

Scope of Work for Fish and Wildlife Service Assistance in Preparation of CALFED Programmatic EIR/EIS

The Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) will provide input and participate in an oversight and advisory role for the preparation of portions of the Programmatic EIR/EIS. The Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (FWCA) provides a basic procedural framework for the equal consideration of fish and wildlife conservation measures in Federally constructed, permitted, or licensed water development projects. Therefore, the primary focus of Service involvement will be to satisfy input for the FWCA through input in formulating, reviewing, and providing comments on project plans.

Specific sections of the CALFED report where Service input will be provided include, but are not limited to:

- * Fisheries and Aquatic Resources
- * Vegetation and Wildlife
- * Special Status Species
- * Ecosystems Restoration

Service input in these sections of the Programmatic EIR/EIS will be used to satisfy FWCA responsibilities.

In this capacity task would include:

- * Working with CALFED staff, consultants, agencies and stakeholders in
 - Formulation of project plans.
 - Develop assessment methods for conducting programmatic analysis.
 - To define a programmatic description of existing conditions/affected environment.
- * Working with CALFED staff and consultant team to define an approach and schedule for completing programmatic impact analysis using developed assessment methods within the overall programmatic schedule. The approach will include how results are displayed in the environmental document.
- * Working with the consultant team conducting programmatic impact analysis. Reviewing preliminary results and providing guidance on data analysis and presentation of results.
- * Working with CALFED staff and the consultant team to develop programmatic mitigation strategies for adverse impacts. Making recommendations to CALFED program managers on how to modify and adjust alternatives to reduce or avoid adverse impacts, or maximize beneficial impacts.

- * Working with CALFED staff and the consultant team to develop a formal mitigation monitoring plan to be included in the Programmatic EIR/EIS.
- * Working with CALFED staff, the consultant team, California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) and National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) to contribute to a programmatic biological assessment for listed and special status species to be used within the environmental document.
- * Working with CALFED staff to coordinate and incorporate comments by NMFS, CDFG, other CALFD agencies, and the public.

The Service will commit 2 full time staff to the CALFED effort in FY97. An additional 2 PY's will be made available to assist on project specific issues in FY97.

The full time staff will consist of senior staff with technical and leadership experience capable of problem solving, good decision making, and able to work positively and effectively as part of a team, and be able to meet and conform to tight schedules and deadlines..

Estimated Cost for Service Assistance with Programmatic EIR/EIS

FY97	4.0 PY	@\$75,000	\$300,000
FY98	2.5 PY	@\$75,000	\$225,000
FY99	1.0 PY	@\$75,000	\$ 75,000