



Memorandum

Date: June 21, 1996

To: CALFED Management Team (see attached list)

From: Lester A. Snow, Executive Director
CALFED Bay-Delta Program 

Subject: Upcoming CALFED Management Team Meeting

The CALFED Management Team will meet on Wednesday, June 26, from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm in Room 1142 of the Resources Building. Attached is a draft agenda for this meeting (Attachment 1).

A detailed description of the agenda items and attachments follows:

A. Restoration Coordination

1) Category III 1996 Funding List

A joint CALFED/Category III workshop was held on June 11 and 12 to review the list of 1996 projects previously included in the Category III guidance document. The revised list of projects from the workshop is being reviewed by CALFED Bay-Delta Program staff to ensure that the additional projects fall within the descriptions of the Core Actions and will be eligible for credit against the long-term program. Upon completion, the list will be divided into projects or programs for which there are currently proposals and ones for which RFP's are needed. It is proposed that this information be presented to the Category III Steering Committee or its successor.

In addition to the projects, the workshop identified a number of monitoring and study needs as well as engineering feasibility analysis that would be useful in development of future projects. The participants also identified a number of on-going efforts by individual CALFED agencies that they felt were important or needed additional focus.

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

Overall, the participants were satisfied with the workshop and provided several suggestions for improvement next year. The main recommendations were to start earlier, separate the priority setting efforts from the actual selection of projects, and start with a broader ecosystem-wide set of goals.

2) **Crediting Policy**

The memo for the crediting policy was revised and finalized based on the comments received at the last CALFED Management Team meeting. The memo was sent to the Category III Steering Committee on June 6, 1996 and we have received a favorable response thus far. Copies of the final memo will be available at the meeting.

3) **Ecosystem Roundtable**

Efforts are continuing to solicit input from the stakeholder community regarding the membership of the Ecosystem Roundtable. Several remaining issues, including resolution of membership, will be discussed at the CALFED meeting. It is anticipated that the Ecosystem Roundtable will be in place by the end of July.

4) **State/Federal Funding**

A summary of cost sharing on projects approved for Category III, an updated summary of the major state and federal funding sources for ecosystem restoration, an updated list of federal expenditures for ecosystem restoration in the Central Valley, and a summary of expenditures for all projects and programs listed in the Related Programs Report will be presented at the meeting. It is important that we understand and correctly characterize both state and federal contributions and efforts supporting ecosystem restoration.

B. **Phase II Alternatives**

CALFED Bay-Delta Program Workshop #7 will be held on Tuesday, June 25, at the Beverly Garland Hotel in Sacramento. CALFED members received copies of the salmon colored Workshop #7 Information Packet sent to workshop participants. This information packet describes the alternatives and common programs presented to CALFED agencies at the last CALFED Management Team meeting in May. Our mailing list for the workshops now numbers about 600 persons and attendance at the last two workshops has been about 200 persons per workshop. The objective of this workshop is to provide an overview of the Phase II Alternatives and components and elicit input from participants. The input received will be used as guidance to revise (if necessary) or clarify descriptions of the alternatives for the BDAC meeting.

The BDAC meeting is scheduled for July 19 in Sacramento at the Convention Center. The objective of this meeting is to focus existing issues and concerns of BDAC members into a format that can be provided to CALFED as advice on the Phase II Alternatives and the process to evaluate the alternatives.

1) **Phase I Decisions**

It is anticipated that a Phase I completion report will be produced by the end of August outlining the alternatives to be evaluated in Phase II and concerns of various stakeholders that must be addressed in the phase. The actual decision to be made by the CALFED agencies at this point in time is "Do the alternatives and the descriptions presented represent an adequate or reasonable range of solutions to evaluate in Phase II to address the problems identified?" If the answer is yes, we must move into the evaluation phase with a commitment to dedicate the necessary resources to evaluate and analyze the benefits and impacts of the alternatives. If the answer is no, we must identify what is lacking and correct the problem.

2) **Phase II**

We will outline the component refinement process that is now beginning and will lay out a general timeline describing milestones to the next decision point. It is anticipated that the next decision point will occur in the fall after preliminary analysis to further define and narrow the range of storage and conveyance capacities to receive full analysis.

3) **Agency Concerns**

The CALFED Bay-Delta Program has received both official and draft comment letters from various state and federal agencies concerning the 10 Draft Alternatives. Additionally, most agencies were present at the last two Program Coordination Team meetings where substantial changes to the draft alternatives were suggested and discussed. These comments (as well as others received during Scoping) were critical in assisting the Program team in revisions to produce the 3 draft Alternatives now discussed in the Workshop #7 Information Packet. Some of the types of outstanding issues that we continue to have concerns about how to address in Phase II are: properly assessing adequate flows; configuration of Alternatives to include specific suggestions by stakeholders and agencies; continuing concern over how to address striped bass issues; San Joaquin restoration; and inclusion of hatcheries. We would like to discuss some of the other key issues that must be addressed in the Phase II evaluation.

4) **Stakeholder Positions**

Most of the stakeholder groups have been actively participating in the CALFED process and appear to be supportive of the proposed alternatives. Based on our understanding of stakeholder positions, some of the key concerns are storage in the Sacramento Valley, water rights and area of origin rights, setting appropriate ecosystem targets and goals, characterizing problems and solutions associated with agricultural drainage, drinking water quality and water supply.

We also hope to characterize additional concerns based on input received from CALFED Workshop #7.

5) **CALFED Meetings**

CALFED Public Meeting

At the last CALFED Management Team meeting, we concluded that we would conduct a CALFED public meeting following the July BDAC meeting, to allow the general public to comment directly to the decision makers in CALFED on the Phase II Alternatives.

This CALFED Policy Group meeting will be held on **Monday, July 29, with an Executive Session in the morning from 10 am -12 noon and a public meeting in the afternoon from 1 pm to 4 pm.** The public meeting will be different from the public sessions we have conducted in the past in that it would be for the primary purpose of taking public comment on the CALFED Bay-Delta Program Alternatives and will be noticed over a much larger group than in the past. We expect that the Chair of BDAC will provide a statement outlining BDAC advice to CALFED. Other stakeholder groups will most likely make statements of support or outline concerns.

We are also planning a press event in August to announce the Phase I final report and outline the alternatives as we move into Phase II. We anticipate a joint letter presented at the press event signed by the CALFED agencies issuing the Phase II Alternatives.

CALFED Management Team Meeting

The next CALFED Management Team meeting will be held on **Tuesday, July 23, from 1 pm to 4 pm in room 1142.** Although this is only a few days before the CALFED Public meeting, it is necessary to allow time for discussion of other issues of concern.

C. **BDAC Membership**

As announced at the previous CALFED meeting, BDAC member, Glenn Olson, Audubon Society, has not taken part in any of the BDAC meetings and has informed us that he will be

unable to fulfill his role on the council. As suggested at the last meeting, we have contacted Marcia Brockbank, Program Manager of the San Francisco Estuary Project, to replace Mr. Olson. Attached is a short biography of Ms. Brockbank.

Additionally, the Regional Council of Rural Counties (RCRC) has expressed an interest in obtaining membership to the BDAC and Robert Meacher, Plumas County Supervisor, would represent their constituency and provide additional expertise to BDAC. A short biography of Supervisor Meacher is also attached.

D. Status of SB 900 (Lester Snow)

Progress on SB 900 is still proceeding. Various stakeholder groups have been meeting and seem to have come to an agreement on how to proceed. An oral update will be provided.

E. Other Issues

- 1) **Status of San Joaquin Discussions (Patrick Wright)**
- 2) **Status of South Delta Temporary Barriers Program (Bob Potter)**
- 3) **Status of Interim South Delta Program EIS/EIR (Bob Potter)**
- 4) **Update on CALFED Ops Group (Bob Potter)**

Attachments

CALFED Management Team

USBR - Roger Patterson (Alt. - Kirk Rodgers)

USFWS - Wayne White (Alt. - Joel Medlin)

NMFS - Jim Lecky (Alt. - Gary Stern)

EPA - Tom Hagler (Alt. - Palma Risler)

Corp. of Engineers - Walter Yep

DOI - Patrick Wright

CA Resources Agency - Mike Mantell

CA Fish and Game - Greg Zlotnick

DWR - Bob Potter

SWRCB - Walt Pettit