

CALFED Executive Director Lester Snow highlighted the steps to develop a short list of alternatives for environmental review:

- ◆ Define the problems
- ◆ Develop objectives
- ◆ Identify causes and actions
- ◆ Assemble actions into alternatives
- ◆ Evaluate performance and impacts of alternatives
- ◆ Refine and improve alternatives

The Mission Statement was discussed and the current wording is as follows:

“The mission of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program is to develop a long-term comprehensive plan to restore ecological health and to improve water management for the beneficial uses of the Bay-Delta system.”

Public Meetings

First Public Meeting- September 25, 1995

The first public meeting in Stockton, CA was attended by approximately 50 individuals. Lester Snow presented an general overview of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program and introduced five BDAC members in attendance (Roberta Borgonova, Alex Hildebrand, Stuart Pyle, Hap Dunning, and Pat McCarty). The presentation emphasized that a lasting solution must be both comprehensive and collaborative, and that public outreach is a vital component of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program.

San Joaquin County Supervisor, George Barber, described the county's water problems, including saline intrusion, groundwater degradation and the need for additional surface water supplies. Other comments and questions covered topics from interface with the State and Regional Water Quality Control Boards to vigorous requests that any solution include San Joaquin County problems, and that participation must include its representatives.

Work stations were set-up with specific information on each resource area to enable participants to pursue more intensively any or all problems on an individual basis. Lengthy and productive dialogue followed with various interests exchanging information and ideas with BDAC members and CALFED representatives. The meeting concluded shortly after 9:00 p.m.

Since the last BDAC meeting, a fifth Public meeting has been added to the schedule. On January 24, 1996, CALFED will hold a public meeting in Fresno, CA to complete the round of public meetings scheduled to coincide with Phase 1 of the Program.