

# **CALFED BAY-DELTA PROGRAM**

## **Purpose and Need**

### **What Is It?**

- **Under NEPA, an EIS must briefly specify underlying purpose and need to which the lead agency is responding in proposing the action and alternatives**
- **No similar requirement under CEQA, although guidelines state that project description should include objectives of proposed project**

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### **What Is it Used for?**

- **Defines the objectives of the proposed action**
- **Drives the selection of a reasonable range of alternatives that can achieve most of the project objectives**
- **Can help limit analysis of alternatives that do not achieve project objectives**
- **Should not be used to justify the proposed action**

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## Purpose and Need Summary of Current Draft

### Purpose:

- **Ecosystem Quality** - Improve and increase aquatic and terrestrial habitats and improve ecological functions to support sustainable populations of plant and animal species
- **Water Supply Reliability** - Reduce mismatch between Bay-Delta water supplies and current and projected beneficial uses
- **Water Quality** - Provide good quality water for all beneficial uses
- **Vulnerability of Bay-Delta System Functions** - Reduce risks to land use and associated economic activities, water supply, infrastructure, and the ecosystem

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## Purpose and Need Summary of Current Draft

### Need:

- **Ecosystem Quality** - Delta ecosystem does not provide sufficient quality habitats and valued species
- **Water Supply Reliability** - The water supply from the Delta does not adequately meet the needs of various users
- **Water Quality** - The quality of Delta water is not adequate to fully meet the needs of all beneficial uses
- **Vulnerability of Bay-Delta System Functions** - The functions of the Bay Delta are vulnerable to upset and disaster

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### **Schedule:**

- **Submit draft of purpose and need statement to CALFED Bay-Delta Program staff January 17, 1996**
- **Distribute revised purpose and need statement February 1, 1996**
- **Incorporate revised purpose and need statement into Draft NOI/ NOP February 15, 1996**
- **CALFED to adopt draft purpose and need statement February 21, 1996**
- **Modify purpose and need statement based on scoping comments and distributed to CALFED agencies April 25, 1996**
- **CALFED Bay-Delta Program to adopt final purpose and need statement May 6, 1996**