

March 23, 2000

TO: Federal-State Management Group  
FROM: Mary Selkirk  
SUBJECT: Meeting Outcomes, March 21, 2000

The following is a brief summary of outcomes from the CALFED Federal-State Management Group meeting held on Tuesday, March 21, 2000.

1. **Announcements** - Steve Ritchie made the following announcements:
  - State-Federal Regional Strategies agenda item deferred to next week's agenda
  - Proposed Central Delta Intakes Analysis Summary - Ron Ott had handout dated 3/18/2000 available.
  - Senator Maurice Johannessen held an oversight hearing last week. There were a number of issues discussed, including fiscal management and legal EIS/EIR matters. Michael Umbrello was present. The \$100,000 funding for grants for tribal participation was mentioned. Mr. Umbrello felt the amount was inadequate.
  - Brochures for the CALFED Bay-Delta Program Science Conference 2000 to be held at the Sacramento Convention Center October 3-5, 2000 were available.
  - Congressman John Doolittle will hold a hearing on CALFED in Washington, D.C. on March 30.
2. **Report back on South Delta - ERP scope** - CALFED staff Rick Soehren reported the outcome of the meeting with regulatory agencies and others held pursuant to the Ryan Broddrick's suggestion at last week's Management Group meeting for development of recommendations on whether regulatory agencies will view habitat restoration in the South Delta:
  - As essential interceptor habitat to protect fish species of concern; or
  - As an attractive nuisance that lures fish to a perilous part of the Delta.

The result of the meeting was the recommendation to pursue habitat restoration throughout the Delta, consistent with Stage 1 acreage targets, with no special emphasis or avoidance of the southern half of the Delta.

**Outcome:** The Federal-State Management Group supported the proposed recommendation.

3. **Report back on CALFED Science Program** - USGS staff Larry Smith presented the result of discussions with Perry Herrgesell, Randy Brown, Marty Kjelson and himself to discuss the purpose of the CALFED science program:

In order for the CALFED science program to get to implementation (1), the following schedule was proposed:

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| ▪ Recruit an interim chief scientist                             |              | 4/00    |
| ▪ Temporary science oversite team                                | Mgmt team    | 3/00    |
| ▪ Complete baseline monitoring plans                             | CMARP        | 5/00    |
| ▪ Produce initial ERP indicators                                 | CMARP        | 5/00    |
| ▪ Produce initial performance indicators                         | CALFED staff | 5/00    |
| ▪ Develop consensus on science issues for Stage 1                | SOT          | 7/00    |
| ▪ Continue feasibility planning for Science Center               | SOT/IEP      | 7/00    |
| ▪ Resolve structure of the science program                       | SOT          | 6/00    |
| ▪ Complete white papers  | ERP          | 9/00    |
| ▪ Complete adaptive environmental assessment (AEA) demonstration | AEA          | 6/00    |
| ▪ Retrofit monitoring for restoration projects                   | ERP          | 9/00    |
| ▪ Award focused research contracts                               | CMARP        | 10/00   |
| ▪ Planned CALFED science conference                              | CMARP        | 10/00   |
| ▪ Improve coordination of existing programs                      | SOT          | Ongoing |
| ▪ Resolve role of adaptive management                            |              | 9/00    |
| ▪ Resolve how to fund the program                                |              | 10/00   |

Some of the first issues for Stage 1:

- Recovery of listed fish: consequences of habitat rehabilitation and modified water project operations
- Drinking water, source water improvements vs improvements in water treatment
- Water supply reliability

Perry Herrgesell also proposed that this same four-member work group be responsible for completing these tasks.

Karen Schwinn, USEPA, asked if the science program is considering the whole CALFED program or if it just an ERP science program. There was discussion as to whether initially approach this program-wide or to begin in the Delta

Patrick Wright said we need to be able to show that in the ERP we have a solid science program. He suggested restating June and July target dates as "summer" dates to allow more flexibility.

There was discussion about who would be involved in the science program work group. Steve Ritchie felt Tim Ramirez on the State side and David Cottingham on the Federal side could make the appointments

**Outcome:**

- Steve Ritchie identified Wendy Halverson Martin as the CALFED staff representative for the group
- Steve would prepare a memo before next Tuesday outlining the tasks
- Wendy suggested that each of the members of the group attend the second day of the Interim Science Board meeting this week.

4. **What is in Proposition 12, Proposition 13, including specific projects?** CALFED legislative staff Dan McCarroll summarized Propositions 12 and 13 bond funding and their linkages to CALFED Bay-Delta Program. Each proposition contains funding for a Delta Science Center. There was discussion about the coordination of these other efforts and CALFED's science program. Teresa Pacheco said the Corps is involved with the science center contained in Proposition 13, which contains a flood protection element. Kathy Kelly said there needs to be further discussion as to whether CMARP needs a facility.

Patrick said there is a problem with Proposition 12 in that when it was drafted it was intended for the November ballot. The funding period would have been for FY 2001, so they are trying to work out how and if the funds can be used during FY 2000.

Patrick asked how much Proposition 204 money has been spent to date and what is left.

**Outcome:** Dan McCarroll will prepare a report in response to his inquiry.

5. **Description of Current Governance Process Structure** - Kate Hansel reviewed the one-page handout, entitled "Policy Group Membership and Meeting Procedures" (3/20/99). The handout reflects the current procedures, which will be followed by interim procedures when implementation begins with the ROD; and then long-term governance.

Pete Rabbon, The Reclamation Board, asked how an agency could become a member of the Policy Group. Kate answered that it would be on the recommendation of Mary Nichols for the State side and David Hayes for the Federal side.

**Outcome:** There were a number of changes suggested, which Kate will incorporate and provide a revised version next week.

6. **Other Discussion Items** -

- Ray Barsch, Executive Officer of the California Water Commission, spoke briefly on the meetings the Commission and The Reclamation Board had in Washington, D.C. the previous week. He said there was frequent reference to the need for CALFED to have re-authorization this year. He emphasized the importance of Congressman Doolittle's hearing on March 30.

**Outcome:** Patrick Wright requested that a briefing package be prepared specifically for this hearing

**CALFED lead:** Steve Ritchie will follow up.