

Interrelation of CALFED Subcommittee Goals from the Ecosystem Restoration Subcommittee Perspective

The CALFED Bay Delta-Public Advisory Committee (BD-PAC) has tasked the BD-PAC Subcommittees with identifying the interrelation of CALFED subcommittee goals in order to detect potential conflicts between goals and identify actions that will promote the goals of multiple subcommittees. The motivation for performing this activity is to develop a tool that will help project planners and implementers determine the potential impacts the activities/goals they are pursuing will have on other CALFED subcommittee goals.

The attached matrix concentrates on the broad goals established for the subcommittees. Based upon the interrelations identified for the broad goals, the interrelation of goals for the specific projects identified in the CALFED Record of Decision (ROD) and in subcommittee work plans should be easily determined. Rather than attempting to identify every potential or hypothetical connection between subcommittee goals, the matrix instead indicated the goals that are directly connected, or those that will have a direct impact on each other.

The subcommittee goals used in the matrix were either identified in the ROD or in the work plans produced by the individual subcommittees. For the purposed of this matrix, the goals have been paraphrased. But, in no way is this an attempt to alter the intent expressed in the ROD or in the work plans.

The Ecosystem Restoration Subcommittee goals used in the matrix are the “Program Goals” listed in the *Ecosystem Restoration Program Draft Stage 1 Implementation Plan (August 2001)* on pages 9-13. The following is the more detailed description of the goals contained in the Implementation Plan:

Goal 1: At-Risk Species

Achieve recovery of at-risk native species dependent on the Delta and Suisun Bay as the first step toward establishing large, self-sustaining populations of these species; support similar recovery of at-risk native species in the San Francisco Bay and the watershed above the estuary; and minimize the need for future endangered species listings by reversing downward population trends of native species that are not listed.

Goal 2: Ecosystem Processes and Biotic Communities

Rehabilitate natural processes in the Bay-Delta system to support, with minimal ongoing human intervention, natural aquatic and associated terrestrial biotic communities and habitats, in ways that favor native members of those communities.

Goal 3: Harvestable Species

Maintain and/or enhance populations of selected species for sustainable commercial and recreational harvest, consistent with the other ERP Strategic Goals

Goal 4: Habitats

Protect and/or restore functional habitat types in the Bay-Delta estuary and its watershed for ecological and public values such as supporting species and biotic communities, ecological processes, recreation, scientific research and aesthetics.

Goal 5: Non-native Invasive Species

Prevent the establishment of additional non-native species and reduce the negative biological and economic impacts of established non-native species in the Bay-Delta estuary and its watershed.

Goal 6: Sediment and Water Quality

Improve and/or maintain water and sediment quality conditions that fully support healthy and diverse aquatic ecosystems in the Bay-Delta watershed and eliminate, to the extent possible, toxic impacts to aquatic organisms, wildlife, and people.