

## CALFED WATERSHED PROGRAM

Building Local Partnerships



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## WATERSHED PROGRAM GOALS



- Provide technical and financial assistance, for watershed activities that help achieve the mission and objectives of CALFED
- Promote collaboration & integration among existing and future local watershed programs



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## THE WATERSHED PROGRAM



- An approach which involves partnerships with state, federal, local agencies, local community stakeholders and other interested parties, to develop and implement watershed management practices which reduce stressors that diminish beneficial uses of the Bay Delta system



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### STAGE 1A ACTIONS

- *Fund the development of Watershed Assessments and Plans*
- *Fund and implement watershed conservation, maintenance, and restoration activities*
- *Establish, fund, and maintain assistance to local programs for project concept, design and implementation*



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### STAGE 1A ACTIONS

- *Provide funding and assistance to help build the capacity of locally led watershed programs*
- *Assist CMARP to develop appropriate watershed management performance measures and monitoring protocols.*
- *Improve the use and usefulness of existing watershed resource information centers*



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### OUTSTANDING ISSUES

- *Proposed geographic scope for the Watershed Program*
- *Need for integration of common programs on a watershed basis*
- *Watershed program financing and technical support*



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## OUTSTANDING ISSUES

*Proposed geographic scope for the Watershed Program--*

*The Program has been designed to apply broadly throughout the watersheds that ... contribute to and receive water from... the Bay Delta*



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## OUTSTANDING ISSUES

*Proposed geographic scope for the Watershed Program--*

*The Program is perceived by many to apply only to "upper watersheds" (areas above dams) in rural northern California*



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## OUTSTANDING ISSUES

### ***Need for integration of common programs on a watershed basis--***

*Stakeholders and agencies advising the watershed program have strongly urged CALFED to implement the "common" elements of the program in an integrated manner, with watersheds and the local communities within those watersheds being the focal point for this integration*



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## OUTSTANDING ISSUES

### ***Watershed Program financing and technical support***

*There is currently no clear source of funding or potential funding for implementation of the Watershed Program*

- Will existing (or future) agency programs be the source of program support?*
- Will there be an effort to generate state or federal appropriations, or user fees to finance the Watershed Program?*



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## OUTSTANDING ISSUES

### ***Watershed program financing and technical support***

*Successful implementation of the program is dependent on a reliable level of technical support from the various state and federal agencies with watershed management responsibility. This support IS the technical assistance component of the Program*



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