

CALFED Bay-Delta Program

Watershed Program Program Plan Year 10 (Final) (State FY 2009-2010; Federal FY 2010)

Implementing Agencies:
Resources Agency
California Department of Conservation
State Water Resources Control Board
California Department of Fish and Game
California Department of Water Resources
US Environmental Protection Agency
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
US Fish and Wildlife Service

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Introduction

This Watershed Program Plan identifies the CALFED Program activities that are scheduled to be completed during State Fiscal Year (FY) 2009-2010 and Federal FY 2010. As appropriate, the Program Plan and activities will be adjusted during the year to reflect, for example, changes in priorities, funding, policies or program direction.

Progress Report (from 08-09 work plan)

Activity

- i. With advice from the newly formed State Watershed Advisory Committee, a new statewide Watershed Program will be defined and a programmatic proposal for the new program delivered to the Resources Agency. First draft of this programmatic proposal is scheduled for release in July 2009.
- ii. The Program will continue its effort to broaden and strengthen inclusion of good science in Program implementation: A panel of advisors will be organized to develop a model for overall function and condition of watersheds, to be used in a programmatic way to periodically assess condition and trend of major catchment basins throughout the State.
- iii. Initial work will be carried out by the program to begin assessment of a select set of major watersheds.

Progress related to each activity.

- i. The State Watershed Advisory Committee, with staff assistance, conducted a significant public outreach process during the period of February-May 2008. The outreach effort resulted in 1500 comments addressing the development of the Statewide Watershed Program. Analysis of the outreach effort was completed in June 2008 with a published outreach report- <http://www.conservation.ca.gov/dlrp/wp/Documents/Watershed%20Outreach%20Final%20Report%200608.pdf> This outreach report was the basis for development of a Framework Description of the Statewide Watershed Program, adopted by the Advisory Committee in July of 2008 <http://www.conservation.ca.gov/dlrp/wp/Documents/Watershed%20ProgDev%20May09.pdf>. Since that time progress has slowed due to the financial situation in the State and resulting budget impact to the program. The current schedule for completion of the draft programmatic plan for the Statewide Watershed Program is now October 2009.
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Activity

The planned set of actions identified for the Watershed program are very limited this fiscal year, due to the very limited remaining funding authorized for program implementation, as well as the uncertainty regarding the availability of funds, given

Description of Activity- **Adoption and updating of the State's Watershed Portal-** The Department of Conservation has agreed to assume responsibility for supporting and managing the Natural Resources Agency "Watershed Portal". The Portal was designed as a way of providing comprehensive web based information on the topic of watershed management, to the public. The DOC plans to update existing information and manage additional sets of information available through the portal as a way to compliment, as well as expand upon, existing information available through the portal.

Expected Deliverables/Products this year. Complete transfer of the functional components of the portal from NRA to DOC administration. Make all needed updates to existing documents and information sets.

Schedule (for the upcoming year only). On -going throughout the program year.

Cost - \$100,000 Prop 50.

Description of Activity- **Complete Statewide Watershed Program Plan, Authorize Program, and establish funding for implementation-** The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Agency, working with the State Watershed Advisory Committee have developed a Framework description of a Statewide Watershed Program. During the upcoming plan year, work will be carried out to finalize and adopt a comprehensive Program Plan, building on the existing framework.

Expected Deliverables/Products this year. Completion and adoption of complete program plan; authorizing legislation (AB 1520 or equivalent) passed. Program implementation funding source identified.

Schedule - Draft Program Plan by October 09, public vetting and adoption of final plan by March 2010.

Cost- \$100,000 Soil Conservation Fund
\$ 8,000 Prop 50 (Support costs for State Watershed Advisory Committee)

Description of Activity- **The Program will continue its effort to broaden and strengthen inclusion of good science in Program implementation:** If adequate funding is appropriated and made available to the Program, DOC will attempt to carry out this previously scheduled action. A panel of advisors will be organized to develop a model for overall function and condition of watersheds, to be used in a programmatic way to periodically assess condition and trend of major watersheds throughout the State.

Expected Deliverables/Products this year- Science panel will develop a model to help guide the assessment of overall resource conditions on a basin scale to assist Program managers with future resource assessment activities.

Schedule- Winter 2010

Cost- \$200,000, Prop 50

Description of Activity- **Initial work will be carried out by the program to begin assessment of a select set of major watersheds.** If adequate funding is appropriated and made available to the Program, DOC will attempt to carry out this previously scheduled action. The action involves the testing and application of the above mentioned Basin assessment model in a select catchment basin within the CALFED solution area.

Schedule- Spring 2010

Cost \$400,000, Prop 50