

# CHAPTER 1. USING VOLUME 2 AS PART OF AN EFFECTIVE COMPLIANCE PROCESS

The *Guide to Regulatory Compliance for Implementing CALFED Actions* is designed to provide both general and specific recommendations to assist project proponents in complying with the environmental laws and regulations that may apply to individual CALFED actions. [Volume 1](#) provides general recommendations for developing a compliance strategy; Volume 2 complements Volume 1 by describing the specific permits and approvals that may be needed for individual projects, and the steps involved in compliance. Project proponents should follow the guidance in Volume 1 through project planning and implementation, and should refer to Volume 2 for information on specific permitting and authorization processes that apply to their projects and for recommendations on facilitating compliance with those processes.

The following is the organization of the guide.

**Volume 1.** Volume 1 provides the following information:

- **Chapter 1, “Introduction”**—Provides an overview of CALFED, objectives of the guide, organization of the guide, and recommendations for using the guide.
- **Chapter 2, “Environmental Compliance Strategy”**—Describes a general strategy for completing the environmental compliance requirements for implementing CALFED actions. This chapter includes guidance on how to integrate adaptive management into the environmental compliance strategy for a project.
- **Chapter 3, “Guidance for NEPA and CEQA Compliance: Tiering from the CALFED PEIS/EIR and Integrating Permitting into the NEPA/CEQA Compliance Process”**
  - provides an overview of National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements;
  - describes what it means to tier from the CALFED Bay-Delta Program Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS/EIR), discusses the types of projects for which environmental documents must be tiered, and provides general guidance on how to tier from the programmatic documents;

- discusses other programmatic commitments that may affect the NEPA/CEQA documents; and
- describes how project proponents can integrate compliance with other environmental laws and regulations into the steps of NEPA and CEQA compliance.

**Volume 2.** Following this chapter, Volume 2 consists of the following:

- **Chapter 2, “Environmental Regulations and Permits”**—Describes specific regulatory processes, the requirements for each, and recommendations for facilitating compliance with each process. Where applicable, each section includes an overview of a regulation and information that answers the following questions:
  - Who needs to comply?
  - How long does the approval process take?
  - What information does the applicant need to provide?
  - What is the fee?
  - What does the application and evaluation process entail?
  - Does this process trigger the need for compliance with other regulations?
  - What are the opportunities for facilitating compliance with this process?

The information provided to answer the last question includes identification of any related programmatic-level compliance completed by CALFED, and descriptions of how to take advantage of this programmatic compliance on specific projects.

- **Chapter 3, “Agency Contacts”**—Lists web addresses, postal and street addresses, and telephone numbers of regional and local offices of the federal and State agencies and air districts that could have jurisdiction over regulatory compliance for CALFED actions.
- **Chapter 4, “Other Sources of Information”**—Lists other publications with detailed information on regulatory processes.
- **Chapter 5, “Glossary”**—Defines terms used in the regulations described in Chapter 2.
- **Appendices**—Include background material on regulations described in Chapter 2 and samples of permit applications and agency approvals and permits.

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