

# Memorandum

To : Regional Managers: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7  
Division Chiefs: BDD, ESD, IFD, MRD,  
NHD, WMD, WPD, LAD  
Executive Director: WCB, Administrator: OSPR

Date : APR 02 1988

From : Department of Fish and Game

Subject : Review of CALFED Draft Programmatic EIS/EIR and Technical Appendices

The draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (DEIS/R) for the CALFED Bay-Delta Program has been released to the public for review. It is essential that a thorough review be completed by Department staff. This review process is not simply an assignment, it is an opportunity to aid CALFED in selecting a preferred alternative and guide restoration efforts to ensure that, collectively, we achieve the goals of restoring the ecological health of the Bay-Delta and assist in restoring the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River systems. Please complete your review in a manner that will provide the constructive comments CALFED needs to accomplish its goals. This will be the largest ecosystem restoration project ever undertaken and our Department's involvement is necessary and critical to its success. It is important to note that either site-specific or second-tier environmental documents will be prepared at a later date for individual projects. You and your staff should keep this in mind when undertaking your review, since in many cases detailed review must wait until those future documents are prepared.

I have attached a table that lists the DEIS/R sections and appendices that each division or region will need to review and provide comments (Table 1). The assignments in the table reflect a balance between the importance of the review and a desire to minimize mandatory multiple reviews. Your unit should feel free to comment on additional sections. Additional clarification and assignments are:

- Environmental Services Division (ESD) and Bay-Delta and Special Water Projects Division (BDD) will have the primary responsibility to review the DEIS/R.
- Office of Spill Prevention and Response (OSPR) has the primary responsibility to review and compile comments on the Water Quality Section.
- Region 2 has the primary responsibility to review and compile comments on the Levee Protection Plan.
- Volumes I and II of the Ecosystem Restoration Plan do not need to be reviewed in their entirety by each assigned unit. General guidance is that each region should take responsibility primarily for the geographical units in Volume II within their region, while the division staff units should focus primarily on the sections of Volume I within their area of responsibility.

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- The Phase II Interim Report outlines the strategic approach for the CALFED effort. While it has been assigned only to ESD and BDD for formal detailed review, each unit needs to review its general content and offer comments as appropriate.

I have enclosed, with this transmittal letter as indicated in Table 1, copies of those technical appendices that you and your staff do not have and will need in order to complete their review. I have also attached a table listing the individuals within the regions and divisions who have a complete set of the DEIS/R, Executive Summary, and Phase II Report (Table 2). Your staff should obtain the sections or documents they need from staff listed in Table 2.

Issues arising that you believe need policy review should be highlighted when you provide your comments. These issues will be submitted to the Management Team for policy review at the May 13, 1998 Department Water Policy Team meeting.

Please assign the appropriate staff to complete the reviews assigned to your unit. All comments need to be transmitted to Mr. Jim Starr of BDD no later than close of business on May 1, 1998. Comments on Water Quality and Levees should also be submitted directly to OSPR and Region 2, respectively, as well as BDD, so they can fulfill their responsibilities. Within 5 working days of May 1, 1998, Region 2 and OSPR will compile and transmit the coordinated levee and water quality comments to BDD for inclusion in the final comment letter. Also, please submit a list of individuals and the sections they are assigned to review to BDD by April 13, 1998. BDD staff will contact reviewers in late April to check on the status of their review. All comments must be in *electronic format* and can either be e-mailed to Mr. Starr at [jstarr@delta.dfg.ca.gov](mailto:jstarr@delta.dfg.ca.gov) or mailed on disk to 4001 North Wilson Way, Stockton, California 95205.

If you have any questions, please call Mr. Frank Wernette at (209) 948-7800 or CALNET 8-423-7800.

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