

**REVIEW OF LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL**

**RESOURCES AGENCY**

REPORTING DEPARTMENT CALFED Bay-Delta Program	BILL CONTROL NO.  CEPA-00-13
SPONSORING DEPARTMENT State Water Resources Control Board	
SUBJECT Water Transfer Cleanup	

**ANALYSIS:**

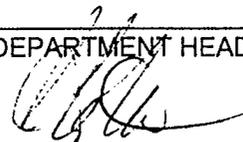
- NO CONCERN      No recommendation. This proposal is not within the scope of responsibility or program of this organization.
- TECHNICAL      No recommendation. This proposal is technical and will not result in changes to programs under the responsibility of this organization.
- SUPPORT      This proposal falls within the scope of responsibility or program of this organization, and is believed to be beneficial. Approval for introduction is recommended.
- OPPOSE      This proposal falls within the scope of responsibility or program of this organization, but is believed to be detrimental for the reasons stated below. Disapproval is recommended.

**COMMENT:**

SWRCB proposes joint sponsorship with Department of Water Resources and Department of Fish and Game of a variety of amendments to recently-enacted law that governs processes followed by SWRCB in reviewing and deciding on water transfer applications that fall under Board jurisdiction. (SB 970, Costa, Chapter 938, Statutes of 1999). These amendments are intended to clarify provisions that are ambiguous.

The CALFED Bay-Delta Program, as proposed in June 1999, contains a water transfer program. This program is intended to help make water transfer processes more effective, while maintaining appropriate protections for other legal users of water and for other affected parties. CALFED proposes to use collaborative processes involving stakeholders in developing these improvements to water transfer processes. CALFED does not propose to become involved in the review or approval of specific water transfers.

SWRCB notes that only a small fraction of water transfers is subject to statutory approval processes and that such transfers are approved on an expedited basis. Nonetheless, clear statutory requirements will preclude unnecessary delays in SWRCB decisions on water transfer applications.

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