

**CALFED Governance Structure**  
**Policy Group Membership and Meeting Procedures**  
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The CALFED governing structure currently in effect is described below. The current CALFED structure and process was approved by Policy Group at their August 1999 meeting.

CALFED proposes to continue to rely on the current structure until a permanent structure for CALFED implementation can be adopted. In the interim, CALFED is evaluating how to modify and improve the current structure. A new Framework Agreement will be developed to describe the interim process and structure for implementation of the Final EIS/R and associated documents.

1. Policy Group Membership.

State and Federal agencies that support the CALFED objectives and would like to participate in program implementation can be a member. Any agency that wants to be a member of the Policy Group will need to sign the new Framework Agreement. Each member agency is required to identify a representative and alternate for participation in Policy Group. One federal lead representative (Deputy Secretary of the Interior) and one state lead representative (Secretary of the Resources Agency) 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 meets a minimum of four times a year. The Policy Group meets at least once a year with the full Bay Delta Advisory Council (BDAC). The state and federal co-chairs alternate chairing of meetings. The co-chairs or their alternates need to be in attendance in order for the Policy Group to meet.

3. Decision Rule

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

4. Public Participation

All Policy Group meetings are public meetings. Up to eight BDAC members, two of which are the BDAC co-chairs, participate as 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 is provided at each meeting.