

**CALFED Science Program 2006 Focused PSP  
Science Program response to public comments received on the proposal  
funding recommendations made by the Technical Selection Panel (TSP)**

**Response to general public comment made by Dr. Stephen Monismith**

Dr. Monismith's comments are very much in line with the mission of the Science Program "to integrate world-class science and peer review into all aspects of the Bay-Delta Program". The Science Program concurs with his recommendation to ensure that all funded projects include a peer reviewed publication as a deliverable and attempted to communicate this same recommendation to applicants through the PSP documents during the application process. Upon examination of the proposals mentioned by Dr. Monismith (proposal #'s 84, 68, 56, 60, and 78), staff have found that each of these proposals mention a peer reviewed publication as a product of their funded project. To ensure funded applicants will follow through with their commitment to peer reviewed publications, staff will ensure that all signed agreements state explicitly that a draft manuscript will be submitted as a deliverable to the Science Program no later than the project completion date. Furthermore, the Science Program will include an additional question in future PSP's that ask whether past research funding from CALFED resulted in a peer reviewed publication that was provided to CALFED staff. The occasion may arise where a peer reviewed publication is not an appropriate product of Science Program research funding but such an occasions should be rare and solid justification will need to be provided for it's absence.

**Response to public comments on specific proposals**

The Science Program is pleased that project proponents are willing to work with staff to meet the requirements of the TSP and is looking forward to getting projects underway in a timely fashion. The exact details of how projects should change in response to comments made by the TSP will be worked out between Science Program staff and the project proponents during the agreement development process following final approval of the funding recommendations by the Resources Agency.