

**CALFED
BAY-DELTA
PROGRAM**

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Dear Senator Johannessen:

This provides a response to your February 10, 1998 letter in which you posed a number of questions regarding the development of the review draft of the Ecosystem Restoration Program Plan (ERPP). In your letter you also requested a budget summary of expenses identifying State and Federal allotments to the CALFED program.

With regard to the ERPP, you requested the following: (1) the identity of organizations who contributed to the plan, (2) the CALFED staff person responsible for supervising the development of the ERPP, (3) the name of the consultants who developed sections for inclusion in each ecological zone, ecological unit, and (we assume) the names of the consultants who developed the individual visions for ecological processes, habitats, species, and stressors, and (4) the cost for developing each component of the ERPP.

We are responding as best we can given the fact that the development of ERPP was not structured by individual components. For example, *Volume I: Visions for Ecosystem Elements* has 1 overview, 5 introductory, and 66 vision (processes, habitats, species, and stressors) sections; while *Volume II: Ecological Zone Visions* has 1 introductory and 14 zone vision sections. Furthermore, the 14 ecological zone visions in Volume II are divided into 52 visions for ecological units (individual watersheds). Finally, we prepared 19 maps depicting the ERPP Study area and the individual ecological zones including four additional maps for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

We have worked closely with many State and Federal agencies, local counties, watershed groups, environmental organizations, water districts, and individual landowners in developing, revising, and improving the ERPP. Attachment 1 provides a brief listing of just some of the organizations who contributed to the development of the ERPP.

CALFED Agencies

<p>California</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Resources Agency Department of Fish and Game Department of Water Resources California Environmental Protection Agency State Water Resources Control Board 	<p>Federal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Environmental Protection Agency Department of the Interior Fish and Wildlife Service Bureau of Reclamation U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service Department of Commerce National Marine Fisheries Service
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The overall management of the ERPP is the responsibility of Mr. Dick Daniel, Assistant Director of Habitat Restoration, while the day-to-day activities and consultant supervision is the responsibility of Mr. Terry J. Mills, Recreation and Wildlife Resources Advisor. We note that there have been no consultants assisting with the development of the ERPP since May 17, 1997.

In developing the early drafts of the ERPP, we used a variety of consultants in addition to technical experts representing some of the State and Federal agencies. The prime CALFED consultant for this work was CH₂MHill. In turn, CH₂MHILL used the services of other consulting firms and consultants to prepare the early drafts of the ERPP. These other consultants provided expertise in a wide variety of disciplines including fishery biology, wildlife biology, plant biology, hydrology, geology, land use, foodweb and nutrient cycles, GIS mapping, and report editing. The subcontractors included Montgomery Watson, Jones & Stokes Associates, Entrix, Tetra Tech, Bookman-Edmonston, Woodward Clyde, and Joan. M. Lynn.

Due to the high level of integration required to develop the draft ERPP, no individual can be associated with single components of the plan. For example, several individuals with expertise in fishery biology contributed to the development of ten fish species visions, contributed to sections within the stream flow, water temperature, and many of the stressors visions, and provided sections for inclusion in the 14 ecological zone and 52 ecological unit visions.

We used consultant services during the period of May 17, 1995 through May 16, 1997. The expenditures that consultants incurred in assisting us develop the ERPP follow:

<u>Consultant/Consulting Firm</u>	<u>Cost through May 16, 1997</u>
CH ₂ MHILL	118,429.00
Montgomery Watson	130.00
Jones & Stokes Associates	595,501.00
Entrix	29,988.00
Tetra Tech	6,055.00
Joan M. Lynn	3,745.00
Bookman-Edmonston	3,861.00
Woodward Clyde	3,140.00
Total	\$760,849.00

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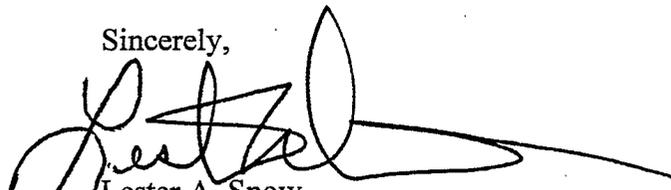
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In response to your question regarding State and Federal funding of the overall CALFED program, on May 17, 1995 the Department of Water Resources (acting on behalf of the State's Water Policy Council), and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and National Marine Fisheries Service (collectively referred to as the United States Federal Ecosystem Directorate), entered into a four-year Agreement to jointly fund and administer the CALFED Bay-Delta Program. The Agreement as amended in August 1997 covers a wide variety of activities and commits a total of \$45.6 million (\$22.8 million State and \$22.8 million Federal).

Total expenditures through September 30, 1997 (the end of Federal Fiscal Year 97) are approximately \$21.2 million. The CALFED Bay-Delta Program budget is managed over the four-life of the Program, and every effort is made to equalize State and Federal expenditures.

Should you or your staff have any additional questions regarding the development of the ERPP, please contact Mr. Dick Daniel at (916) 657-0199, or Mr. Steve Yaeger at (916) 657-2666 regarding the CALFED program budget.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director

Attachment

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