

**ACTION ITEM:** clarify adaptive management issues for CALFED Stage 1

**DUE DATE:** 9/1/2000

**DESCRIPTION:** CALFED has embraced an adaptive management implementation strategy because of significant uncertainties about the consequences of program actions. Active adaptive management is designing and executing trial actions as scientific experiments to learn how the actions affect the resources. Despite its appeal, active adaptive management is infrequently employed because few scientists and managers have practical experience, and because trials often require agency and public acceptance of some short-term risks to the resources or the associated economy. Inadequate understanding of these details and implications impairs CALFED in defining and resolving policy issues necessary for using adaptive management in program implementation.

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Task(s)/ Product	Responsible	Assign by:	First draft	Final draft	Comments
1) Develop a non-technical explanation/ presentation of active adaptive management.	Mike Healey, ISB				
2) Review 1)	SOT				
3) Test AEA process for designing adaptive management experiments.	Michael Fainter				
4) Engage other programs in discussion of the potential for adaptive management	SOT				