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Subject: BDAC Meeting Materials and General Update

Attached is a package of materials being provided to BDAC in preparation for the August 16 BDAC meeting to be held at the Capitol Plaza Holiday Inn in Sacramento. Included in this package of material is a summary of the first CALFED Bay-Delta Program public workshop on Problem Definition (held on August 3); an initial review of the mission statement and definition of problems; an overview of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program process; and revised BDAC operating procedures.

Following is a brief update summarizing the activities of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program over the last several weeks. We plan to provide this type of update on a regular basis to try and keep all of the CALFED family better informed of our progress.

CALFED Meeting -- August 17, 1995

The next CALFED meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 17, 1995, in Room 1131 of the Resources Building. The Executive Session is scheduled from 1 - 3 p.m. and the Public Session from 3 - 5 p.m. Revised agendas are attached. Please note a change to the Executive Session Agenda -- the South Delta presentation has been canceled for August and will be rescheduled at a later date. We will have a brief presentation explaining the Water Rights Process and the upcoming public workshops.

Category III Activities

Although we had discussed holding some type of press event to commemorate the signing of the Category III MOU on August 17 at the CALFED meeting, we have decided to wait until a later date. Many groups have not yet signed the MOU and must take the document before their boards for signature. This will not be completed by August 17, therefore, we will wait until a later time, perhaps in September, to stage a press event.

CALFED has selected six individuals to serve on the Steering Committee for Category III. John Amodio, Bob Potter and Greg Zlotnick will represent the State, and Patrick White, Dan Fults and Joel Medlin will represent the Federal agencies. A meeting is planned for August 9 to discuss funding for the first eight projects.

A single copy of the final Category III MOU has been provided to each of the State (DWR) and Federal (Bureau of Reclamation) agencies. These copies are to be distributed among agencies for proper signatories. We will provide you with an updated list of the current signatories and prospective signatories before the CALFED meeting next week.

August 3 Public Workshop

The first public workshop for the CALFED Bay-Delta Program was held on Thursday, August 3 at the Red Lion Hotel in Sacramento. The full day workshop was well attended by about 125 individuals representing the range of affected interests, including many of the State and Federal agencies. The objective of the workshop was to gain a better understanding of the problems affecting the Bay-Delta System as related by the affected interests. A draft workshop summary has been prepared and is part of the BDAC meeting material attached to this memo.

CEQA/NEPA MOU

A MOU is currently being prepared defining the roles of the Federal and State agencies for development of an EIS/EIR on the CALFED Bay-Delta Program and will be distributed within the next week or so. Co-lead agencies for the EIS will be the Bureau of Reclamation, the Fish and Wildlife Service, the Environmental Protection Agency and the National Marine Fisheries Service. The Army Corps of Engineers will act as a cooperating agency. Lead agency for the EIR will be the Resources Agency with Fish and Game, Water Resources and California EPA acting as responsible agencies.

Attachments