

To: Small Group

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Subject: Status of Suisun Marsh fish screen project

The Department of Fish and Game (DFG) was originally awarded \$446,000 on 12/3/97 for fish screens in the upper Sacramento River and \$2,784,600 on 4/13/98 for fish screens on Suisun Marsh. Contract negotiations were completed, but when the Department of General Services reviewed it was determined that DFG is not allowed to do contracts for public works such as screens for over \$500,000 (this was discovered in October 1998). A contract for the upper Sacramento River screens for \$374,850 was completed in February 1999. DFG has been negotiating with the Department of Water Resources to complete the work for the Suisun Marsh fish screens. By the end of March/early April DWR suggested a memo agreeing in principle to do the work, with development of a formal Interagency Agreement and a Memorandum of Agreement with DFG for their portion of the work (some permitting and monitoring and possibly maintenance of screens). This memo has not been completed. CALFED sent DFG a rough draft Interagency Agreement by May 1, 1999, but there seems to have been continued delays in any additional work by either DFG or DWR. No meetings to discuss the project have occurred since early April 1999.

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