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TO: Interested Individuals and Organizations

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SUBJECT: Workshop on Defining Bay-Delta Problems

Last December's landmark Bay-Delta accord marked a turning point in the longstanding efforts to solve the problems of managing the estuary. The CALFED Bay-Delta Program builds upon this momentum and spirit of cooperation in order to develop a long-term, coordinated solution for the Bay-Delta.

I am pleased to invite you to attend the first in a series of public workshops sponsored by the CALFED Bay-Delta Program. This workshop is entitled *Defining the Problem*, and will focus on identifying the various perspectives and issues related to four main problem areas in the Bay-Delta system: ecosystem quality, water quality, reliability of water supply, and vulnerability of Delta levees and channels. The workshop is intended to be an intensive working session for individuals with detailed knowledge of one or more aspects of the Bay-Delta system. The information gathered at this workshop will be used in subsequent steps of the solution-finding process.

The workshop is scheduled for Thursday, August 3, 1995 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Red Lion Hotel, 2001 Point West Way, in Sacramento. This information packet includes a preliminary workshop agenda and other logistical information. It also provides background on the solution-finding process and the principles guiding the development of this process, which will help you to understand the context and purpose of the workshop series. Finally, a brief discussion of the program's approach to defining problems and a summary of the four main problem areas will help to prepare you for effective and constructive participation in the workshop. Please feel free to dress casually for this interactive working session.

The CALFED Bay-Delta Program will host public workshops periodically through next spring to obtain public and stakeholder input as we define Bay-Delta problems, develop goals and objectives, identify actions, and group these actions into alternatives for a comprehensive solution. These workshops are a vital part of the program, providing an opportunity for the estuary's many different interests to share perspectives, reach common understandings, and develop cooperative solution alternatives.

Developing a coordinated solution to managing the Bay-Delta system requires coordinated planning and innovative thinking. I invite you to join the collaborative process to reach agreement on problems, so that all parties will have clear and accurate expectations about the CALFED Bay-Delta Program. On behalf of CALFED and its member agencies, I commend your previous interest and involvement in the Bay-Delta, and hope you will continue your commitment by attending this workshop. We look forward to your participation.

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