

# Workshop 7 Information Packet

**Including Preliminary Draft  
Phase II Alternatives**



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Dear Workshop Participant:

Thanks in large measure to your involvement, the CALFED Bay-Delta Program is making important strides.

Included in the attached Workshop 7 packet is a draft description of the preliminary Phase II Alternatives, the alternatives that will undergo a two-year environmental review. I hope you will join us at Workshop 7 on Tuesday, June 25th, to learn more about these alternatives and to share your ideas about their future development.

We created the Phase II Alternatives by refining and condensing the list of ten alternatives that we discussed at Workshop 6 on April 15th. Public comment, submitted at numerous public meetings and via hundreds of letters, played a central role in this process.

Since Workshop 6, the fundamental structure of the alternatives has been simplified. We currently have three Preliminary Phase II Alternatives that are formed around different configurations of Delta conveyance: **Existing System Conveyance, Through Delta Conveyance, and Dual Delta Conveyance**. Each alternative includes the same set of core actions and four common programs related to **water use efficiency, water quality, system integrity, and ecosystem quality**. Each alternative could also include some combination of storage to support the common programs and the Delta conveyance.

In addition to this "component" approach for describing alternatives, several other major changes have been made in refining the ten alternatives to the set of Preliminary Phase II Alternatives:

- The land retirement action was replaced by temporary and long-term land conversion (without specific acreages) and included in the common water use efficiency program that is part of all alternatives. This common program will allow local water agencies to make appropriate water management decisions based on local conditions as well as changes in system conveyance and storage.
- The East Side Foothills Conveyance (Alternative G from Workshop 6) was not carried forward, but a few of its elements providing the greatest benefits will be included in the ongoing evaluations for the Dual Delta Conveyance alternative.

CALFED Agencies

California

The Resources Agency  
Department of Fish and Game  
Department of Water Resources  
California Environmental Protection Agency  
State Water Resources Control Board

Federal

Environmental Protection Agency  
Department of the Interior  
Fish and Wildlife Service  
Bureau of Reclamation  
Department of Commerce  
National Marine Fisheries Service

- The West Side Conveyance and River Restoration (Alternative I from Workshop 6) was not carried forward, but a few of its elements providing the greatest benefits will be included in the ongoing evaluations for the Dual Delta Conveyance alternative.
- The East Side Conveyance (Alternative J from Workshop 6) is under further evaluation and is currently carried as a subcomponent of the Dual Delta Conveyance alternative.

This refinement process does not stop now. The Phase II Alternatives, as well as the common programs, will continue to change throughout Phase II as we receive and incorporate more public comment and conduct more detailed analyses. Your ideas and concerns will continue to be critical to this process.

At Workshop 7, we will brief you on the components that comprise the Phase II Alternatives, as well as on the alternatives themselves. We will also ask for your input on issues to address and questions to answer as we refine and analyze the Phase II Alternatives over the next two years. Please read the enclosed materials so that you can tell us where the alternatives particularly need study and refinement.

Following Workshop 7, Phase I will conclude in late July or early August when the CALFED agencies approve the list of Phase II Alternatives. We will then embark on Phase II during which, as noted above, your comments on the alternatives will continue to be important.

Thank you for your continued involvement in the CALFED Bay-Delta Program. People like you will make this program a success.

Sincerely yours,



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