



Memorandum

Date: April 3, 2000
To: CALFED Management Group
From: Steven R. Ritchie 
Subject: Development of the CALFED Science Program

Although the importance of a CALFED science program is widely recognized, the role and structure of the program have not been resolved. As we approach the completion of the EIR/EIS process, the signing of the Record of Decision, and implementation of Stage 1 of the CALFED program, a science program for the CALFED Program as a whole needs to be developed and implemented. At our March 21 Management Team meeting, several agency staff members suggested establishment of a temporary Science Oversight Team (SOT) to oversee and facilitate development of the CALFED Science Program until a CALFED Interim Science Leader is hired and functioning.

Initially, the following will serve as the Science Oversight Team (SOT), and will be given adequate direction and resources (both time and personnel) and authority to accomplish the actions listed below. These people are familiar with CALFED goals and programs and CALFED science needs.

- Mr. Larry SmithU. S. Geological Survey
- Dr. Perry L. Herrgesell.....Department of Fish and Game
- Dr. Randy Brown.....Department of Water Resources
- Dr. Martin A. KjelsonU. S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Ms. Wendy Halverson Martin.....CALFED Bay-Delta Program
- Mr. Tim RamirezCalifornia Resources Agency

SOT will have primary responsibility to provide a recommendation on the structure and functions of a CALFED Science Program consistent with the emerging governance structure (see attachment). Accordingly SOT will work closely with those who are actively engaged in scientific activities associated with the CALFED Program to ensure

CALFED Agencies

California

- The Resources Agency
- Department of Fish and Game
- Department of Water Resources
- California Environmental Protection Agency
- State Water Resources Control Board
- Department of Food and Agriculture

Federal

- Environmental Protection Agency
- Department of the Interior
- Fish and Wildlife Service
- Bureau of Reclamation
- U.S. Geological Survey
- Bureau of Land Management
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

- Department of Agriculture
- Natural Resources Conservation Service
- U.S. Forest Service
- Department of Commerce
- National Marine Fisheries Service
- Western Area Power Administration

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Through consensus, define key science issues and questions for Stage 1 Actions including the Environmental Water Account and Project Operations

August 1, 2000

Develop coordination plan for all science programs important to CALFED

September 1, 2000

Clarify adaptive management issues

September 30, 2000

Develop a plan to select initial set of non-ERP indicators

SOT will be coordinating with and providing assistance to the following CALFED actions:

Clear Creek Adaptive experiment design

ERP white papers

Development and implementation of a focused research program

CALFED Science Conference

Attachment