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CALFED Bay-Delta Program Year 2000 Accomplishments

Ecosystem Restoration Program (ERP)

- Established a “single blueprint” – a framework for coordination among the resource management, conservation, and regulatory actions – for ecosystem restoration and species recovery in the Bay-Delta system.
- Established an ERP Science Board of internationally renowned scientists to improve the scientific integrity of the ERP.
- Awarded over \$100 million for 74 new ecosystem restoration projects selected through a rigorous technical and scientific review process.
- Monitored the progress and implementation of 266 ongoing ecosystem restoration actions.
- Established a team of resource management agencies and stakeholder experts to work with the Science Board in further developing the program.

Watershed Program

- Developed an initial strategy to guide program implementation through the first three years.
- Formed an Interagency Watershed Advisory Team to provide technical assistance to local watershed groups, and to coordinate and expedite permit reviews and approvals.
- Developed a grant program to support locally-based watershed projects throughout the Bay-Delta system in 2001.
- Began negotiations on a Memorandum of Understanding to ensure that related state and federal watershed programs are better coordinated.

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Water Management Program

- Developed a 2001 Operations Plan that describes how the-state and federal water projects will coordinate their operations to integrate the Bay-Delta Accord, CVPIA, and Environmental Water Account requirements, and to provide water supply reliability assurances to Delta exporters.
- Allocated over \$200 million from Proposition 13 for short-term water supply and water quality improvements, including groundwater recharge and conjunctive use projects, irrigation system improvements, and grants and loans for water conservation and recycling.
- Completed deliberations on a Drought Contingency Plan to address the impacts of critical water shortages.
- Continued development of a framework for evaluating the benefits and costs of long-term water supply reliability options.

Environmental Water Account (EWA)

- Established an interagency EWA Team to acquire, store, and allocate water. The Team is developing and implementing the EWA.
- Completed the environmental review and acquired the first EWA assets.

Storage Program

- Awarded \$2.15 million to five local agencies for locally controlled conjunctive use projects.
- Signed an agreement with local partners to develop a joint process to plan and evaluate the Sites Reservoir surface storage project.
- Initiated an evaluation of alternatives for surface and groundwater storage on the Upper San Joaquin River.
- Completed a report on storage opportunities in the Delta to support a federal authorization to move forward on the Delta Wetlands project.
- Completed six Memorandums of Understanding with local agencies to conduct sub-basin surface and groundwater storage planning studies.
- Developed a grant program to allocate funds for conjunctive use and groundwater management projects in 2001.

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Conveyance Program

- Began studies related to the operation of the Delta Cross Channel gates to address fishery and water quality issues in the North Delta region.
- Completed 90 percent of the design work for the Tracy Fish Test Facility that will provide important information on the effectiveness of the South Delta fish screening program.
- Installed temporary barriers to improve fish migration and water supply reliability in the South Delta region until fully operable barriers are constructed under the South Delta Improvement Program
- Developed a study plan for evaluating a screened diversion on the Sacramento River.

Water Use Efficiency Program

- Awarded over \$900,000 to local urban and agricultural agencies for seven water use efficiency pilot projects.
- Made significant progress on establishing quantifiable objectives for agricultural water use efficiency programs and on developing a certification process for Best Management Practices in urban areas.
- Developed a grant program to allocate CALFED funds to local agencies for water use efficiency programs in 2001.

Drinking Water Quality Program

- Launched the Drinking Water Quality Program (DWQP) in 2000 to better focus on the public health aspects of the Program.
- Developed a Drinking Water Quality Improvement Strategy outlining specific actions and milestones for Stage 1 of CALFED implementation.
- Awarded approximately \$2 million in federal funds for five projects to improve water quality in the Delta and to provide data that will guide future actions and decisions.
- Developed a grant program to assist local agencies with drinking water improvement projects in 2001.
- Developed and began a feasibility study of the re-circulation of water exported from the Delta through the state and federal water projects.

Water Transfers

- Developed the On Tap California Water Market Information web site.
- Continued development of actions to streamline the current state and federal review and approval processes.

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Levee System Integrity Program

- Completed the Levee System Integrity Program Plan and developed an initial strategy to guide program implementation.
- Began work on developing a Delta Dredge and Reuse Strategy.
- Began work on refining a Delta Emergency Management Plan.

Science Program

- Hosted the first CALFED Science Conference.
- Hired a Lead Scientist, program manager, and associate program manager.
- Began to develop a science plan for each CALFED program, and a process to incorporate peer review into the science program.

Program Management

- Developed a sophisticated planning and tracking system to ensure that the ROD deadlines and commitments are met.
- Established a clearinghouse for obtaining permits and approvals of CALFED projects.
- Began development of an environmental justice work plan across all program areas.
- Conducted meetings and consultations to increase tribal involvement in the Program.
- Prepared an annual report for the Legislature and Congress.