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To: BDAC Members

From: Lester A. Snow, Executive Director
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Subject: Information for Upcoming Meeting

The next BDAC meeting will be held at the **Sacramento Convention Center on Thursday, April 25, 1996 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.** Please note that we have delayed starting until 10:00 am and will extend the meeting to 5:00 pm to ensure that we have sufficient time to cover all the agenda items. If you need to make arrangements to attend the meeting, please contact Robin Jenkins as soon as possible.

BDAC members have also been invited to **tour the Nature Conservancy Consumnes River Preserve on Wednesday afternoon, April 24, 1996, from 1:00 pm to about 5:00 pm.** We plan to organize a van pool to transport BDAC members from the CALFED Bay-Delta Program office at the Resources Building to the Consumnes River Preserve. **BDAC members who are interested in attending the tour should contact Robin by April 17** to ensure that we have sufficient transportation and so the Preserve staff can plan appropriately to accommodate our group size. Members of the public are also welcome to tour the Preserve, however, they must make their own transportation arrangements (members of the public should contact Robin Jenkins if they plan to attend so that we can advise Preserve staff as to the number of visitors they may expect).

In preparation for the next meeting, we have attached several items:

- Meeting summary from the March 21, 1996 BDAC meeting;
- General guidelines and information regarding the formation of BDAC Work Groups to address key issues and concerns;
- Draft agenda for the April 25, 1996 meeting;
- Phase I Progress Report (BDAC members only; mailing list will receive under separate cover); and
- Schedule for Scoping Meetings.

CALFED Agencies

California

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

Federal

Environmental Protection Agency
Department of the Interior
Fish and Wildlife Service
Bureau of Reclamation
Department of Commerce
National Marine Fisheries Service

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The objective for the next BDAC meeting is to summarize and review the issues and concerns raised at the Scoping meetings and to explain the process we plan to use to get to the short list of alternatives to be analyzed in the EIS/R. We also plan to continue our discussion of key issue areas common to all alternatives initiated at the last BDAC meeting.

Two BDAC Work Groups have been established: Financial Strategy Work Group and Ecosystem Restoration Work Group. The Financial Strategy Work Group held its first meeting on April 2 and the Ecosystem Restoration Work Group will hold its first meeting on April 22 (details will be sent next week). The objective of the Work Groups is to analyze key issues in smaller, focused groups to report back to the full BDAC for deliberation.

We plan to distribute letters received from BDAC members before the next meeting. Please be sure that your letters reach our office no later than April 12 if you would like them to be distributed in the meeting material package.

Attachments