

Outline of EBMUD Comments
CalFed Scoping Meeting
MetroCenter Building, Oakland
April 9, 1996; 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

I. Introduction

- ▶ Lena Tam - civil engineer in the Bay-Delta Task Force unit of the GM's Office at the EBMUD - appreciates this opportunity to offer comments on CALFED's development of a Bay-Delta solution.
- ▶ EBMUD serves 1.2 million customers in 20 cities, 15 unincorporated communities of Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. Primary source of water supply is the Mokelumne River, an eastside tributary to the Delta.
- ▶ EBMUD's comments this evening will be followed up with joint written comments that CALFED will be receiving from the California Urban Water Agencies.

II. EBMUD Specific Comments -- Highlighting or expanding on the CUWA Position.

- ▶ **Public Health and Safety (Drinking Water Quality)** - In evaluating the benefits or impacts of a proposed Bay-Delta solution, EBMUD encourages CALFED to adopt an "anti-degradation objective" to insure that where source quality for drinking water is good, it is not compromised by a CALFED project. This is consistent with EBMUD's policy of securing the highest water quality reasonably available for our customers, and protecting that high quality source water through aggressive watershed management in accordance with EPA's regulations.
- ▶ **Ecosystem Restoration** - Ecosystem restoration is fundamental to any CALFED alternative, and it should be a condition precedent to any conveyance facility. CUWA and EBMUD believe the environmental documentation for the CALFED Bay-Delta program must acknowledge that specific actions, both flow and non-flow related to protecting Delta species would be detrimental to anadromous fisheries in the tributaries, and vice-versa.
- ▶ **Demand Management Tools** - EBMUD and the other urban agencies are committed to developing measurement tools that can be implemented locally in assessing progress on water conservation programs. Consistent with the CUWA position, EBMUD believes that tiered rates are a matter of local agency discretion. We encourage CALFED to continue considering tiered pricing as an important tool in urban water conservation programs.
- ▶ **Regional Consensus Solutions** - Like several CUWA members, EBMUD has developed a comprehensive, integrated resources management plan in developing alternatives to secure a high quality, reliable water supply for our customers. Several of the specific alternative projects in EBMUD's IRP would further CALFED's Bay-Delta objectives, including our Folsom South Canal Connection project and conjunctive use development in either Sacramento or San Joaquin County. EBMUD will be providing more detailed information which demonstrates how our long-term plan is consistent with and facilitates the CALFED Bay-Delta objectives.