Trinity County eligible to compete for funding in this round. They understand that any proposal would have to provide a direct benefit to the priority species in the Bay-Delta watershed and not the Trinity system. The Ecosystem Roundtable recommends that Trinity projects be allowed to compete.

E. Funding Amounts

1. Amounts in the topics in the Proposal Solicitation Package adjusted to cover the \$2.5 million CVPIA shortfall in previously approved projects.
2. Ecosystem Roundtable recommends that \$20 million in water acquisition continue to be held pending their deliberations and not be reduced to \$10 million. The Policy Group had approved the \$20 million and a back up plan for re-allocation of \$10 of the \$20 million in the absence of consensus by the Roundtable.