

## Language Proposed to Reduce Risk to Framework

By certifying the EIR, the State of California does not intend to prevent the CALFED governing structure from implementing projects not expressly addressed or assumed in the EIR. Thus, the various individual projects analyzed or assumed in the environmental analysis do not constitute a "program" with which all future implementing projects must be consistent. Rather, for any future projects not analyzed or assumed in the EIR, the EIR can be used as a source of scientific and technical information to be included, and updated if needed, in future environmental documents.

Thus, for example, the EIR can be used as a source for an inventory of the physical and biological characteristics of the areas affected by CALFED. The EIR may also be used to derive information about existing water quality and supply, capacities and levels of use of existing services and facilities, and the generalized incremental environmental effects associated of different categories of development projects by type, scale, and location.

CALFED and other agencies can use this information in preparing initial studies for the environmental documents for future projects in order to help the preparers decide whether certain environmental effects are likely to occur and whether certain effects are likely to be significant. To the extent that information from this EIR is used in future environmental documents, the preparers should reference and summarize the relevant portions of this EIR, so that the public can understand the bases for conclusions drawn from this document.

Thus, this EIR can assist the entities preparing documents for future projects not addressed or assumed in its analysis to identify long range, areawide, and cumulative impacts of individual projects proposed in the area affected by CALFED.