

ATTACHMENT 1

To: Water Use Efficiency Subcommittee
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Subject: Status of Comprehensive Review
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This is an update on the status and next steps on the CALFED Year Four Review of the Water Use Efficiency element. The review consists of a look-back on progress made to-date, a projection of future water use efficiency potential and a synthesis of program implementation.

Work to Date:

The projection portion of the analyses was initiated in September 2003 followed by a technical workshop in August 2004. In September 2004 a preliminary draft of the potential was presented to the WUE Subcommittee. Since then comments have been received and reviewed and, where appropriate, incorporated. The analysis covers agricultural and urban water use efficiency, and an inventory of urban wastewater recycling and desalination.

Outstanding Issues:

- Agricultural component – Imperial and Klamath regions have existing funding programs for WUE issues and a decision has been made to not include these regions in the analysis. Imperial’s money is from the QSA that stipulates on-farm and district level improvements along with fallowing to achieve conservation. Klamath receives an elevated level of funding for specific improvements. Do Subcommittee members agree with this approach?
- Urban component – The major issue is whether to include metering as a state funded item or if it should be left to the locals to implement. If metering is left as a local item, then it leaves more state dollars to spend on other WUE measures.
- Look back analysis – There are two basic questions: (1) should the analysis look at the amount of conservation compared with urban certification and the urban MOU; and, (2) on the ag side, should the analysis look at the amount of conservation and associated program activities compared to the agricultural assurances?

Next Steps

A final report is expected in August 2005 and will require the following timeline:

- April 2005 – Administrative draft with all components, document will be available for a 30 day review.
- June 2005 – Final draft, document available for a 30 day review.
- August 2005 – Final report released.