

Note: The Ecosystem Restoration Subcommittee will discuss this draft list of desired outcomes at our August 27th meeting under agenda item *IV. Next Steps for the Subcommittee, Revise and Approve the Desired Outcomes Document*. Gary Bobker and Ryan Broddrick, co-chairs of the subcommittee, and Dan Castleberry, Chief of the Ecosystem Restoration Program, developed this revised list of desired outcomes based on discussions of an earlier draft at three prior subcommittee meetings. Subcommittee members should review this draft and be prepared to discuss and agree on a list at our August 27th meeting.

Draft list of desired outcomes for the Ecosystem Restoration Subcommittee of the California Bay-Delta Public Advisory Committee

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This draft list of desired outcomes for the Ecosystem Restoration Subcommittee is categorized in four areas: administrative, funding, implementation, and process.

Administrative

- a. Greater than 80% of Ecosystem Restoration Program (ERP) and CALFED agency staff positions supported through ERP-related budget authorities filled.
- b. Ability established for the ERP to directly manage its administrative responsibilities, including contracting.
- c. Ability established for the ERP Manager to manage and direct all ERP and CALFED agency staff and activities supported through ERP-related budget authorities as a single unit.

Funding

- a. Secure continuous funding support for ERP implementation, sufficient to achieve ERP objectives and CALFED Programmatic Record of Decision (ROD) commitments.
- b. Allocate a portion of ERP funds to the Environmental Water Program, sufficient to achieve ERP objectives and ROD commitments.
- c. Introduction of State legislation to create a broad-based user fee that will generate approximately \$35 million annually to support the ERP, as described in the ROD.

Implementation

- a. Acquire a sufficient quantity of water to total 45,000 acre-feet of water acquired in upstream tributaries by the end of year 3, and acquire 15,000 acre-feet per year for the remainder of Stage 1 toward achieving the ROD target of up to 100,000 acre-feet per year by the end of Stage 1, using a science-based approach that focuses on purchase of water and/or water rights in at least three high priority watersheds.
- b. Protect, enhance or restore sufficient habitat acreages by the end of year 3 to total to three-sevenths of the Stage 1 acreage targets, and protect, enhance or restore one-seventh of the Stage 1 acreage targets per year for the remainder of Stage 1 toward achieving ROD and ERP targets and Multi-Species Conservation Strategy milestones for protecting, enhancing or restoring each of the habitat types in each of the ecological regions, zones or units for which numeric targets exist.

Process

- a. Refine the process for establishing regional strategies and local partnerships to implement the ERP throughout all ERP regions, incorporating this information into the draft Stage 1 Implementation Plan, and develop a draft regional implementation plan for at least one region in Year 3, two in Year 4, and wrapping up thereafter.
- b. Complete phase 3 of the "look-back" exercise for all projects.
- c. Refine and quantify ecosystem performance metrics, refine management hypotheses, and develop an adaptive management decision-making process to modify future implementation actions and strategies, using a science-based approach similar to the "core team" approach used in developing the ERP Strategic Plan for Ecosystem Restoration and overseen by the ERP's Independent Science Board and the CALFED Science Program.