

**Status Report**  
**Increasing diversion to Clifton Court Forebay by 500 cfs**  
**12/9/99**

**Action description:** Increase the diversion rates into Clifton Court Forebay during the months of July, August, and September for 3 consecutive years beginning in the year 2000 to offset reduced diversions undertaken for the benefit of fishery resources. The increased diversion is currently proposed as an amount no greater than a three-day average of 500 cfs.

The 3-year period will cover the time prior to the maximization of the diversion through the existing gates at Clifton Court Forebay planned by the South Delta Improvements Program.

**Current status:** DWR's Division of O & M has prepared a draft plan for the proposed action and circulated it to other CALFED agencies for review and comment. An interagency conference call is scheduled for Friday, December 10 at 2:00 pm to discuss comments on the plan. DWR's Office of SWP Planning will take the lead in preparing the required environmental documentation and securing the needed permits.

**Next Steps:**

- Revise the plan as needed based on agency comments
- Identify key agency representatives, key milestone accomplishments and dates and develop a workplan to complete the required information by the end of February 2000.
- Prepare an Initial Study for the proposed action by February 2000.
- Issuance of ESA and CESA findings by FWS, NMFS and DFG
- Corps issues a Section 10 permit for the proposed action by May 2000.

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