

Interim Governance Structure
Proposed Policy Group Membership and Meeting Procedures
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The interim governing structure will be in place from the time of the ROD and possibly for several years depending on the time required to adopt a CALFED long-term governance structure. In the interim, CALFED will continue essentially the current CALFED structure being used during the planning phase but with modifications needed to perform the implementation functions. The Policy Group will continue to perform the oversight functions but a new Framework Agreement will be needed to describe the functions and tasks, agency membership, meeting procedures, and decision rules. The Framework Agreement would be in effect only until the long-term governing structure is in place.

Described below are proposed changes or refinements to the Policy Group structure and process that will be incorporated into a new Framework Agreement.

1. Policy Group Membership.

Agencies that support the CALFED objectives and would like to participate in program implementation could be a member. Any agency that wants to be a member of the Policy Group would need to sign the new Framework Agreement. Each member agency would need to identify a representative and alternate for participation in Policy Group. One Federal lead representative and one State lead representative will be identified to co-chair the meetings.

There are numerous agencies with activities related to CALFED objectives that may want to participate in CALFED activities but may not be interested in becoming members of the Policy Group. Coordination with those agencies will be initiated or continued, and separate coordinating agreements will be established when needed.

2. Meeting Requirements

Policy Group will meet a minimum of four times a year. The Policy Group will meet at least once a year with BDAC to perform the annual performance assessment. The state and federal co-chairs will alternate chairing of meetings. The co-chairs or their alternates will need to be in attendance in order for the Policy Group to meet.

3. Decision Rule

The Policy Group will follow a state-federal consensus rule for making decisions at Policy Group. Prior to items placed on the agenda for decision, agencies will coordinate their positions and concerns among themselves and with their respective state and federal agencies and lead representatives. All agencies would continue to voice their interests and concerns at Policy Group meetings.

4. Public Participation

All Policy Group meetings will be public meetings. Up to eight BDAC members, two of which will be the BDAC co-chairs, will participate as non-voting ex-officio members. BDAC representation at Policy Group meetings will be selected by the co-chairs, but should provide a balanced cross section of stakeholder interests. Representation can rotate, except for the co-chairs.

For all others, an opportunity for public comment will be provided at each meeting.