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To: Category III Steering Committee

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Subject: Category III Guidance Document

Enclosed is a draft document titled, "Category III Guidance Document." We have prepared this paper to provide the CALFED Bay-Delta Program with some additional focus regarding its ecosystem restoration program and to facilitate coordination with the Category III process.

Our process has been to identify ecosystem problems; establish objectives; and develop an overall strategy. Through this effort we have found a number of actions which are core to the ecosystem restoration effort and to the development of all alternatives regarding long term solutions.

An additional step has been taken to develop a specific priority list of core actions which could be part of the 1996 Category III funding cycle. To develop this list we used the core actions which have been reviewed and refined by our Ecosystem Review Team and the Department of Fish and Game's report titled, "Status of Actions to Restore Central Valley Spring-Run Chinook Salmon."

The specific grouping of projects in the 1996 funding priorities list have not been reviewed by our Ecosystem Review Team. We plan to convene a smaller sub-group of experts from each agency in the next two weeks to provide a review. A meeting with stakeholders will also be scheduled to refine a 1996 project strategy.

Enclosure

CALFED Agencies

California

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

Federal

Environmental Protection Agency
Department of the Interior
Fish and Wildlife Service
Bureau of Reclamation
Department of Commerce
National Marine Fisheries Service

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