



Memorandum

Date: March 19, 1999
To: Mike Spear, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Jim Lecky, National Marine Fisheries Service
From: Lester A. Snow 
Subject: VAMP, South Delta Barriers and Tracy Fish Screen Program

I am writing this memo to you to confirm decisions and/or commitments made at the March 10 Policy Group meeting regarding the following efforts:

South Delta Barriers

Action: I have asked that you be prepared to reach a decision on the South Delta barrier proposal at the May Policy Group meeting.

Agencies agreed to proceed with two evaluations:

- a) optimize a non-barrier alternative
- b) optimize an alternative with barriers

Tracy Fish Screen Program

Fisheries agencies agreed to reach a decision within the next two months. Mike Spear committed to convening a meeting or meetings with pertinent state and federal agencies to determine if Tracy can be dealt with separately from other South Delta projects. If so, Tracy proposal will be brought to Policy Group in April for a decision. If not, Tracy proposal will be brought to Policy Group at the May meeting for a decision on a comprehensive package of South Delta improvements.

Vernalis Adaptive Management Plan (VAMP)

Decision: General acceptance of VAMP flows. Barriers issue still to be resolved (as above).

Follow-up: Letter regarding VAMP plan transmitted to Assemblymember Mike Machado (faxed to Policy Group separately) on March 12, 1999. Patrick Wright agreed to follow up on securing State share of funding.

cc: CALFED Policy Group

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
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service
Department of Commerce
National Marine Fisheries Service