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To: CDD District Manager, All Field Managers
From: State Director
Subject: Engineering Assistance Review (EAR), October 20-31, 2003

I have directed that California BLM undergo a comprehensive review of our engineering program. One of my Strategic Priorities is to enhance engineering in California, and this review is intended to outline the current strengths and weaknesses of our engineering program. The review will take place during the last two weeks of October and will involve all of our field offices.

The review team is composed of a very experienced group of BLM engineering professionals from outside California, including several State Engineers. The team will review all aspects of the engineering program and interview key professionals throughout the state, very similar to the formal WO Review. These key professionals to be interviewed are located throughout the State in all programs with which engineering is expected to coordinate policy, programs, and projects. They include recreation planners, resource management specialists, environmental specialists, fire management, archeologists, biologists, hydrologists, and management. These key individuals at each field office are expected to be available on the days outlined in the attached schedule. Please review the schedule and notify me immediately if irresolvable conflicts exist with any of your identified personnel.

It is imperative that we make maximum use of the time and energies of this Engineering Assistance Review team. Thank you for your personal involvement in making this review a success.

Signed by:
James Wesley Abbott
Associate State Director

Authenticated by:
Richard A. Erickson
Records Management

Attachment:
Review Schedule (1p) *(Sent under separate cover)*