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# INTRODUCTION

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### **Briefing Materials on Delta Water Quality for Drinking Water and Agricultural Uses**

This briefing package is meant to provide basic information on Delta water quality, as it relates to drinking water and agricultural uses.

Also included, is a representative spectrum of perspectives regarding these topics submitted by various affected agencies and environmental groups. Time constraints did not allow for canvassing all agencies and concerned public groups, however, we believe that the coverage provided does encompass a fairly comprehensive identification of the major issues.

The Executive Summary seeks to provide an overview of the totality of the material contained herein. It deserves emphasis, however, that the Summary should not be considered a substitute for the full text of the issue papers. Rather, it is meant to provide merely a snapshot of the major points raised since the characterization and flavor of the entire prepared pieces simply cannot be replicated in the Summary.

Perspective papers are reproduced as submitted. The BDOC staff has not attempted to edit, interpret or otherwise characterize the issues or concerns being raised. The Executive Summaries of the perspectives offered represent a sincere attempt to objectively highlight the key points raised. It is here acknowledged that, especially with regard to data, the summaries are cursory at best.

The first section of the package covers Drinking Water Quality Issues relating to Delta Source Waters, and begins with a background paper on drinking water quality. This paper was intended to present as objective an overview as possible.

Following the discussion paper, prepared comments are included, representing particular perspectives and concerns relating to the drinking water quality issue as submitted by affected State and Federal agencies, as well as a cross-section of urban water agencies.

The discussion of Agricultural Water Quality Issues relating to Delta Source Waters is similarly organized. A background paper presenting an overview is followed by submitted papers presenting various perspectives of State, Federal and Local water agencies.

In addition, there is further discussion of specific areas of concern to these agencies following the presentation of the more generalized perspectives.