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Date: September 22, 1999

To: CALFED Policy Group

From: Lester A. Snow
Executive Director

Subject: CALFED Policy Group Meeting, Tuesday, October 5, 1999

The next meeting of the CALFED Policy Group will be held in Sacramento on Tuesday, October 5, 1999, in Room 202 of the Sacramento Convention Center, 13th and J Streets, from 12:30-5 p.m. Please note the 12:30 p.m. start time.

The principal focus of this meeting will be on CALFED's proposed plan for FY 2000 implementation. You will be asked to discuss the proposed priorities for CALFED funding in FY 2000. In addition, CALFED staff will brief you on the latest developments on reaching scientific and public consensus on priorities for Ecosystem Restoration funding in FY 2000.

In addition to FY 2000 priorities, CALFED staff will present progress to date on development of a proposal for a long-term CALFED governance structure. We will be seeking Policy Group concurrence with this straw proposal, which will be subject to review and comment by BDAC and the BDAC Governance Work Group. Significant progress has been made in the last month on developing a long-term governance structure. CALFED staff have begun to work with state legislative staff to initiate development of potential legislative language on governance for the next session of the legislature.

You will also be briefed by CALFED water operations agencies, the Department of Water Resources and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, on the proposed water operations plan for the year 2000. The two agencies will present a plan which will be designed both to replenish water levels in San Luis Reservoir as well as to avert a Delta endangered species crisis in the spring of 2000. Proposed actions and sources of funding will be presented at the meeting.

Policy Group member Jim Lecky of the National Marine Fisheries Service will brief the Policy Group on recent new salmon species listings and the implications these new listings may have on CALFED.

CALFED Agencies

California The Resources Agency
Department of Fish and Game
Department of Water Resources
California Environmental Protection Agency
State Water Resources Control Board
Department of Food and Agriculture

Federal Environmental Protection Agency
Department of the Interior
Fish and Wildlife Service
Bureau of Reclamation
U.S. Geological Survey
Bureau of Land Management
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service
U.S. Forest Service
Department of Commerce
National Marine Fisheries Service
Western Area Power Administration

Your meeting packet contains the following materials:

- Draft agenda
- August 12th meeting summary
- Executive Director's report
- Water Management Strategy Work Plan
- CALFED Crosscut funding information
- Memos on Restoration Coordination
- Memo and press release on NMFS listings
- Environmental Justice meeting summary
- Letters from Senator Boxer and Congressman Miller
- Response to Congressman Miller's letter
- Press statement on August 18th joint meeting of Secretary Babbitt and Governor Davis
- Summary of September 2nd Tribal Consultation
- Correspondence
- Other relevant materials

Please note that the meeting on October 5th is a public meeting and will include active participation of the Chair and Vice-chair of BDAC and several other BDAC members. In addition, provision will be made on the agenda for public comment.

The Policy Group is scheduled to meet again on **November 17 and December 15, 1999**. Both of these meetings will take place in Sacramento. I look forward to meeting with you on October 5th.