

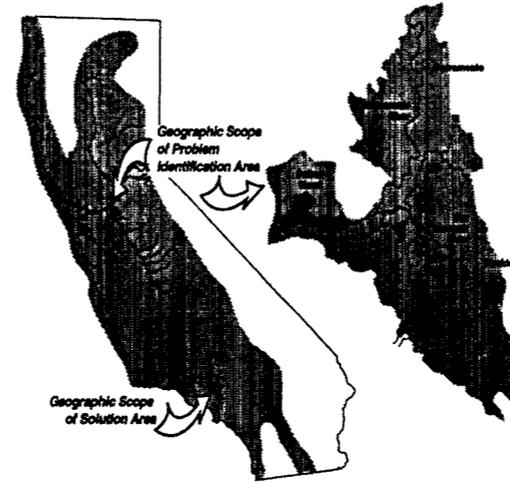


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Notice of Availability of Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement/Report

Project Description: To develop a long-term comprehensive plan that will restore ecological health and improve water management for beneficial uses of the Bay-Delta system. The project purpose includes program-level plans to achieve the goals and objectives which address the four critical resource areas of water quality, water supply reliability, ecosystem quality, and Delta levees and channel system integrity.

Project Location: San Francisco Bay-Sacramento/San Joaquin River Bay-Delta and their corresponding watersheds; Southern California water systems' service areas; and a band of off-shore areas from Morro Bay to the Oregon border. The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires that environmental documents list toxic sites within a project area; however, due to the programmatic nature of this document, this information is unknown. Such lists will be included in the analyses and notices for subsequent project-specific documentation.



Significant Environmental

Impacts: The CALFED Bay-Delta Program alternatives were analyzed to determine the potential for adverse and beneficial consequences. Some of the significant consequences of the Preferred Program Alternative are listed in the summary table inside. For detailed information, please see the Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report.

Review Period: Written comments on the Draft Programmatic EIS/EIR should be submitted before the end of the public comment period, which is June 25 to September 23, 1999. Public hearings will be held at the dates and locations listed on the back of this notice to receive oral comments on the Draft Programmatic EIS/EIR.

Documents referenced in the Draft Programmatic EIS/EIR are available for review at the CALFED Bay-Delta Offices, 1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1155, Sacramento, CA and the libraries listed inside.

Addresses: Written comments on the Draft Programmatic EIS/EIR should be addressed to Mr. Rick Breitenbach, CALFED Bay-Delta Program, 1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1155, Sacramento, California 95814. An electronic version of the documents is available on the Internet at <http://calfed.ca.gov>. To request printed or electronic copies (CD) of the Draft Programmatic EIS/EIR or for additional information, call CALFED at (800) 900-3587 or contact us at the above address.

1999 Hearing Dates and Locations in California

August 18	Stockton
August 19	San Bernardino
August 24	Los Angeles
August 25	Salinas
August 26	Oakland
August 31	Pasadena
September 1	San Diego
September 2	Costa Mesa
September 7	San Jose
September 8	Antioch
September 9	Santa Rosa
September 14	Visalia
September 15	Chico
September 21	Redding
September 22	Sacramento

Times and specific locations are not available at this time. Look for public notices in local newspapers or call (800) 900-9587.

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RESOURCE	BENEFICIAL CONSEQUENCES	POTENTIAL ADVERSE CONSEQUENCES
Water Supply and Water Management	Additional groundwater and/or surface water storage.	Temporary local water supply interruptions.
Water Quality	Improved water quality for all uses in most areas.	Increases in some water quality problems in the Delta or in-stream flows; increased water diversions from the Delta.
Groundwater	Improved groundwater recharge; reduced groundwater pumping and associated costs in some areas.	Increased groundwater extractions; lower groundwater quality; loss of existing wells in some areas.
Vegetation and Wildlife	Increases in target habitat types and diversity; fewer toxins in the food web; improved vigor in target populations; long-term flood protection.	Fragmentation of existing habitat corridors; loss of habitat with direct impact on special-status species; disturbance of wetland or riparian communities.
Fisheries and Aquatic Ecosystems	Improved health of aquatic species; increased abundance and distribution of desired aquatic species; improved streamflow, sediment supply, floodplain connectivity, stream temperature, and biological productivity.	Increases in nonnative species; altered natural ecosystem structure; disturbance of existing biological communities and habitat, delayed migration and reduced spawning success for adult fish in some areas.
Agricultural Land and Water Use	Increased certainty in availability of irrigation water; increased property protection; updated aging and inefficient irrigation systems; increased opportunities for water transfers of irrigation water.	Conversion of important farmland; conflicts with adjacent landuses; and conflicts with local government plans and policies.
Agricultural Economics	Protection, long-term savings, increased revenues, and certainty to the agricultural economy.	Reduction in agricultural incomes in local areas.
Agricultural Social Issues	Some localized increases in agricultural-related employment; protection of agricultural jobs and income; reduced future social dislocations.	Localized social effects related to reduced agricultural income.
Urban Land Use	Greater flood protection for urban centers.	Displacement of existing urban residences; physical disruption or division of established communities; possible conflicts with local general plans.
Urban Water Supply Economics	Improved water quality; reduced risk of floods interrupting water deliveries; increased water supply availability.	Additional costs through payment for Program elements. Many economic effects cannot be determined until more specific information is available.
Utilities and Public Services	Reduced flooding risk to utilities and public services.	Relocation or modification of major infrastructure components; increased risk of gas line rupture during construction.
Recreation Resources	Increased recreational opportunities.	Temporarily or permanently closing some recreational areas or facilities; altered recreation opportunities from changes in reservoir levels; changes to motorized boating in the Delta.
Flood Control	System-wide flood control benefits from improved levees and restored floodplains.	Increases in seepage, wind fetch, and wave erosion on landside levee slopes; localized levee slumping or cracking; adverse effects on water quality from using dredged materials.
Power Production and Energy	Some increases in hydropower generation.	Decreases in amount of energy available for nonproject uses; air quality and land use impacts from potential new power plants built to replace lost power.
Regional Economics	Increases in recreation-related or construction-based economies; increased land values; reduced cost of some water supplies; some increases in regional revenues and jobs.	Adverse effects to agricultural sector in the Delta. Amount and allocation of costs are currently uncertain.

The Draft Programmatic EIS/EIR is available for review at these

libraries: Amador County Library; Auburn-Placer County Library; Berkeley Public Library; Butte County Library; Calaveras County Library; California State Archives; California State Library; California State Polytechnic University, Pomona; California State Resources Library; California State University, Bakersfield; California State University, Chico; California State University, Fresno;

California State University, Long Beach; California State University, Sacramento; California State University, San Diego; California State University, San Francisco; California State University, San Jose; California State University, Stanislaus; Colusa County Free Library; Contra Costa County Library; The Council of State Governments; County of Los Angeles Public Library, Government Publications; County of Los Angeles Public Library, Lancaster Library; Dixon Unified School District Library; El Dorado County Library; Fresno County Public Library; Golden Gate University; Grass Valley Library, Nevada County Library; Humboldt County Library; Inyo County Free Library;

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Sonoma County Library; Stanford University, Green Library; Stanislaus County Free Library; Stockton-San Joaquin County Public Library; Sutter County Library; Tehama County Library; Tulare County Free Library; Tulare Public Library; Tuolumne County Free Library; University of California, Berkeley; University of California, Davis, Shields Library; University of California, Los Angeles, Bruman.

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